



# International and Multicultural Issues

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## Human Rights

### The Advocacy Project

A nonprofit organization to serve the needs of civil society, particularly community based advocates for peace and human rights. The mission is to strengthen, support, and empower advocates who work at the community level for social justice.

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### Africare Inc.

Organization dedicated to improving the quality of life in rural Africa by developing water resources, increasing food production, health services and refugee assistance.

440 R St. NW, Washington, DC 20001.

(202) 462-3614, Web : [www.africare.org](http://www.africare.org)

### Amnesty International

A worldwide, independent movement to free all prisoners of conscience; ensure fair and prompt trials for political prisoners; abolish the death penalty, torture, and other cruel treatment of prisoners; and end extrajudicial executions and "disappearances."

600 Pennsylvania Ave. SE, 5th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20003

(202) 544-0200, 1-866-A-REGION, Email: [aiusama@aiusa.org](mailto:aiusama@aiusa.org)

### DC Peace and Economic Justice Program/American Friends Service Committee

The mission of the AFSC-MAR/DC Peace and Economic Justice Program is to bring together people to build a community where peace and social and economic justice prevail. They use the strengths of a Quaker base to listen to all voices, to diminish violence and to help create a community where each person's potential can be fully realized.

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### Human Rights Watch (HRW)

This organization conducts regular, systematic investigations of human rights abuses in around 70 countries, including: the human rights of refugees and displaced persons. Their goal is to defend the freedom of thought and expression, due process, and equal protection of the law.

1522 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005

E-mail: [hrwdc@hrw.org](mailto:hrwdc@hrw.org), Web: [www.hrw.org](http://www.hrw.org).

### **The Foundation for International Community Assistance (FINCA)**

The mission is to support the economic and human development of families trapped in severe poverty. To do this, FINCA creates 'village banks': peer groups of 10 to 50 members, predominantly women.

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(202) 682-1510, Email: [volunteers@villagebanking.org](mailto:volunteers@villagebanking.org), Web: [www.villagebanking.org](http://www.villagebanking.org)

### **Oxfam America**

Oxfam America is a non-profit organization that works to end global poverty through saving lives, strengthening communities and campaigning for change. They are an affiliate of Oxfam International.

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(202) 496-1180, Email: [internsandvolunteers@oxfamamerica.org](mailto:internsandvolunteers@oxfamamerica.org), Web: [www.oxfamamerica.org](http://www.oxfamamerica.org)

### **Partners of the Americas**

The Partners of the Americas works together as citizen volunteers from Latin America, the Caribbean and the United States to improve the lives of people across the hemisphere on issues of agriculture, governance, gender equality, and youth.

1424 K Street, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20005

(202) 628-3300, Email: [info@partners.net](mailto:info@partners.net)

Micheal Sajre, (202) 637-6225

## **Refugee and Immigrant Services**

### **CAIR Coalition**

Capital Area Immigrants' Rights (CAIR) Coalition is the only non-profit organization based in the DC area dedicated exclusively to assisting detained immigrants. Immigrants with no previous criminal record are being held in prisons without the right to an attorney, sometimes unable to communicate, mixed in with the general criminal population. CAIR offers two main services to help both documented and undocumented detained immigrants. The first is jail visits; the coalition meets with the individual detainees to obtain further information about their case, and if help can be offered, meetings for volunteers are set up. The second is the detention hotline, a free hotline for immigrants to use to access the outside world. Volunteers on the hotline can provide legal information and case updates to those detained.

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For more information about jail visits, please contact Emma Epstein at: [emma.epstein@caircoalition.org](mailto:emma.epstein@caircoalition.org)

For more information about the detention hotline, please contact Alli Van Beek: [alli.vanbeek@caircoalition.org](mailto:alli.vanbeek@caircoalition.org)

### **Central American Resource Center**

A community-based organization which offers legal, educational, housing, citizenship and civic participation programs to the Central American community.

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202-328-9799, Email: Ana Negoescu, x16 [anegoescu@carecendc.org](mailto:anegoescu@carecendc.org) Web: [www.carecendc.org](http://www.carecendc.org)

### **Ethiopian Community Development Council, Inc. (ECDC)**

ECDC is a nonprofit agency providing cultural, educational, and socio economic development programs in the immigrant and refugee community. ECDC resettles refugees from around the world (predominantly from Africa) through a network of community-based affiliates. They have a variety of programs including HIV education and prevention programs, breast cancer awareness, domestic violence prevention, employment assistance, a youth tobacco prevention project, financial services and small-business loans.

901 S. Highland St., Arlington, VA 22204.

(703) 685-0510, E-mail: [ecdc@erols.com](mailto:ecdc@erols.com), Web: [www.ecdcinternational.org](http://www.ecdcinternational.org)

### **Immigration and Refugee Services of America (IRSA)**

Organization provides refugee resettlement, immigration counseling, and other supportive services meant to ease the burden of transition both for the newcomers and the communities receiving them. Agencies provide asylum representation and advocate on behalf of the rights of immigrants and refugees.

1717 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036.

(202) 797-2105, E-mail: [irsa@irsa-uscr.org](mailto:irsa@irsa-uscr.org) Web: [www.irsa-uscr.org](http://www.irsa-uscr.org).

Francis Connell, (703) 685-0510 x209

### **International Rescue Committee (IRC)**

Assists over 1,500 refugees and asylees annually; people who are victims of persecution, have been uprooted by war and violence, or have been displaced within their own countries and seek repatriation or resettlement in third countries. In emergencies, provides medical services, food, and life-saving public health and sanitation assistance. When crisis has stabilized, establishes training and education programs, along with income generating and self-reliance projects to help refugees cope with life in exile.

The IRC's Public Health Program, located adjacent to the Silver Spring Metro station, provides physical and mental health services to the IRC's beneficiaries. Most refugees have experienced harsh conditions and traumatic experiences, with access to little or no medical care during the years before resettlement. As such, the Public Health Program offers a variety of programming in public health awareness, access, and advocacy. They hope to find volunteers to assist with research of local health options, design curricula for and facilitate health promotion workshops, mentor refugee clients with specific health concerns, to translate/interpret, or to help compile educational materials or first aid kits, etc.

1730 M St NW, Washington, DC 20036. (202) 822-0043

8700 Georgia Avenue Suite 500, Silver Spring, MD 20910. (301) 562-8633

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### **Just Neighbors**

The mission of Just Neighbors is to provide immigration legal services to low-income immigrants and refugees of all faiths and nationalities through our offices in Northern Virginia. The team of attorneys, staff and committed volunteers offers hope and help as immigrants seek to navigate the current immigration system and access benefits that will enable them to become more contributing members of society. Through community outreach efforts and volunteer programs, Just Neighbors fosters mutual understanding between immigrants and the larger community in which they live.

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(703) 979-1240, Web: [www.justneighbors.org](http://www.justneighbors.org)

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NE DC, just across the Catholic University/Brookland metro stop

Noelle Berner, 717-439-4269, Email: [maryhousevolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:maryhousevolunteers@gmail.com)

### **Refugee Council U.S.A.**

A coalition of U.S. nongovernmental organizations focused on refugee protection. Provides advocacy on issues affecting the protection and rights of refugees and displaced persons in the United States and worldwide.  
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(202) 541-5402/04, E-mail: rcusa2000@aol.com

## **Policy Development and International Awareness**

### **Arlington Academy of Hope (AAH)**

A volunteer, non-profit organization based in the U.S. dedicated to building a foundation for hope in rural Uganda by providing access to quality education and basic healthcare for children in one of the world's poorest countries. Our primary school in Bumwalukani village enrolls more than 300 students in seven grades providing dedicated teachers, individual attention and a supportive learning atmosphere. In three years, it has become the model school for villages in eastern Uganda. Our clinic built in 2006 provides immunizations and basic healthcare to students, their families and the local community. More than 3,000 patients have been cared for since September 2006. Our secondary education program launched in 2007 provides scholarships to AAH and select local students helping them continue their education and reach for their dreams.

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### **Break the Chain Campaign**

Break The Chain Campaign seeks to minimize the effects of human trafficking, modern-day slavery and worker exploitation through comprehensive direct service, research, outreach, advocacy, training and technical assistance. The Campaign is committed to assisting migrant trafficked enslaved and exploited workers through the provision of: 1. Case management services offering access to legal, social, mental health, and medical referrals and assistance and 2. A multicultural center dedicated to providing a safe, supportive, and educational environment for trafficked, enslaved and exploited workers.

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### **Citizens for Global Solutions**

Citizens for Global Solutions is a membership organization working to build political will in the United States to achieve its vision. They do this by educating Americans about their global interdependence, communicating global concerns to public officials, and developing proposals to create, reform, and strengthen international institutions such as the United Nations.

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202-546-3950 x119, Email: [alateef@globalsolutions.org](mailto:alateef@globalsolutions.org), Web: [www.globalsolutions.org](http://www.globalsolutions.org)

### **InterAction**

InterAction is the largest alliance of U.S.-based international development and humanitarian nongovernmental organizations. With more than 160 members operating in every developing country, InterAction works to overcome poverty, exclusion and suffering by advancing social justice and basic dignity for all. InterAction convenes and coordinates its members so in unison, they can influence policy and debate on issues affecting tens of millions of people worldwide and improve their own practices. Students can use this organization to reach a large array of service venues.

1400 16th Street, N.W., Suite 210, Washington, DC 20036

(202) 667-8227, Web: [www.interaction.org](http://www.interaction.org)

### **Institute of Caribbean Studies**

The Institute of Caribbean Studies (ICS) is a non-partisan, non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization established in 1993 dedicated education, advocacy and action on issues that impact on Caribbean “Americans. The purpose of the Institute is to provide a forum for the public and private sector, the non-government organization community, scholars and others interested in promoting a dialogue; and assist in the execution of actions that result from that dialogue.

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(202) 638-0460, Email: [execdirector@icsdc.org](mailto:execdirector@icsdc.org), Web: [www.icsdc.org/](http://www.icsdc.org/)

### **Institute for Policy Studies**

The Institute for Policy Studies (ISP) strengthens social movements with independent research, visionary thinking, and links to the grassroots, scholars and elected officials. ISP empowers people to build healthy and democratic societies in communities, the U.S., and the world. Major areas of work include Global Justice, Peace and Security, Democracy and Fairness, among others.

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### **MAG America**

Together with MAG (Mines Advisory Group), MAG America helps clear the remnants of conflict from some of the world's poorest nations, educate and employ local people, and helps provide solutions for those trapped by poverty and economic devastation through no fault of their own. Operating since 1989 and having worked on a variety of conflict-related projects in around 35 countries, MAG is also co-laureate of the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize, awarded for work with the International Campaign to Ban Landmines.

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### **Meridian International Center**

Meridian International Center is a non-profit institution that promotes international understanding through the exchange of people, ideas and the arts. Meridian offers a wide array of outreach, exchanges, and arts programs. They educate people of all ages about global issues, connect professionals from different countries and enrich the cultural perspective of audiences across the United States and abroad.

1630 Crescent Place, NW, Washington, DC 20009

(202) 667-6800/232-3002, Web: [www.meridian.org](http://www.meridian.org)

## **Women and Gender**

### **Just Associates**

Just Associates is an organization dedicated to promoting participatory, inclusive democracy as a means to advancing justice, peace and human rights from local to global levels. Just Associates does this by strengthening the voice, visibility and organization of women and communities marginalized by class, race, ethnicity, age, and other factors. Just Associates works domestically and internationally.

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**Women for Women International**

Women for Women International mobilizes women to change their lives by bringing a holistic approach to addressing the unique needs of women in conflict and post-conflict environments.

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202.737.7705, E-mail: [general@womenforwomen.org](mailto:general@womenforwomen.org) Web: [www.womenforwomen.org](http://www.womenforwomen.org)

**Women Thrive Worldwide**

Women Thrive Worldwide develops, shapes and advocated for policies that remove unequal income barriers and improve economic opportunities for women living in poverty. They focus on areas of U.S. international assistance and trade policy where they can have the greatest impact on empowering women and reducing poverty

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**Environment****African Wildlife Foundation**

The African Wildlife Foundation (AWF) is the leading international conservation organization focused solely on Africa. AWF believes that protecting Africa's wildlife and wild landscapes is the key to the future prosperity of Africa and its people.

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(202) 939-3333, Email: [africanwildlife@awf.org](mailto:africanwildlife@awf.org) Web: [www.awf.org](http://www.awf.org)

**Amazon Alliance**

The Amazon Alliance works to defend the rights, territories and environment of indigenous and traditional peoples of the Amazon Basin. The Alliance is an initiative born out of the partnership between indigenous and traditional peoples of the Amazon and groups and individuals who share their concerns for the future of the Amazon and its peoples.

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