



International
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New England



IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Today, people relocate and travel internationally more than at any other time in history. Whether while at home or abroad, how we view and understand diverse backgrounds is profoundly influenced by the stories we hear from neighbors, relatives, and colleagues, as well as our own interactions with people from around the world.

Suitcase Stories® provides a unique way for a community to explore migration through the art of storytelling and foster a more welcoming and inclusive environment for newcomers in neighborhoods, schools, and workplaces.

Suitcase Stories invites U.S.- and foreign-born residents to develop and share meaningful personal experiences of migration and cross-cultural exchange with others—from large audiences to small groups—of all ages. All programs are offered in-person or online.

Everyone has a Suitcase story. Unpack stories in your community with IINE.

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Founded in Lowell, Mass. in 1918, the mission of the **International Institute of New England** is create opportunities for refugees and immigrants to succeed through resettlement, education, career advancement and pathways to citizenship.

Suitcase Stories® explores migration through the art of storytelling while amplifying refugee and immigrant voices. All proceeds from Suitcase Stories help fund IINE's mission.



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Suitcase Stories Live—virtual or staged events
Our signature program features professional and emerging storytellers sharing personal stories with audiences of 100+ guests. Storytellers include U.S.- and foreign-born residents from over 75 countries who address themes of belonging, culture, family, resettlement, and more.

Suitcase Stories performances are hosted in partnership with arts organizations, businesses, faith institutions, libraries, NGOs, and schools. Showcases can focus on particular identity groups or topics and feature storytellers of all ages.

Suitcase Stories Unpacked—To help people further "unpack" their personal migration stories and connect with neighbors of diverse backgrounds, IINE offers 'Suitcase Stories Unpacked,' a storytelling workshop series. The program can be offered independently or combined with a graduate showcase, if desired.



"To hear the stories of immigrants at all stages of their assimilation was eye-opening and heartwarming."

— Elizabeth, audience member
Global Arts Live, 2020



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