



# TAKE ACTION ON MIGRANT RIGHTS!



GET INFORMED, GET INVOLVED, AND GET OTHERS INTERESTED

IF YOU HAVE

10  
Minutes

- **Learn the Facts.** Read our fact sheet on migrant rights and then test your knowledge with our short quiz at [www.discoverhumanrights.org/toolkit.html](http://www.discoverhumanrights.org/toolkit.html).
- **Donate.** Make a donation to a local or national organization working to protect the rights of migrants. For ideas, check out the “Migrant Rights National Resources” list in this toolkit.
- **Get the News.** Keep up-to-date on immigration issues through list-servs and newsletters, such as National Immigration Law Center’s Immigrant Rights Update: [www.nilc.org/pubs/irul/index.htm](http://www.nilc.org/pubs/irul/index.htm).
- **Send a Postcard.** Advocate for just and humane immigration reform. Download a pre-written postcard at [http://discoverhumanrights.org/Immigration\\_Fuels\\_Our\\_Nation.html](http://discoverhumanrights.org/Immigration_Fuels_Our_Nation.html) and send it to your legislator. To find your elected officials, visit [www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml](http://www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml).

IF YOU HAVE

A Few  
Hours

- **Be a Cyber Lobbyist.** Take action online in defense of migrant rights. Check out these great sites:
  - Detention Watch Network [www.detentionwatchnetwork.org/actionalerts](http://www.detentionwatchnetwork.org/actionalerts)
  - National Immigration Forum [www.immigrationforum.org/action](http://www.immigrationforum.org/action)
  - Rights Working Group <http://rightsworkinggroup.e-actionmax.com/default.asp>
- **Play a Video Game.** Learn about human rights and immigration from the video game ICED - “I Can End Deportation.” Download for free at <http://licedgame.com/#1>. Learn about the refugee experience from the video game “Against All Odds” at [www.playagainstallodds.com/](http://www.playagainstallodds.com/).
- **Educate.** Download the PowerPoint and lesson plans from The Advocates for Human Rights’ “Migrant Rights Toolkit” or check out the teaching resources on [www.energyofanation.org](http://www.energyofanation.org). Organize an interactive workshop for your local school, community center, or faith community.

IF YOU HAVE

A  
Month

- **Show a Film.** Choose immigration-related films from the list at [www.murthy.com/films.html](http://www.murthy.com/films.html) for a mini film-fest at your school, community center, or place of worship. Make it a fundraiser - charge admission and use the money raised to donate to your favorite migrant rights organization.
- **Organize a Radio Show.** On December 18th, celebrate International Migrants Day with a radio show through Radio 1812, a global event that brings together migrant groups and radios from around the world to produce, broadcast and share programs celebrating the achievements and highlighting the concerns of migrants worldwide. For more information check out [http://www.radio1812.net/en/resources/migrant\\_groups\\_get\\_involved](http://www.radio1812.net/en/resources/migrant_groups_get_involved).
- **Start a Book Club.** Form a group to read about migrant issues in the U.S. and facilitate a discussion about what you have learned. For book ideas, check out [www.leftbooks.com/store/immigrants.html](http://www.leftbooks.com/store/immigrants.html).

IF YOU HAVE

A Year  
or More

- **Sponsor a Refugee Family.** Support a local refugee family as they adjust to life in the U.S. Check out these national organizations to find out about refugee resettlement in your area: [www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/partners/voluntary\\_agencies.htm](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/partners/voluntary_agencies.htm).
- **Volunteer Regularly.** Find an organization in your area advocating for migrant rights and ask how you can help. If you have specialized language skills, many advocates are in need of bilingual volunteers to translate documents or interpret during client interviews.
- **Stop Hate in Your Community.** Monitor local media and elected officials. Are their stories one-sided? Are they using hate speech or presenting members of hate groups as experts? Educate viewers and readers with letters to the editor or speak out at candidate forums. For more information download the “We Can Stop the Hate” toolkit at [www.wecanstopthehate.org/site/what\\_you\\_can\\_do](http://www.wecanstopthehate.org/site/what_you_can_do).



# MIGRANT RIGHTS NATIONAL RESOURCES



## **The Advocates for Human Rights**

[www.theadvocatesforhumanrights.org](http://www.theadvocatesforhumanrights.org)

Works to promote and protect the human rights of asylum seekers, refugees, and immigrants in the U.S. through free legal services to clients in the Upper Midwest and training and resources for immigrant advocates, attorneys, and educators.

## **American Civil Liberties Union**

[www.aclu.org](http://www.aclu.org)

Their Immigrant Rights Project seeks to combat public and private discrimination against migrants through a combination of impact litigation and public education.

## **American Immigration Council**

[www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org](http://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org)

Dedicated to educating citizens about the enduring contributions of America's immigrants; standing up for immigration policies that reflect American values and honor fundamental constitutional and human rights; and working tirelessly to achieve justice and fairness for immigrants under the law.

## **Detention Watch Network**

[www.detentionwatchnetwork.org](http://www.detentionwatchnetwork.org)

A national coalition working to educate the public and policy makers about the U.S. immigration detention and deportation system and to advocate for reform so that all who come to the U.S. receive fair and humane treatment.

## **Committee on Migrant Workers**

[www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cmwl/index.htm](http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cmwl/index.htm)

Hosts a wealth of official documents pertaining to the rights of migrants, including international treaties.

## **Energy of a Nation**

[www.energyofanation.org](http://www.energyofanation.org)

An Advocates for Human Rights website that provides accurate, up-to-date information and resources about migrant rights issues for educators, students, advocates, and community members.

## **Immigration Advocates Network**

[www.immigrationadvocates.org](http://www.immigrationadvocates.org)

A free national online network which supports legal advocates working on behalf of immigrants' rights. Includes an immigration library, calendar of events, news, alerts, and more

## **Immigrant Legal Resource Center**

[www.ilrc.org](http://www.ilrc.org)

Works with and educates immigrants, community organizations, and the legal sector to build a democratic society that values diversity and the rights of all people.

## **Immigration Policy Center**

[www.immigrationpolicy.org](http://www.immigrationpolicy.org)

Through its research and analysis, provides policymakers, the media, and the general public with accurate information about the role of immigrants and immigration policy on U.S. society.

## **Migration Policy Institute**

[www.migrationpolicy.org](http://www.migrationpolicy.org)

Studies the movement of people worldwide and provides analysis, development, and evaluation of migration and refugee policies at the local, national, and international levels.

## **National Council of La Raza**

[www.nclr.org](http://www.nclr.org)

Works to improve opportunities for Hispanic Americans. The "We Can Stop the Hate" campaign attempts to take the hate and violence out of the immigration debate and encourage reasoned and thoughtful discussion.

## **National Immigration Forum**

[www.immigrationforum.org](http://www.immigrationforum.org)

Works to create U.S. immigration policy that honors our nation's ideals, protects human dignity, reflects our country's economic demands, celebrates family unity, and provides opportunities for progress.

## **National Immigration Justice Center**

[www.immigrantjustice.org](http://www.immigrantjustice.org)

Provides direct legal services to and advocates for immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers through policy reform, impact litigation, and public education.

## **National Immigration Law Center**

[www.nilc.org](http://www.nilc.org)

Offers information on the legal issues surrounding immigration, as well as training and advice for community activists and attorneys looking to get involved.

## **National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights**

[www.nnirr.org](http://www.nnirr.org)

Works to promote a just immigration and refugee policy in the U.S. and to defend and expand the rights of all migrants and refugees regardless of immigration status. Includes resources and information, as well as advice on how to get involved.

## **Rights Working Group**

[www.rightsworkinggroup.org](http://www.rightsworkinggroup.org)

A diverse coalition working to restore the American commitment to protect civil liberties and human rights for all people in the U.S.

## **Southern Poverty Law Center**

[www.splcenter.org](http://www.splcenter.org)

Dedicated to promoting civil rights and fighting harmful prejudices since 1971. Provides refutations of common anti-immigrant myths and stereotypes, as well as eye-opening descriptions of the worst abuses of migrant workers.

## **The Urban Institute**

[www.urbaninstitute.org](http://www.urbaninstitute.org)

Provides information on a wide range of immigration issues and advocates for changes to U.S. immigration policy.