

HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION 2024 FALL CALENDAR

We hope you'll be able to join us for the exciting discussions, events, and workshops planned for the fall.

SEPTEMBER

September 23 at 1 p.m. ET: Human Rights Defender Speaker Series: Pauline Arrillaga

Journalist and Professor Pauline Arrilaga and two students who won the 2024 RFK Human Rights Book and Journalism Grand Prize for their series [America After Roe](#) will speak about their award winning project and what it means to be a journalist who covers human rights issues today. Register [here](#) for the panel and receive accompanying lesson materials.

OCTOBER

Week of October 1: [Water for Life](#) film screening and panel discussion

Join us for a panel discussion about the documentary film [Water for Life](#), featuring Director Will Parrinello. This powerful film focuses on three extraordinary individuals: Berta Cáceres, a leader of the Lenca people in Honduras; Francisco Pineda, a subsistence farmer in El Salvador; and Alberto Curamil, an Indigenous Mapuche leader in Chile, all of whom refused to let government supported industry and transnational corporations take their water and redirect it to mining, hydroelectric projects, or large scale agriculture.

Registration link and accompanying lesson materials to come.

Week of October 21: Human Rights Defender Speaker Series: [ecoRise](#)

An educator and two students from the Austin based educational and environmental justice group [ecoRise](#) will discuss ways schools can get involved in advancing environmental literacy, building sustainable schools, and providing equitable access to green career pathways. The panel will provide actionable steps, lesson materials, and insights that will help students and educators respond to Sustainable Development Goal 13 which focuses on climate action.

Registration link and accompanying lesson materials to come.

NOVEMBER

November 11 at 1 p.m. ET: Human Rights Defender Speaker Series: [Arely Westley](#)

A longtime advocate for immigrant, Latinx, and LGBTQ+ communities, Arely Westley works with numerous organizations in New Orleans to uplift LGBTQ+ youth, stop abuses in ICE detention facilities, and expand access to immigrant support services. Westley was recognized as this year's RFK Human Rights Award for her tireless efforts to combat injustice and speak truth to power. Register [here](#) for the panel and receive accompanying lesson materials.

Week of November 18: [There Are Things to Do](#) film screening and panel discussion

Join us for a panel discussion about the documentary film [There Are Things to Do](#), featuring Director Mike Syers. The film focuses on human rights defender Urvashi Vaid, an outspoken immigrant, lesbian, and woman of color who was a LGBTQ+ leader. She believed in human rights for all people and helped shape the modern day gay rights movement. Her vision for the movement serves as a roadmap of initiatives & tools for generations of activists, particularly as the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender & queer communities currently face backlash against equal rights.

Registration link and accompanying lesson materials to come.

DECEMBER

Week of December 2: [Bread and Roses](#) film screening and panel discussion

Join us for a panel discussion about the documentary film [Bread and Roses](#), featuring Director Sahra Mani. The film offers a powerful window into the seismic impact that the fall of Kabul to the Taliban in 2021 had on women's rights and livelihoods. The film follows three women in real time as they fight to recover their autonomy.

Registration link and accompanying lesson materials to come.

December 9 at 1 p.m. ET: Human Rights Defender Speaker Series: [Flowers for the Future](#)

Timothy Stiven and two students who founded the San Diego based non-profit [Flowers for the Future](#) will speak about their work with Article 26, the right to education. Flowers for the Future is an organization which students founded to help livestream high school classes for those who have lost access to a regular education, such as girls in Afghanistan. They share curriculum, STEM labs, art, and poetry. Register [here](#) for the panel and receive accompanying lesson materials.

For any questions about our fall events or more information about bringing human rights education to your school, reach out to Karen Robinson at robinson@rfkhumanrights.org.