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### **1. Rainbow Refugee Association**

The presentation at the January Potluck Social was by lawyer Kyle DeYoung, of the Rainbow Refugee Association of Nova Scotia, <http://www.rainbowrefugeens.com/>. He spoke about the oppression LGBTs face in various countries, including prison terms up to life, or in at least five countries the death penalty; the requirements LGBT refugees must meet before being considered for admission to Canada; and the financial supports that must be put in place before they enter the country. So far two refugees from Iran have been settled in Nova Scotia. A third Iranian is waiting in India for all his paperwork to be processed.

Donations may be sent by email transfer to [rainbowrefugee.ns@gmail.com](mailto:rainbowrefugee.ns@gmail.com), or by cheque to Rainbow Refugee Association of NS, C/O Corrie Melanson, 6041 Wells St, Halifax NS, B3K 2M9. Donations of \$50.00 or more are eligible for a tax receipt.

### **2. *OUT : Queer Looking, Queer Acting, second edition* :**

Friday February 14, 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Launch of the new and updated edition of Robin Metcalfe's catalogue of LGBT activist art in Halifax. Parentheses Gallery and Art Projects : new location, 2168 Gottingen St. Reception follows.

Accessibility : two steps up into building and meeting space. Owner is looking into a ramp. Washroom handrail promised by night of launch. Chairs will be available in the gallery. Thanks to Sulaf Zakharia, who has been working on accessibility.

### **3. Olympic Winter Games (Sochi) :**

February 7 - 23, 2014

Planning to watch the Winter Games? Skiing, hockey of course, perhaps a little figure skating? The Russian police may keep a low profile during the Olympics (or maybe not), but after the international visitors and media have gone home, the Russians have to live with anti-gay laws, and with officials who turn a blind eye to anti-LGBT violence. For a view from an ex-pat Russian athlete, see <http://www.nydailynews.com/sports/olympics/russian-expat-country-anti-gay-laws-olympic-spirit-article-1.1600196>