

OCTOBER

Week of October 1: Water for Life film screening and panel discussion

Listen to 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. Fill out the form here for access to watch the documentary, the accompanying education guide, and the link to the pre-recorded panel discussion.

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: <u>Bread and Roses</u> 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.