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Write, call, email, tweet, or comment on Facebook and Instagram posts
once a week! Message: Refugees Welcome!



REFUGEES WELCOME

LET'S TAKE ACTION



Newcomer.life

Newcomer.life is an exploration through intimate conversations between friends and neighbors of the contributions and experiences of people on the move who improve the overall health, economic well-being and quality of life in our communities.

@NewcomerLife #NewcomerLife
<http://newcomer.life>



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Sharing our arrival stories with each other can have a powerful, life-changing impact.

People who seek refuge in America follow in the traditions of our ancestors, yearning to realize our country's core ideal:

*That equality, liberty, and justice
EXIST FOR ALL.*



Partnership for the
Advancement of
New Americans

Partnership for the Advancement of New Americans is building a local political power base to bring local refugees into San Diego's political, cultural and economic mainstream.

@PANASanDiego #ShowUp4Refugees
[www://panasd.org](http://www.panasd.org)

How can I SHOW UP FOR REFUGEES?

LEARN / READ

RESEARCH books and articles discussing refugees to help expand your understanding of the root causes for resettlement. Visit newcomer.life/bookclub for some of our favorite suggestions.

TALK AND SHARE

HOST a conversation in your own home. Invite friends, family, and colleagues to a conversation in your home to **build awareness** of refugee issues, share the realities of resettlement, hear refugees' personal stories, and offer concrete steps people can take to create a more welcoming environment for newcomer families. **PANA partners will help** you all along the way!

It's also important to be bold and speak up in support of refugees whenever the topic comes up: at dinner parties, family functions, water cooler conversations, and other similar situations.

BE VISIBLE

Become a **WELCOMING home or business**. Display a "Refugees Welcome" window sign, available from PANA.

HIRE REFUGEES

Make a commitment to hire new neighbors. Learn where to advertise and who to talk to so newcomers know yours is a welcoming business. Learn more at <http://newcomer.life/businesses>.

SHOW UP LOCALLY

- **Contact your local elected officials**, regularly—strive for one call, email, letter or tweet a week! and through a variety of platforms
- **Write Letters to the Editor** often—whenever you're moved by an issue!
San Diego Union Tribune: letters@sduniontribune.com
Los Angeles Times: letters@latimes.com
Chula Vista Star: carlos@thestarnews.com
Coast News Group: editor@coastnewsgroup.com
- **Attend** vigils, marches, rallies, meetings with elected representatives, and city council and board of supervisor meetings. Share your own arrival story. PANA supports local advocacy that promotes full inclusion for refugees, and always has current information about where your efforts can be most effectively directed.
- **Volunteer to provide direct services** with our four local resettlement agencies: Alliance for African Assistance, Catholic Charities, International Rescue Committee, and Jewish Family Services. Links to each are at Newcomer.Life.

JOIN PANA!

- Support the efforts of the Partnership for the Advancement of New Americans to advance fact-based policies by following [@PANASanDiego](https://twitter.com/PANASanDiego) on Twitter and Facebook!
- **Support PANA** financially or volunteer with us so we can help more newcomer families and engage in more community education projects like this one!

KEY TALKING POINTS

- **Historical lessons.** In the 1930s, the U.S. was faced with a moral imperative: should we grant safe haven to Jewish refugees fleeing Nazi terror and death camps? We chose wrong then; we can't now.
- **San Diego did choose right.** Unlike national leaders, ours have chosen to welcome refugees for humanitarian reasons, but also because the region benefits from the diversity in culture, businesses, values, and entrepreneurship they share with us.
- **Refugees are people who are forced to leave their home** due to fear of war, persecution, or natural disaster. They first live in camps run by the United Nations. After extensive interviews ("extreme vetting"), those who prove viable fear of persecution are registered as refugees.
- **Vetting.** Biographical information is checked and refugees go through a health screening. Multiple U.S. agencies work together to create a full background check on each applicant.
- **Resettlement.** Each refugee or family is assigned to a local resettlement agency, whose staff meet the refugees at the airport, and help them with basic needs for up to 90 days. Refugees are authorized to work, and are expected to find employment immediately.
- **Long-term commitment.** After one year, refugees are required to apply to become legal permanent residents (green card holders), and after five years, they are eligible to apply for U.S. citizenship.



Anne Frank's family sought refuge in the U.S. but was refused. She died in a concentration camp in 1945.