

# SUITCASE STORIES



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.

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## SUITCASE STORIES IN SCHOOLS

Suitcase Stories offers a unique educational model for students in middle school through college to explore immigration by listening to lived experiences of people in their community.

By introducing youth to refugees and immigrants, IINE aims to reduce bias and stereotypes and foster welcoming and inclusive communities.

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### 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:

**“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, former Sudanese refugee

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### SUITCASE STORIES SHOWCASE

Suitcase Stories performances are perfect for school assemblies and special campus events. Showcases may feature all Suitcase Stories performers and/or graduates from the “unpacked” workshops or other members of the student body or faculty who are eager to participate.

### SUITCASE STORIES UNPACKED

Storytelling is a skill people use throughout their lives. In this interactive workshop, students are introduced to the art of storytelling through the lens of immigration-related stories. The workshop may be delivered during or outside classroom time as an individual workshop or series.



### MAKING AN IMPACT:

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

- Boston audience member



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