

## What is a Refugee?

Someone who flees their country due to persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution.

## What kind of oppression do refugees face?

Reasons of: race, religion, ethnicity, political view, social view.

## What is the difference between a refugee and an asylee?

Refugees must get approved to come to a third country after going through the United Nations process in the country they fled to.

Asylum status is applied for by those already in the United States (but who will face oppression if they return to their country).

Despite over 25.4 million registered refugees, just over 22,481 have been resettled in the USA in FY 2018. Less than 1% of refugees are resettled permanently in a third country. Worldwide, 52% of refugees are under the age of 18.

Statistics from UNHCR Global Trends Forced Displacement in 2017.

# WORLD

## REFUGEE AWARENESS WEEK

# MILWAUKEE

Come Celebrate  
World Refugee Awareness Week  
at the Westtown Farmers Market  
Know your farmer, know your neighbor!

**JUNE 19TH**  
**10 AM - 2 PM**

**ZEIDLER UNION SQUARE**  
Michigan Ave - Between 3rd and 4th

 [MilwaukeeWorldRefugeeDay](#)

## Performance Schedule

### Sponsor

Wisconsin Department of Children and Families  
Refugee Section

### Milwaukee Refugee Resettlement Agencies

International Institute of Wisconsin  
Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan

### Event Partners

American Red Cross  
Aurora Walker's Point  
Catholic Charities of Milwaukee  
International Institute of Wisconsin  
Lutheran Social Services  
Lynden Sculpture Garden  
Hunger Task Force  
Medical College of Wisconsin  
Milwaukee County Parks Services  
Milwaukee County Transit System  
Neighborhood House of Milwaukee  
River Revitalization Foundation  
Sebastian Family Psychology Practice LLC  
UMOS  
Westown Association

Background Music

Ben York, MC

Bojana Zoric Martinez, WI Refugee Programs Section Chief

Alexander Durtka, Jr. President International Institute of WI

Saw Wee

Dance Academy of Mexico

The Congolese Dance Group

Anwar Sallumi

Brad Campbell

### Performing Groups

#### Saw Wee:

Saw Wee came to the US as a refugee from Burma 8 years ago. He started playing music as an adult and enjoys it because it lets him connect with people across cultures, religions, and languages. While Karen is his first language, today he's going to sing a song in English that he learned in Milwaukee.

#### The Congolese Dance Group

This group is made up of teenage refugees from the Congo.

#### Dance Academy of Mexico:

The Dance Academy of Mexico specializes in the instruction of traditional Mexican folkloric dances from the various states of Mexico as well as pre-Hispanic dances. It was established in Milwaukee to preserve and enhance Mexican traditions, and promote education and diversity through the arts.

#### Anwar Sallumi:

A former refugee from Iraq, leads a Chobi traditional dance that is performed throughout the world by Iraqis, mostly on occasions such as weddings, community parties, and other events. The dance allows unlimited number of participants.