

World Refugee Day 2025: Top Five Ways to Take Action



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June 20th is World Refugee Day, an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the courage and resilience of those around the world who have been forced to flee their homes and seek safety from conflict and persecution. Despite multiple court orders, the Trump administration's indefinite refugee ban and funding freeze [remain in place](#). Tens of thousands of approved refugees have been stranded overseas in increasingly dangerous conditions. The time to act is now. Here are **the top 5 ways** you can take action this World Refugee Day to defend refuge and stand with those who have rebuilt new lives in the U.S.

1. Organize a Local World Refugee Day Event in Your Community

World Refugee Day is a great opportunity to grow relationships with neighbors and build understanding about the refugees and formerly displaced people in your community. Here are some ideas!

- Organize a refugee community potluck or soccer tournament and invite local officials and neighbors to attend. Share food and connect with community members. Log your event in the We Are All America [World Refugee Day map](#).
- Work with interfaith groups to host an interfaith vigil in solidarity with refugees. Consider coordinating the event with faith leaders, refugee leaders, refugee resettlement agencies, immigrant rights groups, and community members. See steps to planning an event [here](#).
- Share safety and [Know Your Rights](#) resources for those who may be concerned about the administration's increasingly indiscriminate enforcement actions.

2. Contact your members of Congress and urge them to stand for refugees and the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program

Congress continues to play a critical role in oversight, legislation, and funding to protect humanitarian pathways. Click [here](#) to easily contact your two Senators and one Representative and urge them to stand for their refugee constituents and support refugees and newcomers.

3. Stay informed and sign up to join a community of individuals mobilizing for refugee resettlement and humanitarian protection.

[Sign up](#) to join thousands of others across the country mobilizing in response to specific Trump administration actions targeting refugees and newcomers. When joining the list, you'll be notified of specific opportunities to take action and raise your voice. Stay informed by [subscribing](#) to CWS daily State of Play newsletter, which highlights the latest major policy updates and opportunities to take action.

4. Meet with state and local elected leaders and encourage a local World Refugee Day resolution.

Mobilize or organize a team of leaders and allies to attend a City Council meeting. Use the moment to introduce yourselves and share why World Refugee Day is an important day for your group. See [here](#) for tools to get involved at the state and local level, including a sample [State/Local World Refugee Day Resolution](#) to adapt and ask your state and local elected officials to introduce or join.

5. Amplify on social media

Promote World Refugee Day through social media posts, photos and videos or post supportive messages on your social media using #WithRefugees, #RefugeeDay, #WorldRefugeeDay. Find sample posts [here](#).

2025 World Refugee Day Resources

Find CWS and partner resources for World Refugee Day below, regularly updated as we get closer to the day.

1. World Refugee Day toolkits and messaging guidance

- [Updated Policy Asks and Messaging Guidance](#)
- [Subscribe to CWS State of Play Newsletter](#)
- RCUSA [FY 2026 Appropriations Asks](#) and [Talking Points](#)

2. Faith Community Resources

- [Ecumenical Declaration: Defend Refuge](#)

3. Resources for state and local advocacy

- [Look up your elected officials](#)
- [Sample state/local World Refugee Day Resolution/Proclamation](#)

4. Resources for contacting your members of Congress

- [Action Alert: This World Refugee Day, Urge Congress to Defend Refuge](#)
- [RCUSA Action Center](#)
- [CWS Recess Advocacy Guide](#)

5. Resources for holding World Refugee Day events

- Add your event on the [World Refugee Day map](#) and see what others are doing nationwide.