



NNIRR

Bringing Together Communities for Border Rights



NNIRR hosted a meeting of members, border activists, Haiti and Haitian refugee advocates, and other allies in San Diego this fall for a consultation on immigration issues US Southern border, and the particular crisis for Haitian refugees seeking to enter the US at the San Isidro port of entry. Shortly before the meeting, the US had announced it would step up deportation of Haitians from the US—temporarily suspended due to Hurricane Matthew, and quietly resumed immediately prior to the election.

The Challenge for Rights and Justice in 2016

In 2016, NNIRR's 30th Anniversary year, we continued to build our Just Borders initiative to spotlight the need to strengthen our collective commitment to human rights at all borders. We did this during a period of demagoguery in the presidential campaign that played to racial and xenophobic anxieties, fear and hate to rally an anti-immigrant political agenda. As we now know, that agenda is central to the platform of President-elect Donald Trump.

NNIRR has kept members up to date on the latest news and analysis of party and candidate positions on immigration policy and the real impacts of their respective reform aspirations. We lifted up human rights for all migrants and refugees through media spotlights and commentaries, in social media and speaking engagements around the globe. While we end 2016 with deep anxieties, we are also inspired by the unified voices in the immigrant rights movement – along with new friends and allies – that swiftly shifted into strategizing and organizing to defend the rights of immigrants and refugees in the face of an anticipated, heightened attack and denial of justice under the Trump Administration.

Human Rights at All Borders!

NNIRR continued to advocate for human rights along borders at the UN throughout the year, culminating with the UN High Level Summit on Refugees and Migrants, addressing the global migration crisis, on September 19. Working with the Global Coalition on Migration and the Women in Migration Network, NNIRR members and staff participated in the UN summit and side events, strategic meetings and numerous international conference calls as the global migrants' rights movement rallied at this critical time.



NNIRR celebrated our 30th Anniversary

"Tearing down walls, lifting up justice!" NNIRR's anniversary reception in Oakland in July drew friends from near and far, and gave us the opportunity to renew our collective commitment to defending and expanding immigrant and refugee rights.

Following the event, NNIRR Board members convened for a planning retreat that mapped NNIRR's ambitious goals for the coming year. Coinciding with the anniversary, NNIRR conducted a membership survey—and members reaffirmed NNIRR's important role as an anchor and promoter of shared values for human rights and dignity for migrants and refugees.



What's ahead in 2017...

The election of Donald Trump as the 45th President of the U.S. poses one of the greatest challenges of our time. The anticipated policy shifts; the appointment of key officials who have been hostile to immigration, civil and human rights; overt pandering to racism; attacks on health and the environment—the impacts on immigrant and refugee communities are likely to be extensive.

While we have faced adversarial conditions from the founding of NNIRR thirty years ago, the coming four years promise to have calamitous consequences on our communities and will require a coordinated progressive movement response on multiple levels. The extent of the damage and dangers to our communities, civil and human rights and the environment cannot be overstated.

NNIRR commits to move forward on human rights, against racism and xenophobia, and in collaboration with allies on the social and economic justice issues that impact all of us. We will work with members and allies to organize strategic and emergency actions focused on protecting immigrants and their families, demanding media and national discourse that calls out racist, hateful messaging and advocating vigorously against proposed draconian measures that violate the rule of law, civil and human rights.



**Thank you
to our team
of interns!**

NNIRR wants to send a shout out of appreciation to our wonderful interns who spent a productive summer churning out research, substantive analysis and lots of laughter.



**NNIRR
around the
world**

NNIRR in Dhaka, Bangladesh this December, for the People's Global Action & Global Forum on Migration & Development.

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We will be sending an "Open Letter to President Donald Trump and Members of Congress" by inauguration day 2017 and we will broadly invite individuals and organizations to join us as co-signatories to a call for a fair and just immigration agenda.

Here are some key positions and activities for 2017:

- **Organize and support the defense and protection of immigrants and refugees from deportation, detention, harassment, discrimination and exclusion:**
 - o Work in coalition to oppose the dismantling of Obama DACA program; defend and protect DACA recipients from deportation.
 - o Oppose any form of a "Muslim registry".
 - o Enhance NNIRR's Just Borders initiative to challenge increased enforcement; the expansion of the border wall; denial of due process for border crossers; detention of refugees and asylum seekers; and expedited removal. Continue to call for Border Patrol accountability; strict guidelines on use of force; and opposition to racial profiling.
 - o Continue to work in coalition to end detention and to block expansion of detention; construction of new detention centers; and contracts with the private prison industry. Continue to call for release of families in detention.
 - o Oppose mass deportation of 2-3 million "criminal" immigrants as called for by President-elect Trump.
 - o Engage members of Congress to support defense of immigrant rights, challenge increased and punitive enforcement measures, ensure due process is accessible and applied and protect immigrants from being placed in detention centers and deported.
- **Provide space and support for immigrant rights movement organizing and capacity building:** provide consistent information sharing, opportunities for input, strategizing and planning through regular conference calls and online discussion platforms; build the cohesion and activism of NNIRR members, including many new members who have followed the November 2016 elections; refine and popularize education and training materials through BRIDGE and advocacy toolkits.
- **Strengthen role and participation in broader alliances and coalitions:** work with allies in labor, faith, women's and environmental, racial, criminal and health justice arenas; collaborate on key intersectional issues like access to health care, racial justice, environmental protection and addressing climate change.
- **Push back on the racist and xenophobic narrative of division, distrust and hate:** update and expand BRIDGE, NNIRR's popular education resource and play an active role in global civil society's campaign to challenge racism and xenophobia, including advocacy within the UN initiative.
- **Advocate nationally and internationally for the human rights of all migrants and refugees:** promote the global effort to advocate for human rights at international borders; actively support collaboration in the Global Coalition on Migration and the Women in Migration Network; promote a strong human rights perspective in the development of the new UN Global Compact on Migration.

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- o Check out Elephant Revival's video "When I Fall". The band is donating proceeds from the video downloads to our work. Go to **When I Fall**
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