

A Guide

Storytelling for Migration Justice

Purpose

As emphasized in the *[Quaker Statement on Migration](#)*, the Quaker belief that there is that of God in everyone guides the Friends Committee on National Legislation's (FCNL) work to uphold the inherent value and agency of every human being.

Loving thy neighbor without exceptions is an outward calling that U.S. policies should and must reflect. Now more than ever, is the time to raise persistent voices in support of migration and welcome services. FCNL is countering highly politicized immigrant rhetoric with human-centered storytelling.

The Migration Landscape

The Trump administration and Congress are rolling out harmful anti-immigration policies to enact their agenda. These efforts aim to:

- » Increase apprehension and detention
- » Carry out mass deportations
- » Target respite groups (both faith-based and not)
- » Suspend refugee admissions/resettlement and ban asylum

This project is motivated by the belief that one can learn and grow in concern for the suffering of others through proximity. Advocacy through storytelling fosters compassion, awareness, and the widening of world views.



Tell your story at
fcnl.org/MigrationStory

What You Can Do

This is an ongoing project to capture the stories of F/friends with lived experience, close ties to immigration work, and/or volunteer experience with migrants in their community. Stories may be shared in social media campaigns, blog posts, newsletters, lobby visits, and in coalition efforts with other migration organizations.

You can access or direct interested parties to the storytelling portal on the website at fcnl.org/MigrationStory

Story Examples

- » You're a constituent who has been living and working in the U.S. for the last 10 months under Temporary Protected Status (TPS). This has granted you work authorization and protection from deportation. You'd like to contribute to the storytelling campaign.
- » In a community Zoom call, you learn that a longtime FCNL constituent and his family sponsored an Afghan refugee family in 2023, helping them get settled in a home and school and directing them to local legal aid. You reach out to the constituent personally to gauge their interest on storytelling and to offer information on the project.

Please note that we never want someone to feel pressured to tell their story. This can be a traumatic and uncomfortable experience. Instead, we want to create space, be active listeners, and facilitate storytelling which empowers the storyteller.



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