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WITHOUT PAPERS BUT NOT WITHOUT RIGHTS

Children around the world, regardless of where they're from and why they've left their homes, should be treated the same. Children should feel safe from violence and exploitation. They should be able to stay with their families. They shouldn't have to miss school or not be able to go to the doctor. They shouldn't fear xenophobia or discrimination. They should be able to feel at home – wherever home is.

Children living without documentation are particularly vulnerable to be exposed by violence, abuse and exploitation. But the children are not the problem. Rather, the causes that drive them to cross borders and the short-sighted and inhuman ways that the systems in the destination countries treat them.



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HANNA SCOTT
Skåne City Mission

Many children who sought protection in Sweden 2015 have endured a long migration process that has left them with an unclear future, outside protection and support. Skåne City Mission offers a safe space and hands-on help with food, clothes and with legal advice that empowers and helps these kids navigate through a difficult situation.



SANNA VESTIN
FARR

The Swedish Network of Refugee Support Groups strengthens the rights of asylum by giving information and advice directly to asylum seekers and to groups and individuals supporting them. FARR is a hub for information on policies, court rulings, and individual cases. They spread knowledge and facts to counteract myths and prejudice.



OMID MAHMOUDI
Ensamkommandes förbund

In 2011, Omid Mahmoudi came to Sweden alone and saw that many minors in his situation felt hopelessness and loneliness. He founded Ensamkommandes förbund to create a community for unaccompanied minors, to support each other to find a meaningful life, and to change the debate from being about unaccompanied minors to being *with* them.



MATILDA BRINCK-LARSEN
Agape

Many of the unaccompanied youth seeking refuge in Sweden have had their aged changed by the Migration Agency or have turned 18 during the long asylum process, forcing them out of the welfare system. Agape is the civil society response providing safe shelter, meeting basic needs, and supporting each individual in their daily lives.



ELIOT WIESLANDER
Doctors of the World

Health care should be provided based on needs, not on legal status, but undocumented people are repeatedly denied treatment in Sweden. Doctors of the World runs medical clinics offering free health care to marginalized groups, delivered through voluntary work from doctors, lawyers, dentists, etc. They also influence decision makers to ensure equal right to health care.



LENNI BENSON
Safe Passage Project

Thousands of unaccompanied children make the dangerous journey from Central America to the US seeking safety from violence and poverty. The vast majority qualify for relief, but are unlikely to win their cases without legal representation and therefore risk deportation. Safe Passage Project provides high quality legal representation by trained pro bono attorneys.



JONATHAN RYAN
RAICES

The Trump administration's "zero-tolerance" policy was a continuation of many years of hostile migration policy in efforts to deter migrants and asylum seekers. As the attitudes become harsher, RAICES has intensified their frontline organization to provide free and low-cost legal services to underserved immigrant children, families, and refugees at a large scale in Texas.



JONATHAN JAYES GREEN
Uncublack Network

An estimated 600,000 undocumented black immigrants live in the US. Many feel invisible since Latino voices are the focus of migrants' rights spaces. As a response, the Uncublack Network creates safe spaces for undocumented black immigrants to heal and organize. It works to end the isolation and trauma caused by pervasive targeting, criminalization, and deportation.



NORA PHILLIPS
AI Otro Lado

Every year, thousands of families are separated in the United States, through mass arrests and deportation. The volunteer network at AI Otro Lado, gives legal orientation to indigent deportees, migrants, and refugees in Tijuana, Mexico and Los Angeles, California to reunite families on both side of the border.



STEPHEN W MANNING
Innovation Law Lab

The principle of refuge in the US is at risk where a few individual attorneys are working alone on the ground, facing impossible challenges, as a result, many winnable cases are lost. The Innovation Law Lab uses technology to create a system where thousands of individuals can remotely help the few people on the ground.