

## World Refugee Day 2014 - Local Events

### ALASKA

· **Anchorage:** Catholic Social Services' Refugee Assistance & Immigration Service will host a community barbecue that will include children's games and cultural performances on June 20<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 7pm at Mountain View Lions Park. Senator Wielicowski, Representative Gruenberg, Representative Garen Tarr, City Assemblymember Elvi Gray Jackson and representatives from Congressman Young's office and from Senator Begich and Murkowski's office will help present awards at the event. [Click here](#) or [here](#) to learn more.

### ARIZONA

· **Phoenix:** World Refugee Day Phoenix is an annual celebration that features dance performances, live music, art booths and displays by community organizations and vendors. The whole family is invited to this free event on June 21<sup>st</sup>. More information can be found [here](#).

· **Tucson:** On June 20<sup>th</sup>, "WorldFest" will include an open house of the Refugee Focus Office from 1-4:30pm, WorldFest Jam at 4:45pm, WorldFest Picnic from 5:30-8:30pm, and a citizenship ceremony. [Click here](#) to learn more. Children from six different countries will become U.S. citizens at a ceremony on June 19th at Catalina Magnet High School. [Click here](#) to read more.

### CALIFORNIA

· **Anaheim:** The Refugee Forum of Orange County (RFOC) will host a community event on June 21<sup>st</sup> at the Pearson Park Amphitheater and will feature testimonials from local refugees. [Click here](#) to learn more. The City of Anaheim will host an event at Pearson Park Theatre on June 21<sup>st</sup> and will feature food from Little Arabia, cultural performances and remarks from Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva. [Click here](#) to learn more.

· **Glendale:** The Los Angeles Refugee Forum invites community members to a World Refugee Day celebration on June 12<sup>th</sup> at the Adult Recreation Center that will include information on family reunification, immigration, citizenship, employment and more. [Click here](#) to learn more.

· **La Jolla:** The Alliance for African Assistance is holding its 13<sup>th</sup> annual Refugee Day Breakfast on June 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am to 11:30am at the La Jolla Presbyterian Church. This year, the celebration will include refugee success stories, a volunteer and community awards ceremony, a silent auction, cultural performances, and various speakers. Proceeds will benefit the Alliance's Child Sponsorship Program, and over 250 guests are expected to attend. [Click here](#) to learn more.

· **Sacramento:** The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) will celebrate World Refugee Day on June 20<sup>th</sup> with educational tables for CDSS staff and visitors, short-film screenings and an international lunch. More information can be found [here](#). World Relief, IRC and Opening Doors (Church World Service) held a World Refugee Day event at the Carmichael Farmers Market in Sacramento CA on June 22<sup>nd</sup> that featured information booths, a musical group from Africa and a refugee soccer tournament with teams from Bhutan, Iraq and the Congo. Visit the Carmichael Farmers Market [Facebook page](#) for more information.

· **San Diego:** The San Diego Refugee Forum is holding its fourth annual World Refugee Day event on June 21<sup>st</sup> from 10am to 3pm in Balboa Park. The event will feature food, textiles and crafts to purchase, cultural performances, and panel discussions. [Click here to learn more](#) and visit the [facebook event page](#).

### COLORADO

· **Aurora:** The Aurora Cultural Arts District will host an exhibit titled "Picture.Me.Here" that features the work of Bhutanese youth living in a refugee camp in Eastern Nepal who are preparing to resettle in

Aurora and Denver in the coming months. The exhibit will open on June 20<sup>th</sup>. [More information](#) can be found here.

- **Denver:** The Colorado World Refugee Celebration spans from May 31<sup>st</sup> through June 28<sup>th</sup>, with events including a Bhutanese cultural celebration, a showcase of cultures, a photography display, and more. A large World Refugee Day celebration will take place on June 21<sup>st</sup> from 11am to 2pm at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Colorado Springs, which will include a potluck, cultural exchange performances, and family-oriented activities. [Click here](#) to learn more. The Spring Institute for Intercultural Learning will host a panel discussion on issues concerning access to health care for refugees on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 12pm. More information can be found [here](#). The African Community Center is partnering with local restaurants which will donate a portion of their proceeds to help refugees in the Denver area. A full list of restaurants and dates can be found [here](#).

#### *DELAWARE*

- **Wilmington:** The celebration will include a picnic, farmer's market, fair, and festival including a 5K.

#### *DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA*

- **Washington, DC:** The United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) is hosting a performance by the Pihcintu Multicultural Chorus at the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. This unique chorus features young women from Cambodia, China, Congo, El Salvador, Egypt, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Uganda, Vietnam, British West Indies, and Zambia. [Click here](#) to learn more. During the World Refugee Day Academy, the 49 former refugee delegates made 117 visits with Members of Congress, the White House and the State Department. They shared personal stories and delivered key asks regarding pro-refugee policies and funding. The three-day event also included in-depth training on advocacy and community organizing, culminating in the formation of Strategic Action Plans which participants then take back to their communities. The Academy will be an ongoing initiative facilitated by LIRS in order to support the advocacy and leadership of the former refugee participants. [Click here](#) to find out more information.

#### *FLORIDA*

- **Coconut Creek:** A private naturalization and awards ceremony at Broward College North Campus on June 10<sup>th</sup> will be followed family fair open to the public that will feature community service showcases, games, raffles, craft stations and entertainment. [Click here](#) to learn more.
- **Jacksonville:** World Relief Jacksonville is hosting a Celebration and Naturalization Ceremony on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 10am at the Jacksonville Main Library. Twenty candidates will take their oath of allegiance to become citizens of the United States, then Burmese dancers will perform and an Iraqi refugee will play classical music on the piano. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Reuben E. Erigety II, Assistant Secretary of State of the Bureau of African Affairs. [Click here](#) to learn more.
- **Miami:** A community event on June 13<sup>th</sup> at 10am will showcase the artwork of refugee children and feature refugee musical performances and a presentation of the "World Federation of Ex Cuban Political Prisoners".
- **Naples:** Hiram Ruiz, statewide director of Refugee Services for the Department of Children and Families will serve as keynote speaker for a World Refugee Day celebration leading up to a naturalization ceremony on June 11th at 10am at Hodges University. [Click here](#) or [here](#) to learn more.
- **Tampa Bay:** The Tampa Bay Refugee Task Force is hosting a World Refugee Day event on June 12<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at Jefferson High School. The event theme is "The Journey," which seeks to educate the community about the experience of refugees from their home countries to Tampa. The event will include a mock refugee camp exhibit as well as cultural festival booths, a folk dance performance, and storytelling. [Click here](#) or [here](#) to learn more.

## GEORGIA

- **Atlanta:** The Georgia Coalition of Refugee Stakeholders will present a week-long celebration of events from June 16<sup>th</sup> to June 22<sup>nd</sup> including film screenings, art exhibitions and storytelling. [Click here](#) to learn more. In addition, events on June 20<sup>th</sup> and June 21<sup>st</sup> will include live performances, games and activities, a naturalization ceremony, international booths, and special guests from UNHCR. One of the featured speakers will be Kat Graham from The Vampire Diaries who will speak about her recent trip to the Za'atari refugee camp in Jordan. [Click here](#) to learn more and visit the [Facebook event page](#).
- **Savannah:** Lutheran Services of Georgia hosted a potluck dinner called Breaking Bread and Building Bridges in both Atlanta (June 21) and Savannah (June 20) where refugee and community guests shared food from around the world and conversation to foster new friendships. These events also celebrated the 75th anniversary of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services. Visit the [Facebook event page](#) for more information.

## IDAHO

- **Boise:** The Idaho Office for Refugees, in conjunction with Capitol City Public Market, is hosting an event on June 21<sup>st</sup> with music, food, dance, cultural performances, a citizenship ceremony, and arts and crafts. [Click here](#) to learn more.
- **Twin Falls:** The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center will host "The Magic Valley Refugee Day" on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, a community event that is open to the public. [Click here](#) to learn more.

## ILLINOIS

- **Aurora:** World Relief DuPage/Aurora will host a series of community picnics to celebrate World Refugee Day at North Side Park in DuPage and Village Bible Church in Aurora both on June 21st. Both events are free and open to the public! [Click here](#) to learn more.
- **Chicago:** An event on June 20<sup>th</sup> will include a soccer tournament, workshops, food, artwork, multicultural performances and a speech from Illinois State Rep. Kelly Cassidy. [Click here](#) to learn more. Girl Forward, an organization that provides refugee girls with mentorship and leadership opportunities will host an open house on June 20<sup>th</sup> in celebration of World Refugee Day. [Click here](#) to learn more about Girl Forward.

## IOWA

- **Des Moines:** The Oakridge Neighborhood will host the World Refugee Day Cup to raise money for local refugee-serving community organizations on June 21<sup>st</sup> in Tower Park. [Click here](#) to learn more.

## KANSAS

- **Kansas City:** There will be a street fair to celebrate World Refugee Day on June 21st near the Samuel U. Rodgers Health Center. [Click here](#) to learn more.

## KENTUCKY

- **Lexington:** A "Bridge to the World" event will take place on June 20<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 2pm at the Central Library. The event will include workshops, lunch, artwork, choir performance, and discussions about adult education, employment, workforce development, and more. [Click here](#) to learn more.
- **Louisville:** On June 7<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Refugee Ministries (KRM) will host a soccer tournament made up of 16 international teams along with live music. [Click here](#) to read about the event. KRM will host a World Refugee Day Festival on June 19<sup>th</sup> at 11am that will include international music, children's activities, food and booths. [Click here](#) to visit the group's Facebook page which includes more event details.

## MAINE

- **Lewiston:** The Lewiston Public Library will celebrate World Refugee Day on June 19<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 6:30pm with remarks from [Tree Street Youth](#) and National Geographic photographer Amy Toensing. [Click here](#) to learn more.
- **Portland:** Poet Richard Blanco will speak at a World Refugee Day celebration on June 20<sup>th</sup> at Congress Square Plaza at 4pm. After the event the Salt Institute for Documentary Studies will host a reception featuring an exhibition of the work of National Geographic photographer Amy Toensing. More information can be found [here](#).

## MARYLAND

- **Baltimore:** Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service is holding a gala on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm where the "Walk of Courage" Award will be given to Senator Ben Cardin. [Click here](#) to learn more. In addition, the Walters Museum, the Creative Alliance, and the Baltimore Resettlement Center are hosting an event on June 21<sup>st</sup> which will include a film screening, live musical performances, refugee artwork, Congolese dance lessons, and family-friendly activities. [Click here](#) to learn more.
- **Silver Spring:** The American Red Cross, along with IRC, Lutheran Social Services, the Ethiopian Community Development Council, and others are hosting an event entitled "Embracing Our Identities at the Silver Spring Civic Center on June 20<sup>th</sup> from 3pm to 8pm. The event will feature art from refugees in the DC area as well as cultural performances, food, and guest speakers. Visit the [facebook event page](#). The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be hosting a candlelight vigil on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 8pm and will feature a performance from singer/songwriter, Alison Brook. [Click here](#) to learn more.

## MASSACHUSETTS

- **Springfield:** The Western Massachusetts Refugee and Immigrant Consortium is hosting a series of events, June 19<sup>th</sup> through 21<sup>st</sup>, that will feature a panel of refugees sharing their stories on June 19<sup>th</sup>, from 6 to 8pm, at Holy Name Parish and a soccer tournament on the 21<sup>st</sup> at the High School of Commerce. [Click here](#) to learn more.

## MICHIGAN

- **Ann Arbor:** Jewish Family Services will host an event on June 20<sup>th</sup> that will include food, entertainment, an art display created by refugees, and the chance for refugees to tell their stories. [Click here](#) to learn more.
- **Grand Rapids:** Bethany Refugee Services is hosting the International Community Cup on June 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> to celebrate World Refugee Day. [Click here](#) to learn more about this family-friendly event.
- **Lansing:** St. Vincent Catholic Charities will be sponsoring a World Refugee Day Awareness week that will include an opportunity for local refugees to share their stories and a "Movie Day" at the Capital Area District Library. [Click here](#) to learn more.
- **Macomb County:** Community members will celebrate World Refugee Day with a picnic at Warren's Hamlich Park with representatives from the Welcoming Michigan Project. [Click here](#) to learn more.

## MINNESOTA

- **Mankato:** The first ever Mankato World Refugee Day celebration will take place from 5pm to 8pm on June 20<sup>th</sup> and will include an ethnic food sampling, a panel discussion on the experience of refugees and craft demonstrations. [Click here](#) to learn more.
- **Rochester:** The fourth annual "Walk Around the World International Festival" will take place on June 21<sup>st</sup> in Peace Plaza. [Click here](#) to learn more.

· **St. Paul:** A large World Refugee Day celebration will take place on June 14<sup>th</sup> from 12pm to 5pm in St. Paul. The event will include a multimedia refugee exhibit, hands-on activities, games, storytellers, and more. [Click here](#) for more information.

#### MISSOURI

· **Columbia:** A community event on June 21<sup>st</sup> at Broadway Christian Church will celebrate World Refugee Day with a potluck and entertainment. [Click here](#) to learn more.

#### NEBRASKA

· **Omaha:** A World Refugee Day event will take place on June 21<sup>st</sup> from 10am to 4pm at Benson High School, which will include arts & crafts, food, a book sale and a health fair. Visit the [facebook event page](#) or click [here](#) for more information.

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE

· **Manchester:** New Hampshire will celebrate World Refugee Day with a community resource fair, children's activities, and cultural performances on June 14<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 3pm. [Click here](#) to see the flyer or visit the [Facebook event page](#).

· **Laconia:** The Lakes Region will celebrate World Refugee Day with a refugee recognition ceremony beginning at 11:30am on June 20<sup>th</sup> followed by a general open house where community members can enjoy a photography exhibit and refreshments. [Click here](#) to learn more.

#### NEW JERSEY

· **Elizabeth:** The International Rescue Committee will host an outdoor event at the Outdoor Plaza of the Elizabeth Train Station on June 20<sup>th</sup> that will feature live Cuban music, food and presentations to honor the work of resettlement agencies and refugees themselves. City Councilmember-at-large Frank Cuesta, will present a mayoral proclamation in support of refugee resettlement in Elizabeth. [Click here](#) to learn more.

#### NEW MEXICO

· **Albuquerque:** The American Red Cross will host a film screening of *A Great Wonder: Lost Children of Sudan* as a part of their Restoring Family Links program on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:30pm. The event is free of charge but attendees are encouraged to reserve seating in advance. [Click here](#) to learn more. The American Red Cross, Catholic Charities and Lutheran Family Services will host an event on June 21<sup>st</sup> at the César Chávez Community Center that will feature informational community service booths, music, crafts and soccer. [Click here](#) for more information.

#### NEW YORK

· **Albany:** The local USCRI affiliate is holding an open house.

· **Binghamton:** The American Civic Association will host their First Annual World Refugee Day 5K Run on June 21<sup>st</sup> at 9am in Otsiningo Park with a breakfast forum will be held at the Holiday Inn in Binghamton on June 20<sup>th</sup>. The race day registration will cost \$30 with a discount available to those who register in advance. [Click here](#) or [here](#) to learn more.

· **Buffalo:** Refugees living in New York will share their stories on June 17<sup>th</sup> for an event titled "One Family Torn Apart by War is Too Many" which will be free and open to the public. [Click here](#) for more information. On June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, community events will include a soccer tournament as well as cultural dance performances, music, and authentic food and refreshments. [Click here](#) to learn more. On Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, the Zion Dominion congregation will be hosting the "Future Fellowship and Fun Day"

to celebrate World Refugee Day at Vive with a cookout between 11am and 2pm and childrens' activities. [Click here](#) to learn more.

- **New York:** The World Policy Institute will host a screening of *Who is Dayani Cristal* with special guests Lina Srivastava and Sarnata Reynolds leading a discussion moderated by Michele Wucker on June 11<sup>th</sup> at the Asian American Writers' Workshop. [Click here](#) for more information. The organization, Girl Be Heard celebrated World Refugee Day with the announcement of their new performance, *Displaced*. The show was written and will be performed by twelve girls in New York City in collaboration with girls living in refugee camps abroad and is based on the personal conflict stories of women and girls living in conflict zones. [Click here](#) to learn more. The UN Staff Relief Committee for Syrian Refugees will mark World Refugee Day with a concert, bazaar, and food festival at the United Nations Headquarters. All proceeds from the event will go to UNHCR's work with Syrian refugees. [Click here](#) to learn more.

- **Syracuse:** A soccer tournament, parade, cultural food and music will all take place at Schiller Park on June 14<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 3pm. More information can be found [here](#).

- **Utica:** The Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees (MVRRCR) will team up with Mohawk Valley Community College (MVCC) Utica Campus to create a mock refugee camp in the MVCC quad on June 20<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-8:00pm. Health professionals and experts from many disciplines meet to discuss the best health practices, challenges for optimal care, research and advocacy for the refugee patient population. On June 20<sup>th</sup> the conference featured a refugee bazaar including music, art, dress and goods from Rochester's local refugee ethnic communities. [Click here](#) to learn more.

#### NORTH CAROLINA

- **Charlotte:** Catholic Charities will partner with six local nonprofit organizations to host a week-long series of events starting on June 16<sup>th</sup> and ending on June 22<sup>nd</sup> with a cultural festival at Freedom Park. [Click here](#) to learn more.

- **Durham:** Church World Service will host a picnic and basketball and soccer games on June 28<sup>th</sup> at from 11am to 1pm. Participants of all ages are welcome and encouraged to bring a food dish to share with the group. [Click here](#) to learn more and [here](#) for photos of the event.. World Relief is hosting a graduation party on June 14<sup>th</sup> for a young Burmese refugee who recently graduated from high school. More information can be found [here](#).

- **High Point:** A community picnic with cultural performances, organized soccer and children's games will be held on June 21st from 11:30am to 2pm at the High Point YMCA. Attendees are encouraged to bring a food dish to share. [Click here](#) to learn more.

- **Raleigh:** A large street fair will take place on June 20<sup>th</sup> with over 20 tents as well as live entertainment including musical performances, dancers, and other presenters. One of the goals of the event is to highlight the non-profit organizations helping refugees and refugee businesses. The festival will also include an Ethiopian coffee-making demonstration and a children's area. [Click here](#) to learn more.

- **New Bern:** The Interfaith Refugee Ministry will set up a booth at the New Bern Farmer's Market on June 21st where visitors will be able to taste Burmese food and learn about the needs of local refugees. [Click here](#) to learn more.

- **Wilmington:** Interfaith Refugee Ministry will kick-off their World Refugee Day celebrations with a 9am walk to benefit the Wilmington Refugee Community followed by cultural performances, food tastings and children's activities. [Click here](#) to learn more.

#### NORTH DAKOTA

- **Grand Forks:** The Global Friends Coalition is hosting a World Refugee Day Fair on June 21<sup>st</sup> from 10am to 1pm at their local Farmer's Market. [Click here](#) to learn more.

#### OHIO

- **Cincinnati:** RefugeeConnect is hosting an invitational soccer tournament on June 28<sup>th</sup> in celebration of World Refugee Day at Taft High School. [Click here](#) for more information.
- **Cleveland:** Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland – Migration and Refugee Services will host a naturalization ceremony on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 12pm. Hon. Christopher A. Boyko, Judge of the United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio will preside over the ceremony. [Click here](#) to learn more.
- **Columbus:** Community Refugee & Immigration Services (CRIS) of Columbus will celebrate World Refugee Day on June 28<sup>th</sup> with a potluck at Columbus Humanities Arts and Technology Academy that will include music, food, crafts and a soccer match. CRIS will collaborate with the Ohio Asian American Health Coalition to provide free Hep B screenings at their World Refugee Day Celebration. [Click here](#) to learn more.
- **Dayton:** An event sponsored by Welcome Dayton and other organizations will be held in Macintosh Park on June 22<sup>nd</sup> that will include food and family friendly activities. [Click here](#) to learn more.

#### OKLAHOMA

- **Tulsa:** Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Tulsa will celebrate World Refugee Day on June 20<sup>th</sup> with cultural performances, an international fashion show and booths of local businesses. More information can be found [here](#)

#### PENNSYLVANIA

- **Erie:** An annual World Refugee Day event will be held on June 19<sup>th</sup> at the Erie Art Museum during their mid-day Art break, and the International Institute will also hold an advocacy meeting with elected officials to discuss refugee contributions and needs. [Click here](#) to learn more.
- **Harrisburg:** Catholic Charities will celebrate World Refugee Day on June 21<sup>st</sup> at Lingle Park with an international foods cook-off, community resources fair, children's activities and cultural music. [Click here](#) to learn more. Governor Tom Corbett will declare June 20<sup>th</sup> as "World Refugee Day" in Pennsylvania.
- **Lancaster:** The local Church World Service office is hosting a World Refugee Day event on June 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 8:30pm. The event will include seven stations with information on specific refugee populations, as well as an interactive passport activity, live music, and art. [Click here](#) to learn more. The Lancaster City Council will officially declare June 20<sup>th</sup> as World Refugee Day at the Lancaster City Council chambers with James Reichenbach, the council's community development and planning chair presiding over the event. [Click here](#) to learn more.
- **Philadelphia:** HIAS Pennsylvania is hosting an event on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am at City Hall, which will include a panel entitled "A Place to Call Home" where refugees will tell their stories. Other resettlement agencies are coordinating a community-wide event on June 21<sup>st</sup>, which will involve soccer matches, entertainment, culturally diverse food and introductory remarks from City Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell. [Click here](#) for more information. Lutheran Children and Family Service will be hosting a "day of service" on June 21<sup>st</sup> where community members can assemble "welcome boxes" for newly arrived refugees. [Click here](#) to learn more.
- **Pittsburgh:** Jewish Family & Children's Service of Pittsburgh is hosting a World Refugee Day event on June 20<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 2pm in Market Square, which will feature music, dance, art, clothing, and cuisine of local refugee populations. It will also offer opportunities for the general public to interact with and meet members of the refugee and refugee-serving communities. Visit the [Facebook event page](#) for more details.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA

- **Columbia:** Lutheran Services Carolinas will host a celebration on June 21<sup>st</sup> at St. Andrew's Church that will feature a fashion show of refugees wearing traditional clothing from their home countries, crafts, food and music. [Click here](#) to learn more.

## *SOUTH DAKOTA*

· **Sioux Falls:** The Lutheran Social Services of SD Center for New Americans will host an open house on June 20<sup>th</sup> to welcome the local community to see the work of the resettlement agency and screen short documentaries. [Click here](#) to visit the organization's Facebook page.

## *TENNESSEE*

· **Knoxville:** Bridge Refugee Services in partnership with Circle Modern Dance will celebrate the refugees who have made Knoxville their home on June 20<sup>th</sup> with special remarks from Drocella Mugorewera, former Environmental Minister of Rwanda. Visit the [Facebook event page](#) for more details.

## *TEXAS*

· **Austin:** The Austin Refugee Roundtable is hosting a large event on June 14<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 3pm at the Bullock Texas State History Museum, which will feature music performances, a citizenship ceremony, and family-friendly games and activities. [Click here](#) to learn more.

· **Dallas:** A community event will take place on June 21<sup>st</sup> from 10am to 2pm at St. Patrick Catholic Church, which will include handmade crafts, ethnic foods, art, and cultural presentations. [Click here](#) to learn more.

· **Houston:** The Refugee Consortium is hosting a large event on June 21<sup>st</sup> from 3pm to 7pm. The event will feature an interactive mock refugee camp exhibit. [Click here](#) to learn more.

· **San Antonio:** A large celebration will take place on June 21<sup>st</sup> from 9am to 2pm at the St. Francis Episcopal Church. District 8 City Councilman Ron Nirenberg will make a speech on compassion at the event. Visit the [Facebook event page](#).

## *UTAH*

· **Salt Lake City:** The annual celebration will take place on June 7<sup>th</sup>, featuring a 5K fun run, ethnic foods, artisan crafts and clothing, and more. [Click here](#) to learn more.

## *VERMONT*

· **Burlington:** A "field day" event will take place on June 21<sup>st</sup>, which will include sports tournaments in cane ball, soccer, and volleyball. There will also be games and half-time entertainment as well as food for purchase. [Click here](#) or [here](#) to learn more.

## *VIRGINIA*

· **Charlottesville:** Join the International Rescue Committee on June 20<sup>th</sup> at Cville Coffee that will showcase the true stories of a handful of Charlottesville's refugees as told by a troupe of Big Blue Door-affiliated actors and actresses. [Click here](#) to learn more.

· **Richmond:** ReEstablish Richmond and other local refugee resettlement agencies will celebrate World Refugee Day with a Community Resource Fair. [Click here](#) to learn about how this event will help connect more than 120 refugees with resources available to them in their community.

## *WASHINGTON*

· **Seattle:** A barbecue will be held on June 22<sup>nd</sup> for refugees and their families as well as other members of the local community. [Click here](#) for more information.

## *WISCONSIN*



- **Madison:** The Central Library will screen *The List*, a documentary directed by Beth Murphy, on June 12<sup>th</sup> followed by a community discussion on refugee issues after the film. More information can be found [here](#) and a statement from Governor Walker's Office can be found [here](#).
- **Milwaukee:** Celebrations will include a soccer tournament on June 7<sup>th</sup> and an event downtown on June 20<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 2pm with music, dancing, craft vendors, and food trucks. [Click here](#) to learn more.

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#### INTERNATIONAL

- **Adelaide, Australia:** Rhythms of Resistance Adelaide, a politically inspired samba band, will play at the Adelaide World Refugee Day Rally on June 20<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to come out and play with the band! [Click here](#) to learn more.
- **Brisbane, Australia:** The World Refugee Day Community Festival on June 22<sup>nd</sup> will celebrate cultural diversity in Brisbane and include a citizenship ceremony, live music, craft stalls and cooking demonstrations as well as children's activities. [Click here](#) to learn more. The qualifying rounds for the World Refugee Day Soccer tournament will take place June 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>. Admission to the qualifying games is free. Visit the Facebook page [here](#). The Archdiocese of Brisbane will lead a prayer service on June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral of St Stephen at 6:30pm. More information can be found [here](#). On June 20<sup>th</sup> students at St. Joseph's Nudgee College competed in a friendly soccer match against local Bhutanese refugees that will be followed by a prayer service for refugees at St Stephen's Cathedral. [Click here](#) to learn more.
- **Canterbury, New South Wales, Australia:** The City of Canterbury Library will host an evening of dance, music and story-sharing in celebration of World Refugee Day. There will also be an art exhibition of work by Shazia Khadim. [Click here](#) to learn more. Local children from three different schools across Australia including Camberwell Girls Grammar School in Canterbury co-wrote a story to welcome refugee children to Australia. [Click here](#) to learn more.
- **Coffs Harbour, New South Wales, Australia:** Orara High School's drum group 'Drumming Up Frenz' will be performing on Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. This will be followed by an event on June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Cavanbah Centre that will include cultural performances, short film screenings and a presentation by Carol King, the NSW President of Amnesty International Australia. [Click here](#) to learn more.
- **Melbourne, Australia:** Amnesty International Melbourne Network will be screening the film *Mary Meets Mohammad* with an introduction by Mrs. Maria O'Sullivan, a Lecturer in the Faculty of Law at Monash University and an Associate in the Castan Centre for Human Rights Law on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm. Tickets are free of cost but must be reserved in advance. [Click here](#) for information. A fundraising concert will feature six musical acts on June 21<sup>st</sup> at Bella Union at 2pm. Tickets for this family-friendly event can be found [here](#). The Archdiocese of Melbourne will host a World Refugee Day March in coalition with other faith-based groups on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30pm. [Click here](#) to learn more. The Welcome Group Inc and Victoria University will host a screening of *Alif*, followed by a question and answer session, coffee and Persian food on June 20<sup>th</sup>. More information can be found [here](#).
- **Sydney, Australia:** The Refugee Action Coalition will stage a call to action at the office of Scott Morris, Australia's Minister for Immigration and Border Protection on June 21<sup>st</sup> at 12pm. Visit the Facebook event page [here](#). A fundraising breakfast will be hosted on June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Westin Sydney Hotel from 7am to 9am with special guests will include Ian Chappell, Former Australian Test Cricket Captain and Phil Kearns, Former Wallabies Captain. Tickets and more information can be found [here](#).
- **Townsville, Australia:** Claire Mallinson, the national director of Amnesty International Australia will present a lecture titled "Human Rights and Asylum Seekers - A vision for a better way" on June 11<sup>th</sup> at James Cook University. [Click here](#) for more information. Amnesty International Townsville has organized a vigil planned for June 20<sup>th</sup> aimed at protecting Australia's asylum-seekers. [Click here](#) to read more.

· **Wollongong, New South Wales, Australia:** The Wollongong Town Hall will play host to a community festival from June 15<sup>th</sup> through June 21<sup>st</sup> that will feature performances and craft stalls from members of the community with refugee backgrounds. [Click here](#) to learn more.

· **Brussels, Belgium:** The Brussels office of The European Azerbaijan Society (TEAS) and The Association of Young Azerbaijani Professionals in Europe (AYAPE) will host a roundtable discussion on June 20<sup>th</sup> to commemorate World Refugee Day. [Click here](#) to learn more.

· **Sofia, Bulgaria:** ‘Mime Art’, an artist group, will present a living monument in one of Sofia’s popular shopping malls to remind the public how hard it is to flee your home as a refugee. [Click here](#) to learn more.

· **Kitchener, Ontario, Canada:** Gloria Nafziger, the Refugee Coordinator for Amnesty International Canada will serve as the keynote speaker for this event on June 1<sup>st</sup>, which will also include an art exhibit and a performance by spoken word poet Janice Lee and musician Cuneyt Juneyt Yetkiner. [Click here](#) to learn more or visit the [Facebook event page](#).

· **Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada:** Lethbridge Family Services will sponsor an awareness walk titled “Walk for Tomorrow” on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 11am. [Click here](#) to learn more.

· **Ottawa, Canada:** CARE Canada and the UN High Commission on Refugees are sponsoring a one-day photography exhibit of the work of Robert Fogarty and Benjamin Reece who documented the lives of displaced Syrians living in refugee camps. The exhibit will take place on June 20<sup>th</sup> with details found [here](#). More information on the “Dear World” project can be found [here](#). In Red Deer the Central Alberta Refugee Effort will host World Refugee Day events on June 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Ethel Suarez telling her refugee journey at the Red Deer Museum and Art Gallery on June 18<sup>th</sup> and there will be an open house at the open house at on the 20<sup>th</sup> at the Central Alberta Immigrant Women’s Association (CAIWA). [Click here](#) to learn more.

· **Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada:** YMCA Newcomer Connections, PRUDE, SJMNRC, Human Development Council and the Refugee and Immigrant Support Centre will co-sponsor an event at the Saint John YMCA on June 20<sup>th</sup> where local refugees will have an opportunity to share their stories with the larger community. More information can be found [here](#).

· **Vancouver, Canada:** The Vancouver Public Library’s Main Branch will celebrate World Refugee Day on June 20<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 3pm with remarks from Deputy Mayor Raymond Louie and UBC President Stephen Toope, a refugee services information fair and storytelling. [Click here](#) to learn more.

· **Waterloo, Ontario, Canada:** The Waterloo Public Library in collaboration with the KW Multicultural Centre and Kitchener Public Library will host a series of speaker and film sessions with events running from June 5<sup>th</sup> through June 28<sup>th</sup>. [Click here](#) for more information.

· **Windsor, Ontario, Canada:** The Windsor Public Library invites community members learn about refugee stories and perspectives by participating in their refugee book program. More information and book titles can be found [here](#). The YMCA in Windsor will celebrate World Refugee Day on June 19th with musical performances and guest speakers. [Click here](#) to learn more.

· **Hong Kong, China:** Christian Action, St. Andrew’s Church, Kowloon Union Church, Island Evangelical Community Church, the Vine, and TTM are co-organizing an event for June 20<sup>th</sup> that will feature remarks from Patricia Ho, a human rights lawyer, the Hong Kong Baptist University Choir, and real-life stories, dance, and music from Hong Kong’s refugees. [Click here](#) to visit the Facebook event page.

- **Cambridge, England:** An art exhibition will be held at the Emmanuel United Reformed Church and at the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology from June 13<sup>th</sup> through August 30<sup>th</sup>. [Click here](#) to learn more about this free event.
- **Nottingham, England:** The Nottingham City Library Service will host an exhibit by artist Jasim Ghafur that will run from May 30<sup>th</sup> through June 28<sup>th</sup>. [Click here](#) to learn more. Work by Iranian photojournalist Babak Bordbar will be on display at the New Art Exchange from June 14<sup>th</sup> through August 10<sup>th</sup>.
  
- **Accra, Ghana:** Chansa Kapaya, a UNHCR Representative in Ghana, will speak to an audience in Accra on June 20<sup>th</sup> that highlighted the struggle of refugees in Ghana. [Click here](#) to read more.
  
- **Delhi, India:** The Delhi Chin Community Fellowship will mark World Refugee Day with a protest on June 20<sup>th</sup> in front of the UNHCR office in Delhi to call for more legal protections for the Chin community. [Click here](#) to learn more.
  
- **County Clare, Ireland:** Libraries across Clare are participating in a book-reading campaign aimed at highlighting the impact of war on families and refugee issues from June 16<sup>th</sup> to June 28<sup>th</sup>. For more information [click here](#).
- **Dublin, Ireland:** Support Against Racism Ireland (SARI) and UNHCR present “Fair Play Football Cup” on June 15<sup>th</sup> that will feature Dublin Community Circus performers, storytelling circles, craft stations and of course soccer. More information can be found [here](#). The University College Dublin’s Sutherland School of Law will host a conference on June 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss and critically assess the protection system in Ireland. [Click here](#) for details and a full list of speakers. The Irish Refugee Council will be marking World Refugee Day on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June with an event at Temple Bar Gallery with special remarks from Geoffrey Shannon. [Click here](#) to learn more.
- **Galway, Ireland:** The Galway Integration Consortium will be hosting a photography exhibit at the Galway City Library that will run from June 16<sup>th</sup> through June 28<sup>th</sup>. The launch will feature remarks from Siphathisiwe Moyo, who was named African Woman of the Year for 2014 at the recent Africa Day award ceremony in Dublin. [Click here](#) to learn more.
  
- **Mafraq, Jordan:** The Asian Football Development Project (AFDP) commemorated World Refugee Day again this year with Jordanian and Syrian refugee children in the Zaatari refugee camp and Al Sareeh through two consecutive festivals. More information can be found [here](#).
  
- **Fukuoka, Japan:** The Fukuoka Bar Association will be offering free legal counseling regarding to local immigrants from June 6<sup>th</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>. Consultations are available in Japanese, English and Mandarin with interpreters provided as needed. [Click here](#) to learn more.
- **Tokyo, Japan:** From 11am to 9pm on June 20<sup>th</sup> there will be refugee panel discussions, photography exhibits and displays of tents and other equipment from refugee camps. [Click here](#) for more information in English and [here](#) for Japanese.
  
- **Nairobi, Kenya:** UNHCR and the Department of Refugees Affairs (DRA), in partnership with the Institute of Diplomacy and International Studies of the University of Nairobi will host a forum titled, ‘Asylum Space in Kenya: Where We Are and Where We Are Heading?’, with a keynote address from UNHCR Country Representative, Mr. Raouf Mazou. [Click here](#) to learn more.
- **Turkana County, Kenya:** World-renowned chess player, Jane Wambugu led the UNHCR in organizing a tournament at Kakuma Refugee Camp from June 14<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup> to commemorate World Refugee Day. [Click here](#) to learn more. Kenya’s top hip hop artist, Octopizzo visited the Kakuma Refugee Camp, where he participated in the Peace walk as well as traditional dances. [Click here](#) to read more.

- **Beirut, Lebanon:** A press conference will be held in the capital of Lebanon to raise awareness of refugee issues. [Click here](#) to learn more.
  
- **PTP Refugee Camp, Liberia:** Refugee chairman Guie Patrice Gnombie will lead a weeklong series of activities in honor of World Refugee Day in Liberia. Ivorian Ambassador, His Excellency Kapielletien Soro will thank the Government and people of Liberia for hosting Ivorian refugees at the event in PTP Refugee Camp. [Click here](#) to read more.
  
- **Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia:** The UN Refugee Agency of Malaysia will present a series of events starting on June 17<sup>th</sup> and running through June 22<sup>nd</sup> at The Annexe Gallery Central Market. Admission is free of charge and events include a photo exhibition, *War and Flight* film screening, arts & crafts bazaar and cultural performances. [Click here](#) to learn more.
  
- **Malta:** A variety of immigration and refugee workshops and training sessions will take place in the week leading up to World Refugee Day. For a full list of events and details [click here](#).
  
- **Ibadan, Nigeria:** The Centre for peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Ibadan will host a World Refugee Day lecture with opening remarks from the chairman of the House Committee on Appropriation, Hon John Owan-Enoh. [Click here](#) to learn more.
- **Onikan, Lagos, Nigeria:** The Southwest Zone of the National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons will host a variety of events in honor of World Refugee Day between June 18<sup>th</sup> and June 21<sup>st</sup> including a symposium at the Exhibition Hall of the National Museum. [Click here](#) to learn more.
  
- **The Hague, Netherlands:** The Netherlands Refugee Foundation will host a photography exhibition of the work of Paul Enkelaar and Peter Biro in the Atrium from June 16<sup>th</sup> through July 7<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds from the sale of photographs will go to programs conducted by the Netherlands Refugee Foundation. [Click here](#) to learn more.
  
- **Auckland, New Zealand:** MiNDFOOD Magazine will host a virtual discussion with Sara Saleh of Amnesty International that will focus on refugees and asylum seekers, misconceptions, government policies and solutions on June 20<sup>th</sup> from 12:30pm to 1:30pm on their Twitter page, @mindfood\_mag. [Click here](#) to learn more.
- **Massey, New Zealand:** The WISE Collective Team is hosting an exhibition for refugee women to show and sell their crafts on June 18<sup>th</sup> followed by a night featuring of food stalls on June 19<sup>th</sup>. [Click here](#) to learn more.
- **Nelson, New Zealand:** Volunteer Nelson will host a screening of the documentary *Memories of Bhutan* on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30pm, featuring stories from Bhutanese refugees now settled in Nelson. Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased from Red Cross Refugee Services Nelson Office. [Click learn](#) for more information.
- **Palmerston North, New Zealand:** The Manawatu Refugee Voice forum will host a World Refugee Day celebration at the Hokowhitu Baptist Church and will highlight the situation of refugees in Syria, Sudan, and Iraq. [Click here](#) to learn more.
- **Wellington, New Zealand:** The People's Coffee Cafe will donate all of their proceeds on June 20<sup>th</sup> to Multi-Cultural Learning & Support Services (MCLaSS) which provides free English learning courses to refugees. Click [here](#) to learn more. ChangeMakers will host a World Refugee Day celebration on June

22<sup>nd</sup> that will kick-off with a soccer match between refugee-background women vs New Zealand Police and Wellington NGO staff followed by musical and cultural performances. [Click here](#) to learn more.

· **Mugombwa, Rwanda:** The Ministry of Disaster Management and Refugee Affairs (MIDIMAR), in collaboration with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Rwanda (UNHCR) will commemorate World Refugee Day on June 20<sup>th</sup> at the nation's newest refugee camp in Mugombwa. [Click here](#) to learn more.

· **Glasgow, Scotland:** Refugee Week Scotland presents World Refugee Day Concert that will feature musical performances from bands Balkanarama, Skipinnish and Young Fathers on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 8pm . Proceeds raised will go to Scottish Refugee Council and British Red Cross to support their continuing work to provide support to refugees in Scotland. [Click here](#) to learn more.

· **Akasia, South Africa:** The Department of Home Affairs and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) will commemorate World Refugee Day on June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Akasia Community Hall with remarks from the Director-General of the Department of Home Affairs, Mr Mkuseli Apleni and the UNHCR Regional Representative for Southern Africa, Ms Clementine Nkweta-Salami. [Click here](#) to learn more.

· **Durban, South Africa:** A mini film festival, 'Forced to Flee', will take place in locations in and around the Durban area on June 20<sup>th</sup> with French-Congolese singer Rene Tshiakanyi performing as part of the opening program. More information on the variety of exhibitions and screenings taking place in Durban can be found [here](#).

· **Seoul, South Korea:** UNHCR and the Justice Ministry have partnered together for a 10-day exhibition at the Seoul Citizen Hall. More information can be found [here](#).

· **Malindza, Swaziland:** Home Affairs Minister, Princess Tsandzile and Member of Parliament Musa 'Stezi' Dlamini will attend a World Refugee Day commemoration on June 21<sup>st</sup>. [Click here](#) to learn more.

· **Bangkok, Thailand:** UNHCR Thailand and SF Cinema will host the Refugee Film Festival on June 20<sup>th</sup>, with films that will highlight refugee experiences and perspectives. [Click here](#) to learn more.

· **Nai Soi, Thailand:** Angelina Jolie will visit the Ban Mai Nai Soi refugee camp with a delegation from UNHCR to celebrate World Refugee Day. [Click here](#) to read more about her important visit.

· **St. Peter's Square, Vatican City State:** Pope Francis made remarks on June 18<sup>th</sup> recognizing World Refugee Day and appealing for humanitarian aid to alleviate the suffering of refugees worldwide. [Click here](#) to read more.