Suitcase Stories® is a signature program of the International Institute of New England that raises the profile of refugees and immigrants while strengthening community through the art of storytelling. IINE offers a suite of ‘Suitcase’ programming including large mainstage productions, custom showcases, ‘Suitcase Stories Unpacked’ storytelling workshops, and a podcast.

**SUITCASE STORIES IN THE WORKPLACE**

New England’s economy attracts talent from around the world. Immigrants and refugees contribute to New England’s growth and prosperity in every industry from manufacturing to healthcare to technology. Similarly, the locations where businesses operate reflect New England’s increasingly diverse community.

Suitcase Stories® offers businesses a unique approach for exploring migration and cultural issues, connecting with New England’s immigrant population, recognizing workplace diversity, and promoting welcoming and inclusive communities. IINE offers a suite of “Suitcase” custom programming for businesses. See reverse for details.

**ABOUT IINE**

Founded in Lowell, MA, in 1918, the International Institute of New England (IINE) is one of the oldest and largest social service organizations for new Americans in the region. Each year, we serve nearly 2,000 refugee, asylee, and immigrant clients across our three sites in Boston and Lowell, MA, and Manchester, NH.

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**MAKING AN IMPACT:**

“Suitcase Stories is a very compelling and thought-provoking show. An unforgettable experience!”

- Boston audience member
IINE delivers a variety of community education forums from “Lunch and Learn” conversations to formal presentations tailored for small or large audiences. Each presentation features an experienced IINE professional and Suitcase Stories® teller presenting on topics most relevant to a company.

**SUITCASE STORIES SHOWCASE**

Full or modified Suitcase Stories® performances are well suited for worksite trainings or company social events.

Each showcase features a mix of diverse voices that many include exclusively Suitcase tellers or a combination of tellers and immigrant voices from within the company who either participate in a storytelling workshop or receive individual coaching.

**SUITCASE STORIES UNPACKED**

Storytelling is a skill people use throughout their lives, especially in business. In this interactive workshop, employees are introduced to the art of storytelling through the lens of immigration and culture-related stories. The sessions teach employees how to craft compelling stories for any setting, while connecting with colleagues in a meaningful way. Workshops may be combined with a community showcase featuring some of the graduates.

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