

The **Immigration and Border Dialogues Conference** is organized by **Bridges Not Walls**, a group of concerned community members from the South Sound area and beyond who have united in solidarity, and are building a human rights movement in order to realize a sustainable future for all.

This conference examines barriers, real or perceived, that divide our communities. Together we will examine current realities faced by immigrants, explore inclusive approaches to immigration, and create space for the emergence of a more just and humane future.

Participants will leave this conference with specific bridge-building strategies to reclaim our common humanity and build multicultural alliances across age, gender, culture, ethnicity, and legal status with the key-stones of mutual respect and support.

Our program includes presenters from human rights organizations working both regionally and along the US/Mexico border, and includes panel discussions, speakers, workshops, seminars, theater, art, and music.

Panel Topics Include:

- © News from the Border, Border Militarization, How Border Communities are Responding and Immigration as a Human Rights Issue
- © Community Response to Immigration Law Enforcement and Detention Centers, The Experiences of Detainees, and the Dehumanization of Immigrants
- © Arab Muslim Detentions and Community Activism, Potential for Arab-Latino Alliances

Workshops Include:

- © Rev. John Fife, A Founder of the Sanctuary Movement: Lynching in the Desert—The Policy of Death as Deterrence and Humanitarian Aid as an Act of Resistance
- © Rosalinda Guillen and Maria Cuevas of Community to Community: Living in the I.C.E. Age—Women Creating Peaceful Communities
- © Collaborative Workshop with Maru Villalpando of Washington CAN, and Pedro Sosa of the American Friends Service Committee: Know Your Rights with I.C.E Agents, Police, and in the Detention Center.

(workshop will be presented in Spanish)

- © Jennifer Allen of Border Action Network: Upholding Human Rights on the Border, Comprehensive Immigration Reform



Speakers Include:

- © **Rev. Delle McCormick** of BorderLinks: Root Causes of Immigration, The Effects of Immigration on Women, and War on the Border
- © **Rev. Robin Hoover** of Humane Borders: Framework of Faith-Based Groups Working on Migration Policy, Immigration Policy Past and Present, and Mexico- U.S. Relations
- © **Camilo Mejia** of Iraq Veterans Against the War: War Resistance, The Effects of War on Immigrants, and the Dream Act

Performances include:

- © **Thursday, May 15th**

The Mamalogues—Local First- Generation Stories of Migration

© Saturday, May 17th

Pablo Peregrina—Singer/Songwriter from the Tucson/Nogales Border

Rodrigo Duarte Clark—Teatro de la Ezperanza, *La Victima*

Our Presenters Include:

From the Border –

Jennifer Allen, Executive Director, **Border Action Network**

The **Border Action Network** works with immigrant and border communities in southern Arizona to ensure that rights are respected, human dignity upheld, and that our communities are healthy places to live. BAN's long-term goal is to build a national movement that calls for the fulfillment of human rights in this country.

Rev. Robin Hoover, Founder and Executive Director of **Humane Borders**

Rev. Delle McCormick, Executive Director of **BorderLinks**

Rev. John Fife, A Founder of the Sanctuary Movement in the U.S.

Rodrigo Duarte Clark, Director of **Teatro de la Ezperanza**

Pablo Peregrina, Singer/Songwriter from the Tucson/Nogales Border

Valerie James, Artist and Sculptor of Border Art

From the Region –

Rosalinda Guillen, María Cuevas, Rogelio Montez, Community to Community – Comunidad a Comunidad

Community to Community Development is a women-led, place based, grassroots organization working for a just society and healthy communities. They are committed to systemic change and to creating strategic alliances that strengthen local and global movements towards social, economic, and environmental justice.

Pedro Sosa, Project Voice Coordinator for the **American Friends Service Committee's** NW Region

Maru Villalpando, Community Organizer with **Washington CAN**

Shankar Narayan, **Martin Vallen**, **Deena Ledger**, **Hate Free Zone**

Sarah Loose and Dianne Aidde,
New Sanctuary Movement.

Please join us in the dialogue. These issues affect us all. Each presence will contribute to both the content and outcome of this conference. We hope to see you there!

For detailed and updated information, please visit our website listed below.

Please pre-register!

Pre-registration preferred, but registration at the door is also possible. Call, e-mail, or go to our website for a registration form. Childcare provided with pre-registration. Interpretation services will also be available during the conference.

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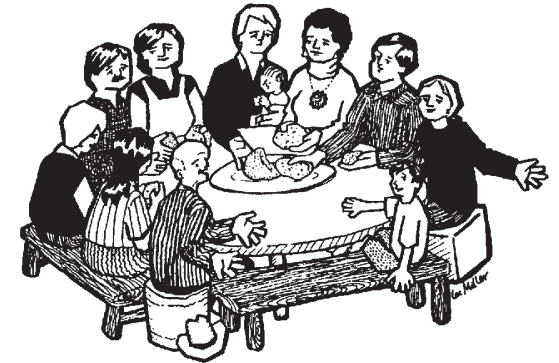
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