



## national network for immigrant and refugee rights

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**LIST OF NATIONAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES IN RECOGNITION OF INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY  
December 18<sup>th</sup> 2008**

### ARIZONA

**TUCSON**

Organization/s	Coalición de Derechos Humanos
Contact Person	Kat Rodriguez
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Date & Time	Wednesday, December 10 11:00am
Location	El Tiradito Shrine, Tucson
Description of Event/Action	Workers from the "Panda Express 11" and community allies will meet with the office of Congressman Raúl Grijalva to ask for his support in their call for respect for the basic right to work and ask AZ's Congressional delegation to support a call for an immediate halt to the growing criminalization of immigrants and migrants.

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Date & Time	Thursday, December 18 6:30pm
Location	Southside Presbyterian Church, Tucson
Description of Event/Action	Community screening of Children in No Man's Land. Features a discussion with the filmmaker, Anayansi Prado and members of local community organizations. Proceeds will benefit Derechos Humanos, Samaritans, BorderLinks, and No More Deaths.

Organization/s	Humane Borders/Fronteras Compasivas
Contact Person	Rev. Robin Hoover, Ph.D.
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Date & Time	
Location	740 E. Speedway, Tucson
Description of Event/Action	Humane Borders is hosting Dr. Soberanes, the President of Mexico's National Human Rights Commission, to dedicate a water station in the desert in his honor, accompanied by local politicians.

### CALIFORNIA

**LOS ANGELES**

Organization/s	Southern California Immigration Coalition
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Date & Time	Wednesday, December 10 5:00pm
Location	Placita Olvera Church 535 N. Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
Description of Event/Action	Rally and candle-light vigil to stop the ICE raids.

**OAKLAND**

Organization/s	National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (NNIRR), Migrants Rights International (MRI), Bay Area Immigrant Rights Coalition (BAIRC)  Endorsed by American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) Pacific Mountain Region, Black Alliance for Just Immigration (BAJI), East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy (EBASE), Filipinos for Affirmative Action (FAA), Priority African Network (PAN), St. Peter's Housing Committee, Transnational Institute for Grassroots Research & Action (TIGRA)
Contact Person	Colin Rajah
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Date & Time	Thursday, December 18 5:30pm - 9:00pm Feature films: "Children in No Mans Land" and "La Americana"
Location	Laney College Theatre 900 Fallon St. (by Lake Merritt BART) Oakland, CA 94607
Description of Event/Action	Immigrant Rights Film Festival Screening of two award-winning films; "Children in No Man's Land" and La Americana" A benefit for Migrants Rights International Food/drinks provided

**SAN FRANCISCO**

Organization/s	San Francisco Immigrant Rights Defense Committee
Contact Person	Evelyn Sanchez (Bay Area Immigrant Rights Coalition)
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Date & Time	Thursday, December 18 12:00 noon
Location	City Hall, San Francisco
Description of Event/Action	Rally for Equality and Dignity for all San Franciscans. The San Francisco Immigrant Rights Defense Committee commemorates International Migrants Day by unveiling a platform - already endorsed by several members of the Board of Supervisors - with specific policy recommendations on Immigration Raids, Traffic Check Points, Immigrant Youth in the Juvenile System, the Municipal Identification program, and funding for essential services for youth and immigrants.

**SAN PABLO**

Organization/s	San Pablo Mayor's Office, Black Alliance for Just Immigration (BAJI)
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Date & Time	Thursday, December 18 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Location	City of San Pablo Council Chambers 13831 San Pablo Avenue (@Church Lane)
Description of Event/Action	Screening of "The Visitor"

**VISALIA**

Organization/s	American Friends Service Committee
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Date & Time	Thursday, December 18 5:30pm
Location	Acequia Street Post Office, Visalia
Description of Event/Action	Candlelight vigil

## ILLINOIS

### CHICAGO

Organization/s	Coalition of African, Arab, Asian, European and Latino Immigrants of Illinois (CAAELII)
Contact Person	Francisco Ramos
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Date & Time	Thursday, December 18 6:00pm - 10:00pm
Location	CAAELII 4300 N. Hermitage Ave., Chicago
Description of Event/Action	Local Artists Holiday Market, cultural performances, Immigrant Rights statement, preparation for actions on January 21st in downtown Chicago, and on May Day 2009.

## MARYLAND

### BALTIMORE

Organization/s	American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) Mid-Atlantic Region
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Date & Time	Wednesday, December 10 onwards
Location	online
Description of Event/Action	Somali Bantu Refugees Speak: Digital Stories on War and Resettlement in Baltimore  Somali Bantu Refugees living in Baltimore create digital stories combining narration, original art, music and images to share intimate stories about struggles related to their forced migration out of Somalia and resettlement in the United States. The stories are written and produced in English and Maay Maay by five young Somali-Bantu refugees with the support of Project Voice, the immigrant/refugee rights program of the AFSC in the Mid-Atlantic Region. Online premier on December 10, 2008.

## NEW JERSEY

### BRIDGETON

Organization/s	CATA (Farmworker Support Committee)
Contact Person	
Contact Phone	856-881-2507
Contact Email	
Date & Time	Friday, December 19 6:00pm
Location	66 Atlantic St. Bridgeton, NJ 08302
Description of Event/Action	CATA Celebration and Fundraiser to achieve a place where the immigrant community will feel safe and confident, a place where they can build skills and knowledge, a place where they can discuss what is going on in the community and how to resolve situations. Also includes raffles and food.

## NEW YORK

### **NEW YORK CITY**

Organization/s	United Methodist Women
Contact Person	Carol Barton
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Date & Time	Saturday, December 13 10:00am - 12:00n
Location	US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Varick Federal Detention Facility 201 Varick Street New York City
Description of Event/Action	Faith-based vigil at ICE Detention Center calling for an end to ICE Raids, Detentions, and Deportations.

Organization/s	United Nations
Contact Person	Sarah Rosengaertner
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Contact Email	rosengaertner@un.org
Date & Time	Thursday, December 18 10:00am - 1:00pm
Location	United Nations Headquarters Conference Room 8
Description of Event/Action	Panel discussion: The human rights of migrants: Facilitating migrants' participation in national and international affairs

## OREGON

### **PORTLAND**

Organization/s	Committee of Solidarity and Mutual Support (CSAM), American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), VOZ Worker Rights Education Project, Oregon New Sanctuary Movement (ONSM)
Contact Person	
Contact Phone	VOZ: 503-233-6787 AFSC: 503-230-9427
Contact Email	
Date & Time	Thursday, December 18 7:00pm
Location	St. Francis Dining Hall 330 SE 11 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Portland, OR 97214
Description of Event/Action	Panel of immigrants sharing dreams, struggles, challenges faced in the U.S., music, regional dances, traditional Mexican & Guatemalan food.

## TEXAS

### **AUSTIN**

Organization/s	Austin Immigrant Rights Coalition
Contact Person	Caroline Keating-Guerra
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Date & Time	Thursday, December 18
Location	Austin
Description of Event/Action	Coalition general meeting for raids preparedness, getting ICE out of county jail, 2009 Texas Legislative Session, launch of local welcoming initiative, and International Migrants Day activity

## WASHINGTON

### SEATTLE

Organization/s	El Comité Pro-Reforma Migratoria y Justicia Social
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Date & Time	Thursday, December 18 10:00am
Location	611 20th Ave S. Seattle, WA 98144
Description of Event/Action	Press conference, presentation of "First 100 days" letter and launching of series of actions leading up to May 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2009.

## WISCONSIN

### MADISON

Organization/s	Union of Immigrant Workers (IWU)
Contact Person	
Contact Phone	866-4760-UTI (884)
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Date & Time	Saturday, December 13 6:30pm - 2:00am
Location	2705 W. Beltline, Madison
Description of Event/Action	IWU Benefit & Pre-Posada. Community and family event celebrating end of year, featuring homemade pozole, tamales, tostadas, ponche etc.