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IN SCHOOLS

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 offers a unique educational model for students in middle school through college to explore migration through the art of storytelling, be introduced to local refugees and immigrants, and foster a more welcoming and inclusive community. All Suitcase Stories school programs aim to reduce bias and prejudice towards immigrants and refugees and to enhance empathy and understanding.

Invite IINE to unpack Suitcase Stories at your school.

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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.



“Participating in Suitcase Stories was a memorable experience because it was the first time I have shared my story on stage with other refugees and immigrants to make our voices heard, and to be an advocate for the voiceless.”

- Biar Kon, Suitcase Storyteller and former Sudanese refugee

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Suitcase Stories Live—Custom showcases are perfect for school assemblies and campus events. Showcases feature personal migration stories told by diverse voices, which can include a mix of exclusive Suitcase storytellers and/or members of the student body or faculty who receive personalized coaching. Schools have aligned Suitcase Stories with international education events, refugee and immigrant conferences, and other diversity, equity, and inclusion programming.

Suitcase Stories Unpacked—Storytelling is a skill people use throughout their lives. In this interactive workshop, students gain valuable skills in storytelling and public speaking while connecting with peers of diverse backgrounds. Schools have integrated Suitcase Stories Unpacked into existing coursework, as well as offered as an independent event.

Additional Educational Opportunities—Given IINE's experience welcoming and assisting newcomers to the U.S., our expert staff is also available to deliver keynotes, lectures, or other trainings on migration topics such as refugee resettlement, immigrant integration, and workforce development.

Suitcase programs can be delivered in person or online.



“My biggest take-away from the presentation was hearing different people's immigration stories and how the experience impacted them as a whole. Hearing these funny and sad stories helps me have a better understanding.”

- Sara, Westwood High School student



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