



## Engaging Impasse on Immigration

Most people agree that current U.S. immigration policies are not working as they should. Advocates have been trying for years to find a comprehensive solution that will fix our immigration system. But we haven't been able to get there. Conversations about immigration often turn into arguments, and don't move us forward in understanding how to address the issue.

This workshop was put together by NETWORK, A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby, in an attempt to try something new to break through the impasse on immigration. Through reflection, role playing, and discussion, participants in the workshop will explore various feelings and fears surrounding immigration reform and ways to find common ground. The workshop uses biographies to explore the experience of individuals who live the reality of the intersection of immigration and our current failed system.

The following is the list of the characters used in this workshop:

Chip Morrison	Local Chamber of Commerce President, Maine
Gabriel Rodriguez	Undocumented Salvadoran-American? Student
David Cohen	Unemployed Italian-American Citizen
Sammy Nuko	Multiple Jobs - Togolese
Ryan Wolf	Corrections Officer - Citizen
Marta	Mexican Farmer
Laura Major	Immigration Judge
Mrs. Farnum	Single Mother & Widow
Amitola	Native American Teacher
Kaylan Sites	Irish Wife

Jon Kolnoski	Police Officer
Christopher Bartlett	Accountant
Ramon Lopez	Mexican Day-Laborer
Sister Edwina	Catholic Leader
Todd Wolf	Financial Broker
Catherine Colby	Immigration Specialist
Jose Julupe	Union Organizer
Nick Kryzalviek	Biologist and Environmental Planner
Liz Solomon	Legislative Staffer
Rob Rorhman	US Border Patrol Agent