



## 25 EXAMPLES OF LONGER TABLE ACTIONS

*This isn't an exhaustive list. If you have successfully tried something else, share it with us at [refugees@aiusa.org](mailto:refugees@aiusa.org)!*

- **Host a potluck in support of refugees**, inviting local refugee agency representatives and refugees to join you. Be sure to include an action such as handing out postcards in support of refugee rights for participants to draft and send to your Members of Congress. For postcards, email [refugees@aiusa.org](mailto:refugees@aiusa.org).
- **Pass an “I Welcome” resolution** in your school or city to declare that refugees are welcome in your community. This helps influence elected officials by showing them that their constituents support refugee resettlement.
- Organize a day of **in-district lobbying**. Get a group of people together (including the legislative coordinator for your state – if you don't have one, email [grassroots@aiusa.org](mailto:grassroots@aiusa.org) for more information). Bring your group to connect with your mayor, city council members, or state legislators and ask them what they're doing to support refugees.
- **Host a film screening** in support of refugees. You could screen a documentary that explains the current refugee/asylum-seeker crisis, like *Eldorado* or *8 Borders, 8 Days*, or host a film screening of a classic film about refugees, like *Casablanca* or *The Sound of Music*.
- **Table** near a local farmers' market or a busy intersection and encourage your neighbors to act in support of refugees.
- **Host a panel** at a local library or university in support of refugees. Invite local professors and activists to participate and discuss what your community is doing to support refugees, as well as what actions they can take to support refugees in the future.
- If you belong to a union, **ask your union to come out with a statement** supporting the hiring of refugees and asylum seekers. Ask the union to support any workers who may have refugee or asylum seeker backgrounds, whether or not they are public about their experiences.

- **Ask your book club to read a book by a refugee author** or about a refugee experience and use that discussion to encourage participants to draft postcards by the end of the evening to their Members of Congress in support of welcoming policies.
- If you belong to a parenting group, ask fellow parents to **host a day at a playground and invite local refugee families** to join you. This is an opportunity for your children to play with their children and welcome refugees directly to your community.
- Ask your local sports league, including a soccer league, bowling league, basketball league, or softball league, to **host a day of sports with local refugee families**.
- Organize a **day of service** in support of refugees. Ask your community to join you in supporting a local resettlement agency by helping a refugee family navigate public transportation, prepare for job interviews, learn English, read their mail, or more! This could also help your community decide if you would like to sponsor a refugee in the future.
- Ask your online community to set aside 15 minutes on the same day to **call their Member of Congress** in support of refugees. Share this number with them to be connected to their Member of Congress: 1-833-829-5873.
- If you are a university student, ask others to join you in **chalking your campus** in support of refugee rights. Be sure to include a call to action, like calling their Member of Congress, and align the chalking to any recent news on the refugee crisis. Also consider passing an “I Welcome” Resolution on your campus.
- Host a **“coffee and conversation”** hour at a local coffee shop to share more information with potential advocates about the refugee crisis. You could also consider **hosting a refugee rights happy hour**. Ask friends to join you at a BYOB evening or at a bar and bring postcards for them to write in support of refugee resettlement. (Be sure to draft postcards at the beginning of the evening, not at the end!)
- Ask your faith leader to **lead a conversation** in the next few months on the path of the refugee and what it means to support others. Your Rabbi, Pastor, Priest, Imam, or other faith leader may be positioned to speak on how your faith approaches an issue like the refugee crisis in a way that leads and empowers your congregation.
- **Hold a knitting/quilting circle** to create blankets, hats, mittens or sweaters for recently resettled refugees.
- Hold a **story hour for children** featuring a children’s book about refugees, and encourage parents to participate in advocacy by writing postcards to Members of Congress at the end of the story hour.
- Encourage members of your **local Parent Teacher Association (PTA) to write welcome cards** for recently resettled refugees in your community.
- Ask your employer to **host a jobs fair** in your town, geared towards refugees and other newcomers to the region.
- Hold a **local concert** in support of refugees and use it as an opportunity to highlight famous refugee musicians.
- Host a **Letter to the Editor writing party** with local advocates in response to a breaking news story on refugee resettlement.
- Feature **art created by refugees** at a local art gallery or library.
- **Hold a candlelight vigil** in support of the many refugees in need around the world in a local park or outside of your town hall.
- Create a literal **“longer table” with refugees in your local park** – a dining table with food - and invite passersby to stop for a quick bite and to talk about refugee rights.
- **Invite local refugees to participate in activities your community of friends enjoy**, from hiking to biking to dancing to visiting museums.

As always, celebrate your success! Take photos of your event and post images to social media using the hashtags #IWelcome and #LongerTable and tagging @amnestyusa.

Did any of these ideas get you excited to take more action? Reach out to us at [refugees@aiusa.org](mailto:refugees@aiusa.org) for additional support or to share your ideas with us.