

Honorable Mentions:

CHSR-FM Fredericton, NB – Produced by Mansoureh Nasserchain – “Interview with Iranian Asylum Seeker”

BIOGRAPHY

My name is Mansoureh Nasserchian. I am a peace activist, journalist and analyst of the middle east and especially I focus on Iran and effects of social media on social change. I have produced my first short documentary(film) and submitted to the Silver Wave Festival 2012. I am single mother who have been in school for several years and enjoying my education.

Voice of Persians:

Persian New Green Movement Radio Show was created on March 2010. My radio shows won 5 Barry Awards and 1 NCRA Award. I changed the name of my radio show to : “Voice of Persians” as Green Movement was hijacked by Reformists and I didn't want to be affiliated with deception of reform. My radio show is about helping Iranian asylum seekers and Iranians who are in need of help. I connect them with different sources, provide consultation and I have been doing it as my full time volunteer job. I produce and host my radio shows both in English and Persian and it is a weekly program and every Saturday at 5:00 p.m my show goes on air.

Summary of the Excerpt:

Interview with an Iranian asylum seeker in a Police Station in Sweden. I contacted several people to arrange the interview for me as they have no access to phone or computer and they could manage to give him a cell phone. Mr. Ghasem Fartousi is a political activist from minorities of Arab in South of Iran who was in danger of deportation by Sweden Government. Lots of demonstrations were organized by our activist friends to stop the deportation. In Police Station he talks about how dangerous if he would be deported to Iran. He talks about his activities back in Ahwaz, Iran and all years he was in the border when the war happened between Iran and Iraq. He talks about a project by Sweden Government to deport asylum seekers without considering them being in danger. He was arrested from his job and held in the Police Station. He talks if they send me to Iran they know I might be executed. He asks activists to be his voice and don't let the Swedish Government to deport him.