

தமிழ் மரபுத்திங்கள் விழா 2026

TAMIL HERITAGE MONTH GALA
GALA DU MOIS DE L'HERITAGE TAMOUL
St. Elias Centre 750 Ridgewood Avenue, Ottawa
Sunday | January 25, 2026

Reception: 3:30 - 5:30 PM | Dinner: 5:30 - 8 PM

www.ottawatamilassociation.ca

Adult: \$75 | Student: \$45

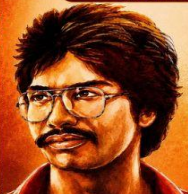
OTTAWA TAMIL ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL TOWNHALL MEETING
DEC 3, 2025
Wednesday, 8 PM - 9 PM
Food Court, Walter Baker Sports Center
100 Malvern Dr, Nepean, ON K2Z 2G5

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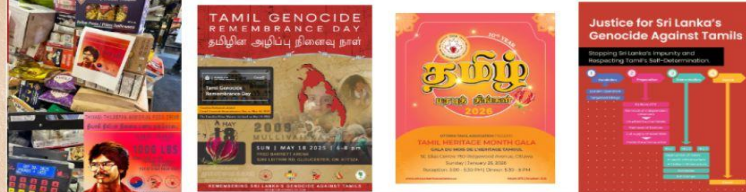
THIYAGI THILEEPAN MEMORIAL FOOD DRIVE

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★ 7TH ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE FOR THE OTTAWA FOOD BANK ★



15/09/26 9:30 AM
26/09/26 10:48 AM
1000 LBS
COMMITTED TO THE
THIYAGI THILEEPAN FOOD DRIVE
FOR OTTAWA FOOD BANK



Legacy by Design:

REMEMBRANCE DAY
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STATEMENT BY
THE PRIME MINISTER
Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day

Canadian Parliament adopted
Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day on May 18, 2022
The Canadian Prime Minister declared on May 18, 2023

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MAY 18, 2026 | UPDATED TIME: 2:00 PM
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100 MALVERN DRIVE, NEPEAN, ON

REMEMBERING SRI LANKA'S GENOCIDE AGAINST TAMILS
#OTATAMILGENOCIDE



OTA 2026: A Year of Community & Remembrance

Winter & Spring Milestones
Summer & Fall Activities
Year-End Service & Governance

January: Tamil Heritage Month Gala
May 18th: Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day
July: Thanneer Panthal
July-Sept: Running Club 5K series
Sept: Thiyaagi Thileepan Food Drive
Oct-Jan: Fall Donation Drive for Eldan Tamils (OTAHF)
Winter: Winter Town Hall

Active Community Clubs
Organizational Ecosystem

Ottawa Tamil Association (OTA) - 2026

1. 10th Tamil Heritage Month Gala - 2026
 - <https://ottawatamilassociation.ca/news/press-releases/10th-tamil-heritage-month-gala-2026-tamil-community-center/>
 - <https://ottawatamilassociation.ca/news/press-releases/ota-thm-gala2026/>
2. Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day and genocide recognition
 - [Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day May 18, 2026: Ottawa Tamil Community Unites in Emotional Remembrance and Calls for Justice – Ottawa Tamil Association](#)
3. 11th annual Fall Donation - Tamil Eelam Humanitarian Assistance Fund (TEHAF)
 - [TEHAF](#) - A Tamil Diaspora fund made available for good standing humanitarian groups to get some financial support for their projects
 - OTA donated over \$1750.00 from [Fall Fundraising and continue](#) to support this project
4. [6th Thiyagi Thileepan Food Drive](#) - Donated to Ottawa food bank over 1000 lbs



Ottawa Tamil Association (OTA) - 2026

1. Expanding to Global collaboration

- Continue to play significant role in Federation of Global Tamil Organizations (<https://fgto.org/>) to advance justice for Eelam Tamils and [TEHAF](#) humanitarian work
- OTA continue to work in committees at FetNA (<https://fetna.org/>) to advance [Tamil Genocide Recognition efforts](#) and [Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day organized in 2025](#). [Maveerar Naal event in 2025](#).
- Jointly organized 5th [Global Tamil Submit in New Jersey 2026](#) and Global Tamil Hour to strengthen the common position of Tamils

2. Supporting Tamil Genocide Memorial and archive efforts

- As a member of Tamil Genocide Memorial (<https://tamilgenocide.com/>), continue to support digital archive project

3. Community activities

- Annual Thanneer Panthal at Ottawa Sivan Ther Festival
- [6th Thiyagi Thileepan Food drive](#)

4. Tamil Conferences Documentations

- Continue to work on [next conference documentations](#)

Ottawa Tamil Association (OTA) - since 2014

1. Policy and focus

- Tamil Genocide Recognition & Tamil Heritage including highlighting legitimate Eelam Tamil struggle for freedom
- Setting up better Canadian life

2. Collaborations

- Jointly released 2015 NPC based booklet with Brampton Tamil Association in 2016 and Justice For Tamil Genocide booklet in 2025.
<https://archive.org/details/srilankasgenocideagainsttamilsbooklet>,
<https://archive.org/details/sri-lankas-genocide-against-tamils-2024-booklet>
- Jointly organized 2018 2nd International Conference on Tamil Nationhood and Genocide in Sri Lanka.
<https://tamilconferences.org/conferences/second-conference/>
- Conference on Tamil self-determination in 2022 jointly organized
<https://tamilconferences.org/conferences/upcoming-conference/>
- Several other joint efforts (Tamil Genocide Remembrance - May 18, youth skill development workshops, food drive, advocacy, etc.) with multiple Canadian Tamil organizations



Ottawa Tamil Association (OTA) - since 2014

3. Justice for Sri Lanka's Genocide against Tamils

- Continuous advocacy, engagements and collaborations to get recognition for Tamil Genocide as part of justice.
- Supporting research efforts on Tamil Genocide and justice via conferences and documentations
- Advocating for Tamil Genocide Education Week in Ontario and supporting Tamil Genocide Memorial and archiving projects
- Annual commemoration of Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day - May 18

4. Tamil heritage and history

- Continuously supporting Tamil Heritage Month
- Partnered with Tamil Genocide Memorial (TGM) in archiving and documenting the Tamil Eelam history
- Tamil Genocide Mesuem support efforts and engagement with Tamil Center (Toronto) via TGM



Ottawa Tamil Association (OTA) - since 2014

6. Fundraising and annual events

- Tamil Heritage Month Gala - Last Sunday in January
- Thiyagi Thileepan Food drive to support Food Bank - September
- Fall Fundraising for Eelam Tamils - Fall
- [Music Show Fundraising Event for OTA projects on July 17 at 6 PM – Ottawa Tamil Association](#)

7. Skill development and Entrepreneurship

- Summer student hiring and mentoring each year
- Workshops and seminars for entrepreneurship and students
- Webinars for community knowledge from experts

8. Conferences, Summits and publications

- Collaboratively maintaining <https://tamilconferences.org/>

9. Transparent and accountable

- Publish Financial statement annually and Yearly AGM for members
- Hold public town hall meeting for the community engagement and feedback





OTA Horizon 2030 - Future

1. 2030 Goals

- a. Host the 3rd International Conference on Tamil Nationhood and Genocide by 2030
[\(https://tamilconferences.org/\)](https://tamilconferences.org/).
- b. Continue and elevate the THM Gala annually with higher standards
[\(https://ottawatamilassociation.ca/tamil-heritage-month-thm-gala/\)](https://ottawatamilassociation.ca/tamil-heritage-month-thm-gala/).
- c. Build a Tamil Genocide Museum/Monument in Ottawa by 2030, partner with the Tamil Genocide Memorial (TGM) [\(https://tamilgenocide.com/\)](https://tamilgenocide.com/).
- d. Expand collaborations with FeTNA, FGTO, and [TCC](#) for tangible results.
- e. Advance justice for Sri Lanka's Tamil genocide, building on Canada's May 18 declaration. Support legal research, advocacy and publications to meet ICJ standards.
<https://archive.org/details/sri-lankas-genocide-against-tamils-2024-booklet>

2. OTA will continue to promote and focus on:

- a. Canadian core values of equality, freedom, and democracy,
- b. Tamil Heritage and Tamil Eelam history
- c. Increase the collaborations with like-minded Organizations globally and nationally

3. Sustaining Supporter (OTA-SS)

- a. [Ottawa Tamil Association \(OTA\) Activity and Event Updates – 2026 – Ottawa Tamil Association](#)



How you can support Ottawa Tamil Association?

1. Get involved and support OTA annual events
 - a. <https://www.facebook.com/ottawatamilassociation>, https://x.com/ottawa_tamil
 - b. Become a volunteer
2. Become a member of Ottawa Tamil Association
 - a. <https://ottawatamilassociation.ca/ottawa-tamil-association/membership/>
3. Donate to Ottawa Tamil Association
 - a. <https://ottawatamilassociation.ca/> via the Donate button

OTA is run by volunteers and community support is always appreciated!





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