ISSI 2017 refugee and human rights resource list

General refugee resources

Online materials

1. Blog about Bhutanese Students (NYC based)
2. Bhutanese Refugee Camp (Video 1, Video 2)
3. Bridging Refugee Youth and Children’s Services (BRYCS): National organization that provides information and previously provided technical assistance for refugee resettlement
   a. Refugee Children in US Schools Toolkit
      i. Birthdates of Refugee Children & Impact on Grade Placement
      ii. Schools and Refugee Serving Agencies: To Start or Strengthen Collaborations
      iii. Refugee Child Welfare: Guidance for Schools
      iv. Federal Requirements to Provide Interpretation/Translation in the School
   b. Interviewing Refugee & Immigrant Children and Families
   c. Effective Use of Interpreters for School Staff International Student and Family Services
   d. Cultural Exchange Activity
   e. Challenges & Strengths of Refugee Students BRYCS
   f. Bridging Cultures in Our Schools: Involving Parents of Refugee Children
4. Making the Difference (Blair & Bourne)
5. A Resource Guide for Educating Refugee Children and Youth in New York State (State Education Department)
6. Education & Refugee Students in Washington State (nonprofit assistance center)
7. Working with Refugee Students in Classrooms (Kevin Roxas)
8. Refugee Children with Low Literacy Skills or Interrupted Education: Identifying Challenges and Strategies (Dr. Dina Birman)
9. Educational Needs and Barriers for African Refugee Students in Manitoba Kanu
10. Adult Learning & Retention (Center for Applied Linguistics)
11. ESL Learners in the Workplace (Spring Institute)
12. Beyond Citizenship: True Stories for the Civics Class Silver (Margaret Silver)
13. Preparing Limited English Proficient Adults for the Workplace (Allene Grognet)

14. Integrating Language, Employment, & Culture (Shirley Brod)

15. ABC's for Tutors: Teaching Tips (Shirley Brod)

16. Building Collaborations between Parents & Schools of ELLs (NCRES

17. Center for Applied Linguistics (CAL): A national clearinghouse for information about English language learners, immigrants, and refugees, focused on education

18. International Organization for Migration (IOM): Leading international organization for migration committed to the idea that humane and orderly migration benefits migrants and society; collaborates with international partners to assist in meeting the growing operational challenges of migration management; advances understanding of migration issues; encourages social and economic development through migration; and upholds the human dignity and well-being of migrants

19. Low Educated Second Language & Literacy Acquisition for Adults (LESLLA). An international forum of researchers who share an interest in research on the development of second language skills by adult immigrants with little or no schooling prior to entering the country of entry

20. Migration Policy Institute: Info on what the government and society are doing and saying about immigrants

21. Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR): A federal division of Department of Health and Human Services, Administration of Children & Family Services that provides statistics on refugee resettlement by year, nationality, and state

22. Organizations that officially resettle refugees through the ORR:
   a. Church World Service (CWS)
   b. Ethiopian Community Development Council (ECDC)
   c. Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM)
   d. Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS)
   e. International Rescue Committee (IRC)
   f. US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI)
   g. Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services (LIRS)
   h. World Relief Corporation (WR)
   i. United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)

23. Refugee Council USA (RCUSA): Basic information on refugee resettlement, including funding and public assistance.

24. Spring Institute for Intercultural Learning (SIIL): Empowers people & organizations to succeed across languages and cultures through a host of resettlement, educational, and advocacy programs in the state of Colorado
25. Refugees Magazine (UNHCR)

26. UNHCR
   a. Populations of Concern
   b. Through the Eyes of a Child: Refugee Children Speak about Violence
   c. Mali Situation Updates
   d. Iraq Bleeds
   e. Huge Country, Problems, Potential: DR Congo
   f. Frequently Asked Questions about Resettlement
   g. Refugee or Migrant: Why it Matters
   h. Supporting Next Steps in Integration Initiatives
   i. Safe Schools and Learning Environment
   j. Refugee Education: A Global Review

27. A Cultural-Ecological Theory of School: Performance with Some Implications for Education (Ogbu & Simons)


29. Building a Pathway to the Future: Maximizing High School Guidance and Advisory Support (Fazekas & Warren)

30. From Aspirations to Action: Increasing Postsecondary Readiness for Underrepresented Students Assessment Considerations

31. Language Instruction Educational Programs (LIEPs): A Review of the Foundational Literature (Faulkner-Bond)

32. Elderly Refugees and Language Learning (Allene Grognet)

33. Helping Immigrant & Refugee Students Succeed (Kugler and Price, Center for Health and Health Care in Schools)

34. The Immigrant Women’s Health Stories Project (Spring Institute)

35. Immigrant Children and Youth: Enabling their Success at School (UCLA School of Mental Health)

36. Bureau of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance

37. Midtown Utica Community Center. IDT student project. Check out the website, the Facebook page, Instagram, and Twitter

38. Refugees Starting Over in Utica, NY. An information hub by, for, and about resettled refugees in Utica, NY. Including a video and other materials on the award-winning (SUNY CUAD best of awards)
39. **Getting to Know Refugees** *(TEDx Utica)*

40. **Starting Over: Bhutanese Refugees in Utica, NY**

41. **American and Refugee Students for Closer Connection.** Join the group for news about culture, refugees, diversity, etc.

42. **Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees.** Especially interesting is the populations tab that has a table of all the groups and when they arrived.

43. **Refugee Artists of Utica**

44. **Safe Haven** *(David Haines)*

45. **Unbecoming Citizens** *(about Bhutanese-Nepali history)* *(Michael Hutt)*

46. **Faces of the Mohawk Valley** *(Brigitta Field, MVCC)*

47. **The Middle of Everywhere** *(Mary Pipher)*

48. **What is the What?** *(Dave Eggers)*

49. **Liza Paudel’s web project** features six Bhutanese women from Utica

50. **Marisa Wong’s in-progress video project** "Refuge" is about refugees in Utica, especially [this one of the Don Dancers at Karen New Year 2015](#).

51. **The Town that Loves Refugees.** Refugees Magazine, 2005 *(UNHCR)*

52. **State of the Re-Union.** Radio program about Utica

53. **Somali-Bantu: Struggling to start over: Human Rights Challenges for Somali Bantu Refugees in the United States**

54. News *(NY Times, Syracuse Times, NPR, etc.)*
   a. **A New Life for Refugees, and the City they Adopted** *(Susan Hartman, NY Times)*
   b. **Looking to Prosper as a Melting Pot; Utica, Long in Decline, Welcomes an Influx of Refugees**
   c. **New York State Accuses Utica School District of Bias Against Refugees**
   d. **Advocates Sue New York School District, Claiming Weak Programs for Refugees**
   e. **Refugee students banned from high school**
   f. **Utica, NY draws immigrant population** *(NPR)*
   g. **Refugees spur urban renewal**

55. **Finding home: A former refugee’s experience in Utica** *(Karen). Colgate University geography class project.*
56. Refugee Project. A collaborative/collective documentary project about the daily lives of refugee families in Upstate New York, documenting the daily practices, rituals, and cultural events of refugee communities

57. Convention on the Rights of the Child (UN)

58. UN Sustainable Development Goals

59. Universal Declaration of Human Rights

60. The Displaced Video

61. Clouds Over Sidra Video

62. United Nations High Commissioner on Refugees

63. PBS Point of View Video on Syrian Refugees: “Dayla’s Other Country”

64. Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights

Books


Resources for teaching and curriculum development

1. Cornell's Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies Lending Library
2. Teaching Tolerance
3. Facing History and Ourselves
4. Share My Lesson
5. Larry Ferlazzo's Blog for Teaching ELL, ESL, & EFL
6. The Pulitzer Center
7. Smithsonian Magazine

Burma and Karen refugee resources

1. SEAP Lending Library Burma-Karen Resource List (June 2017)

2. Website about Burmese Refugees in USA (includes videos, stories, images, and fact sheets)


11. "Refugees Say N.Y. School District Blocked Them From Going To High School." NPR, Updated March 2, 2016 12:10 PM ET; Published March 1, 2016 4:35 PM ET


14. What Teachers should know about refugees students from Burma,” by Ithaca Asian Girls on the Move (Part 1, Part 2)


16. *Refugees from Burma: Their Backgrounds and Refugee Experiences* from the Center for Applied Linguistics

*indicates resource available in SEAP’s Lending Library