



# International and Multicultural Issues

## *We Recommend...*

### **CAIR Coalition**

CAIR Coalition brings together community groups, pro bono attorneys, volunteers and immigrants from the District of Columbia, Virginia and Maryland working to ensure that all immigrants are treated with fairness, dignity and respect for their human and civil rights. They are seeking volunteers for jail visits and to serve on the detainee hotline.

**Contact:** (202) 331-3320 / Heidi Altman / [haltman@caircoalition.org](mailto:haltman@caircoalition.org) / [www.caircoalition.org](http://www.caircoalition.org) /  
1612 K Street NW, Suite 204, Washington, DC 20006

### **Lutheran Social Services – Refugee Resettlement & Placement**

Every year, LSS/NCA welcomes hundreds of refugees from around the world to the United States. From the moment a new family arrives at the airport, their staff is at the gate waiting to provide guidance and encouragement. LSS supports clients during this important transition by mobilizing community partners and offering a comprehensive range of services to newcomers. Volunteers can serve as translators, drivers, muscle movers, and mentors.

**Contact:** (202) 723-3000 / [www.lssnca.org](http://www.lssnca.org)  
4406 Georgia Ave NW, Washington, DC 20011

## **Human Rights**

### **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.

**Contact:** (202) 462-3614 / [info@africare.org](mailto:info@africare.org) / [www.africare.org](http://www.africare.org)  
440 R St. NW, Washington, DC 20001

### **Amnesty International**

A worldwide, 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."

**Contact:** (202) 544-0200 / 1-800-AMNESTY / [aiusama@aiusa.org](mailto:aiusama@aiusa.org) / [www.amnestyusa.org](http://www.amnestyusa.org)  
600 Pennsylvania Ave. SE, 5th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20003

### **The Ark Foundation of Africa**

ARK strives to serve all East African children facing a daily struggle to survive. ARK and its program partners provide a range of comprehensive services, including: family counseling, financial support for grandparents caring for orphans and other vulnerable children, health education, nutrition information, food assistance, academic support and job training.

**Contact:** (202) 832-5420 / [info@arkafrica.org](mailto:info@arkafrica.org) / [www.arkafrica.org](http://www.arkafrica.org)  
1002 Maryland Ave NE, Washington DC

### **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.

**Contact:** (202) 544-0324 / [localdc@afsc.org](mailto:localdc@afsc.org) / [www.washingtonpeacecenter.net](http://www.washingtonpeacecenter.net)  
1822 RST NW, First Floor, Washington, DC 20009

### **Guatemalan Human Rights Commission (GHRC)**

GHRC is an active organization strongly committed to solidarity in the international struggle for human rights in Guatemala. GHRC works for systematic change; denouncing torture, forced disappearances, massacres and the role of the international community in human rights violations.

**Contact:** (202) 529-6599 / [ghrc-usa@ghrc-usa.org](mailto:ghrc-usa@ghrc-usa.org) / [www.ghrc-usa.org](http://www.ghrc-usa.org)  
3321 12<sup>th</sup> St NE, Washington DC 20017

### **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.

**Contact:** (202) 612-4321 / [adminjobs@hrw.org](mailto:adminjobs@hrw.org) / [www.hrw.org](http://www.hrw.org)  
1630 Connecticut Ave NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20005

### **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.

**Contact:** (202) 682-1510 / [info@FINCA.org](mailto:info@FINCA.org) / [www.finca.org](http://www.finca.org)  
1110 15<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20005

### **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.

**Contact:** (202) 496-1180 / [internsandvolunteers@oxfamamerica.org](mailto:internsandvolunteers@oxfamamerica.org) / [www.oxfamamerica.org](http://www.oxfamamerica.org)  
1107 17<sup>th</sup> St. NW, #1300, Washington, DC 20036

### **Partners of the Americas**

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.

**Contact:** (202) 628-3300 / [info@partners.net](mailto:info@partners.net) / [www.partners.net](http://www.partners.net)  
1424 K Street, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20005

## **Refugee and Immigrant Services**

### **African Immigrant and Refugee Foundation**

The African Immigrant and Refugee Foundation assists Africans who come to the United States by supporting their cultural, linguistic, employment, and mental health needs through counseling, survival skills training, African cultural awareness education, and cultural competence training for care givers. We are looking for tutors and students interested in helping plan our annual conference, awards ceremony, youth camp, updating our website and designing flyers.

**Contact:** (301) 593-0241  
11350 Baroque Road, Silver Spring, MD, 20901

**Central American Resource Center of Washington, DC (CARECEN)** Interested in helping Central Americans immigrants become U.S. Citizens? This is a great opportunity to learn about the citizenship process, use your Spanish, interact with the

local Central American community and gain experience in a grassroots non-profit. Opportunities include: Impact Evaluation and Voter Outreach: Help CARECEN ensure that all our newest citizens are registered to vote by November! Conduct follow-up surveys to evaluate our services and determine the mid to long-term impacts of naturalization. This is a very flexible opportunity, but requires highly proficient Spanish over the phone. Depending on Spanish level and your availability, you may also have the opportunity to interpret at a USCIS interview. Tutoring Individual applicants: Help individual students ace the naturalization exam by providing individual ESL and/or civics tutoring. Requires a consistent commitment and basic Spanish. Citizenship Program Support: Don't speak Spanish? You can still help support our classes, develop classroom activities, record practice dialogues in English, and conduct outreach and referral research, and support our advocacy efforts!

**Contact:** Rachel Gittinger / 202-328-9799 / [rgittinger@carecencdc.org](mailto:rgittinger@carecencdc.org) / [www.carecencdc.org](http://www.carecencdc.org)  
1460 Columbia Rd. NW Washington DC (Columbia Heights Metro)

### **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. 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.

**Contact:** (703) 685-0510 / [volunteer@ecdcus.org](mailto:volunteer@ecdcus.org) / [www.ecdcinternational.org](http://www.ecdcinternational.org)  
901 South Highland Street, Arlington, VA 22204

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

This 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.

**Contact:** (202) 797-2105 / [irsa@irsa-uscr.org](mailto:irsa@irsa-uscr.org) / [www.refugeesusa.org](http://www.refugeesusa.org)  
1717 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036

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

The IRC's Public Health Program provides physical and mental health services to the IRC's beneficiaries. 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.

**Contact:** (301) 562-8633 / [volunteerDC@theIRC.org](mailto:volunteerDC@theIRC.org)  
8700 Georgia Avenue, Suite 500, Silver Spring, MD 20910

### **Mary House**

Mary House is a local nonprofit organization which works with immigrant and refugee families in the DC area. Mary House is open to all and many of the families are from foreign countries-including El Salvador, Mexico, Guatemala, Columbia, Bosnia, and Iraq. Volunteering would likely entail working with the after school portion of our program. They want someone who could come in at least once or twice a week, for at least 3 months to help by tutoring the children who are kindergarten through 6th grade. All of the children speak English, and are either in a French or Spanish program at their school (Elsie Stokes, located about 10 minutes from the after school location. This is just across the Catholic University/Brookland metro stop). The after school program lasts from 3:00 to about 6:00.

**Contact:** (202) 635-9025 / [casademary@aol.com](mailto:casademary@aol.com) / [www.maryhouse.org](http://www.maryhouse.org)

### **Refugees International**

Refugees International generates lifesaving humanitarian assistance and protection for displaced people around the world and works to end the conditions that create displacement. It offers unpaid internships throughout the year for those seeking work experiences in the humanitarian field. The opportunity exists to gain experience in congressional and governmental, advocacy, communications, development, research, peacekeeping, or a general internship.

**Contact:** (202) 828-0110 / [www.refugeesinternational.org](http://www.refugeesinternational.org) / [ri@refugeesinternational.org](mailto:ri@refugeesinternational.org)  
2001 S Street NW Suite 700 Washington, DC 20009

## Policy Development and International Awareness

### Africa Faith and Justice Network

The Africa Faith and Justice Network (AFJN) advocates for responsible U.S. relations with Africa. AFJN stresses issues of peace building, human rights and social justice that tie directly into Catholic Social Teaching. AFJN advocates for USA policies that will benefit Africa's poor majority, facilitate an end to armed conflict, establish equitable trade and investment with Africa and promote sustainable development.

**Contact:** (202) 817-3670 / [www.afjn.org](http://www.afjn.org)  
3025 4<sup>th</sup> Street NE, Suite 122, Washington, DC 20017  
*(Take the H4 or H2 bus towards Brookland Station to Michigan Av & Franklin St)*

### 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. This organization has a primary school in Bumwalukani that has become the model school for villages in eastern Uganda.

**Contact:** PO Box 7694, Arlington, VA, 22207 / (703) 609-6830 / [info@aahuganda.org](mailto:info@aahuganda.org) / [www.aahuganda.org](http://www.aahuganda.org)

### 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.

**Contact:** (202) 787-5245 / [info@ips-dc.org](mailto:info@ips-dc.org) / [www.btcc.ips-dc.org](http://www.btcc.ips-dc.org)  
1112 16<sup>th</sup> St NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20036

### 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.

**Contact:** (202) 546-3950 / [alateef@globalsolutions.org](mailto:alateef@globalsolutions.org) / [www.globalsolutions.org](http://www.globalsolutions.org)  
420 7<sup>th</sup> St SE, Washington, DC 20003

### Corporate Council on Africa

The Corporate Council on Africa (CCA) works to strengthen and facilitate the commercial relationship between the U.S. and the African continent. CCA works closely with governments, multilateral groups and business to improve the African continent's trade and investment climate, and to raise the profile of Africa in the US business community.

**Contact:** (202) 835-1115 / [cca@africacncl.org](mailto:cca@africacncl.org) / [www.africacncl.org](http://www.africacncl.org)  
1100 17<sup>th</sup> St NW Suite 1000, Washington DC 20036 *(Nearest Metro Station – Farragut North)*

### Debt AIDS Trade Africa (DATA)

DATA is an advocacy organization dedicated to eradicating extreme poverty and AIDS in Africa. The Washington, DC office works with political, media and faith leaders to raise awareness in the U.S. about the toll extreme poverty is taking in Africa and how lives can be saved and communities stabilized.

**Contact:** (202) 639-8010 / [data@data.org](mailto:data@data.org) / [www.data.org](http://www.data.org) / 1400 Eye St NW, Washington DC 20005  
*(Nearest Metro Station – Farragut North)*

### Global Youth Partnership for Africa (GYPA)

GYPA is dedicated to fostering understanding, appreciation, and respect between young American and African leaders: tomorrow's global decision-makers. The Washington, DC office coordinates cultural exchange programs for American youth to travel to Africa and also directs educational and fundraising campaigns that raise awareness about HIV/AIDS, economic development, post-conflict reconstruction, and the use of sports to achieve social change.

**Contact:** (202) 756-4601 / [info@gypafrica.org](mailto:info@gypafrica.org)  
1101 Pennsylvania Ave, NW Suite 601 Washington, DC 20004

### **InterAction**

InterAction is the largest alliance of U.S.-based international development and humanitarian nongovernmental organizations. InterAction convenes and coordinates its members so they can influence policy and debate on issues affecting millions of people worldwide and improve their practices. Students can reach a large array of service venues.

**Contact:** (202) 667-8227 / [ia@interaction.org](mailto:ia@interaction.org) / [www.interaction.org](http://www.interaction.org)  
1400 16th St. NW, Suite 210, Washington, DC 20036

### **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.

**Contact:** (202) 234-9382 / [www.ips-dc.org](http://www.ips-dc.org)  
1301 Connecticut Ave, NW, Suite 600, Washington DC 20036

### **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.

**Contact:** (202) 293-1908 / [www.maginternational.org](http://www.maginternational.org)  
1776 K Street NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20006

### **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.

**Contact:** (202) 667-6800 / [info@meridian.org](mailto:info@meridian.org) / [www.meridian.org](http://www.meridian.org)  
1630 Crescent Place, NW, Washington, DC 20009

### **Roots of Development**

The mission of Roots of Development is to build long-term, sustainable development. The organization is committed to development, not “dependency.” Its focus is in Haiti. Its three roots are sustainable infrastructure, community businesses, and most importantly strengthening the community’s capacity and skill set.

**Contact:** (202) 466-0805 / [info@rootsofdevelopment.org](mailto:info@rootsofdevelopment.org)  
1325 18<sup>th</sup> St NW, Unit 303, Washington DC 20036

## **Women and Gender**

### **Just Associates (JASS)**

Just Associates is an international feminist organization driven by the partners and initiatives of its regional networks in Mesoamerica, Southern Africa and Southeast Asia. JASS is dedicated to strengthening and mobilizing women’s voice, visibility and collective organizing power to change the norms, institutions and policies that perpetuate inequality and violence, in order to create a just, sustainable world for all. JASS equips activist leaders from all walks of life, promotes and sustains grassroots and local-to-global organizing, maximizes women’s creative use of social media to amplify their visibility, and produces and publishes knowledge from practice.

**Contact:** (202) 232-1211 / [info@justassociates.org](mailto:info@justassociates.org) / [www.justassociates.org](http://www.justassociates.org)  
2040 S St. NW, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Washington, DC 20009

### **Vital Voices**

This NGO’s mission is to identify women leaders and empower them to be strong leaders in their community. The women are provided with resources and training to have the skill set to be advocates of social justice in their communities. Vital Voices is very involved in combatting human trafficking and other violence that affects women.

**Contact:** (202) 861-2625 / [volunteer@vitalvoices.org](mailto:volunteer@vitalvoices.org) / [www.vitalvoices.org](http://www.vitalvoices.org)

1625 Massachusetts Ave NW, Suite 800, Washington D.C 20036

### **Women for Women International**

Women for Women International provides women survivors of war, civil strife and other conflicts with the tools and resources to move from crisis and poverty to stability and self-sufficiency, thereby promoting viable civil societies. Become an ambassador by committing to support women survivors of war by working locally throughout the year to raise funds and awareness for WfWI's programs and the countries in which they work.

**Contact:** (202) 737-7705 / [general@womenforwomen.org](mailto:general@womenforwomen.org) / [www.womenforwomen.org](http://www.womenforwomen.org)  
2000 M Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, D.C 20036

### **Women Thrive Worldwide**

Women Thrive Worldwide advocates for change at the U.S. and global levels so that women and men can share equally in the enjoyment of opportunities, economic prosperity, voice, and freedom from fear and violence. Women Thrive Worldwide grounds their work in the realities of women living in poverty, partners with locally based organizations, and creates powerful coalitions to advance the interests of the women and girls they serve.

**Contact:** (202) 999-4500 / [thrive@womenthrive.org](mailto:thrive@womenthrive.org) / [www.womenthrive.org](http://www.womenthrive.org)  
1875 Connecticut Avenue, NW Suite 405, Washington, D.C 20009

## **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.

**Contact:** (202) 939-3333 / [africanwildlife@awf.org](mailto:africanwildlife@awf.org) / [www.awf.org](http://www.awf.org)  
1400 16<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Suite 120, Washington, D.C. 20036