

World Refugee Day June 20, 2021

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I. Welcome

World Refugee Day is an annual celebration started by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to highlight the importance of refugee resettlement programs across the globe, and uplifting the stories and voices of refugees. This World Refugee Day, we reflect on what #RestoringWelcome means for our communities and the journey that lays ahead.

This toolkit is intended to serve as a central point for organizations and individuals to get involved with and uplift World Refugee Day actions and events from RCUSA's partners.

II. Calendar of Events & Actions

DATE	DESCRIPTION/LINKS	LEAD ORG
June 14th	Virtual Vigil for World Refugee Day 2021	CWS, Disciples of

7 PM ET		Christ, UMCOR, PCUSA, Faith Partners
June 16th *All Day	Public launch of <u>Businesses for Refugees pledge</u>	Refugee Advocacy Lab & partners
June 16th 1:30 PM PT/4:30 PM ET	World Refugee Day: Celebrating Refugees' Impacts in our Communities	HIAS
June 16th 7 pm ET	Refugee Matters: Spotlighting Black Refugees	We Are All America & Opportunity for All
June 17th 9 am ET	Launch of Needs Improvement: A Progress Report on the Biden Administration's Record on Making the United States a Safe Refuge and accompanying World Refugee Day Toolkit	Amnesty International USA
June 18th 7 pm ET	Refugee Matters: Spotlighting Stateless People	We Are All America & Opportunity for All
June 19th *All day	RCUSA Juneteenth Social Media Toolkit	RCUSA
June 20th *All day	RCUSA World Refugee Day Social Media Toolkit	RCUSA
June 22nd 12:00 to 4:30 PM ET	READY TO WELCOME: States Lay the Foundation	IRC & Refugee Advocacy Lab
June 22nd 11 AM PT/2 PM ET	Welcome for All: Supporting LGBTQ Refugees at Home and Abroad	HIAS
June 29th 8 AM ET/11 AM PT	Remembering the Pink Triangle: Identity-Based Violence Against the LGBTQ+ Community Today	HIAS

III. Refugee Matters Series Toolkit

Throughout the month of June, the Opportunity for All campaign is hosting weekly live stream conversations with refugee leaders. Find the full schedule and <u>promotional toolkit</u>, and tune in to the streams on We Are All America's <u>Twitter</u> or <u>Facebook</u> pages.

IV. Social Media Toolkits

a. RCUSA Juneteenth Social Media Toolkit

Celebrate Juneteenth and show your personal and organizational support for Black led organizations and advocacy.

b. RCUSA World Refugee Day Social Media Toolkit

Find sample social media posts and both branded and unbranded graphics for World Refugee Day and uplift refugee voices.

c. USA for UNHCR World Refugee Day Social Media Toolkit

USA for UNHCR celebrates World Refugee Day by sharing the story of Abdallah Al-Obaidi and other finalists from their Refugee Youth Storyteller's Celebration.

d. Amnesty International USA World Refugee Day Toolkit

Find online action links, sample social media posts, and guidance on writing op-eds and hosting community conversations

V. Additional Resources

a. We Are All America map of national events

Add your event or find ways to participate in your area! If you are hoping to have your event represented on the map note that it may take up to 24 hours.

b. <u>UNHCR messaging and events</u>

Find graphics, messaging, and events to celebrate World Refugee Day from UNHCR.

c. World Refugee Day Action Alert

Take action this World Refugee Day by calling your members of Congress expressing your support for refugees and refugee resettlement. Use the above toolkit and sample script

d. World Refugee Day and Refugee Resettlement Talking Points

If you're hoping to create your own statements, graphics, or events for World Refugee Day, you can utilize these talking points to help craft materials.