

National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights in 2013



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**Human rights
for all!**
End detentions,
deportations,
and border
militarization!



Principles for Immigration Reform

- A legalization program for all undocumented immigrants that is inclusive, fair, and safe, without obstacles, undue burdens and lengthy waiting periods.
- A speedy resolution to the backlog of pending family visas, a cornerstone of our immigration policy.
- Access to health services and insurance, education, nutrition assistance, and working family tax credits for ALL immigrants.
- Restoration and preservation of due process rights, regardless of immigration or citizenship status.
- An end to the Criminal Alien Program, Secure Communities and 287(g), as well as fast-track deportations and mandatory detention.
- The rollback of border enforcement policies and programs that have created a militarized environment, human rights violations of citizens and non-citizens, and an escalation of migrant deaths.
- Full labor protections, regardless of immigration or citizenship status, and an end to employment verification programs that undermine worker rights and increase employment vulnerability.
- Support for human rights, sustainable development programs and fair trade policies to contribute to building viable and healthy economies and communities abroad.

Immigration reform stalls in Congress...

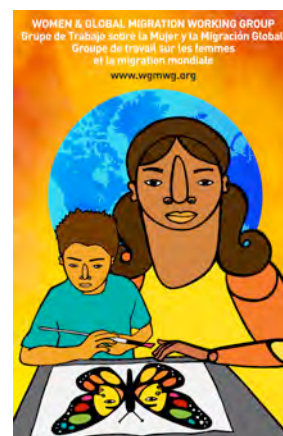
Hopes were high at the beginning of the year that meaningful immigration reform would move forward in Congress despite expected hostility from conservatives. Expectations fell rapidly, however, as Senate negotiators agreed on a reform package well below standards for fairness and relying heavily on a continuation of punitive enforcement. Passage was secured with the addition of a \$46 billion “border surge” amendment.

NNIRR and other human rights and grassroots-oriented groups have steadily raised demands for a suspension of detentions and record-level deportations, and a rollback of border militarization—with increased pressure on the Obama Administration to take greater responsibility to bring relief to immigrant communities.



NNIRR staff and interns
celebrate International
Migrants Day on Dec. 18

Onward to a dynamic and
justice-filled 2014!



We value our
participation in groups
like the Women and
Global Migration Working
Group, and the Food
Justice and Immigration
Project, where we can
collaborate to break new
ground and forge
stronger alliances.



PGA 2013
 People, Power,
 Communities:



Building Bridges
 for Migrant,
 Labour &
 Human Rights



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In 2013, the drive for international migrants' rights "came home" in the form of the UN High Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development, held in New York in October. NNIRR and national and global partners worked intensely throughout the year in preparatory events and organizing efforts to strengthen participation and advocacy at the UN for migrant and labor rights. Over 500 people from around the world also participated in the parallel People's Global Action on Migration, Development and Human Rights (PGA)—including a week-long conference, site visits to local immigrant communities, and a labor-community march across the Brooklyn Bridge.

Left, at year's end, the Steering Committee of the Global Coalition on Migration meets in Bangkok to assess the year's events and strategize on priority issues and activities.