

21stCALLing

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Who are we?

- Global team of professionals with e-learning, IT, and academia backgrounds
- Passionate about lifelong learning, and equitable educational access for all
- High team spirit of collaboration without discrimination
- Dedicated to global learning causes, sustainable development, and lifelong learning
- 2023 focus: the global refugee crisis and educational needs



What we do:

- Research where the needs are through needs assessments, longitudinal studies, systematic analysis, literature reviews.
- Align research with funding.
- Identify global organizations in need of resources; make resources available to them.
- Attract like-minded, non-discriminate professionals for sustainable learning and equitable global opportunities.
- Maintain global representation with installation of continental directors.



Why our work is needed:



Projected clientele:

- Other non-profits that serve refugees
- Disadvantaged and disenfranchised in world rural areas of underdeveloped countries
- Refugee organizations focused on education: early childhood, kindergarten through high school, adult vocational education
- Children displaced due to conflict
- Adults displaced due to conflict in need of resettlement and employment skills



Definition of the word, *refugees*

“A “refugee” is defined as a person who has crossed an international border “owing to well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion” ([1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees](#)). In some contexts, the definition extends to persons fleeing “events seriously disturbing public order” ([1969 OAU Convention](#) [1984 Cartagena Declaration](#)).

Source: UNHCR (2022): <https://www.unhcr.org/refugee-statistics/>

As of mid-2022 there are:
103 million people displaced globally
35 million refugees worldwide

1.5 million children were born as refugees between 2018 and 2021

Note: These statistics do not include Ukrainian refugees; although final statistics for the Ukraine will not be available until mid-2023, the total as of January 10, 2023 was 7,968,510 Ukrainian refugees (UNHCR, 2023: <https://data.unhcr.org/en/situations/ukraine>).

Top 10 Origin Countries of International Refugees (mid-2021 data):

Syria (6.7M+), Venezuela (3.9M+), Palestine* (3.3M+), Afghanistan (2.6M+), South Sudan (2.2M+), Myanmar (1.1M+), Democratic Republic of the Congo (864,510), Sudan (805,874),
Somalia (790,022), Central African Republic (713,262)

* Palestine is not a fully recognized member of the United Nations and as such is excluded from some totals.

“Armed conflicts and wars are the most common reasons refugees leave their homes, as demonstrated by not only Syria, but also South Sudan, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Syria, and (obviously) 2022 Ukraine. Drought and famine, primarily brought on or amplified by climate change, is another prominent cause (as is the attendant food insecurity, such as in the Democratic Republic of the Congo). Many countries face multiple issues, such as Sudan and Somalia suffering through both drought and civil unrest, or Afghanistan enduring armed conflict, droughts, and also natural disasters.”
(UNHCR, 2022: <https://www.unhcr.org/refugee-statistics/>)



Source: UNHCR-Canada (2023) <https://www.unhcr.ca/in-canada/refugee-statistics/>

- **Syria, Venezuela, Afghanistan, South Sudan and Myanmar account for two-thirds of people displaced across borders.**
 - **42 per cent of forcibly displaced persons are children under the age of 18.**
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Continent	Conflict Details
Americas	Criminal Violence in Mexico Instability in Venezuela
Asia	Afghanistan civil war Territorial Disputes in the South China Sea North Korea Crisis Conflict Between India and Pakistan Taiwan-Asia interstate conflict Instability in Myanmar
Europe and Eurasia	Conflict in Ukraine Nagorno-Karabakh territorial dispute
Middle East and North Africa	Conflict in Syria: Middle east and North Africa civil war Instability in Iraq: Middle east and North Africa civil war Instability in Lebanon: Middle east and North Africa political instability Instability in Egypt Conflict between Turkey and Armed Kurdish Groups (territorial disputes) Israeli-Palestinian Conflict Instability in Libya: North Africa civil war War in Yemen Confrontation between Iran and North Africa
Sub-Saharan Africa	Conflict with Boko Haram in Nigeria Instability in Mali: transnational terrorism Instability in the Central African Republic Political instability in the Democratic Republic of Congo Civil War in South Sudan Conflict with Al-Shabab in Somalia: Sub-Saharan Africa transnational terrorism War in Ethiopia

Source: Council on Foreign Relations (2023): <https://www.cfr.org/global-conflict-tracker>

Our Action Steps



Research,
conduct needs
assessments



Make research
available



Make
informed
decisions
about learning



Create action
plans



Procure
funding



Identify
entities in
need and
provide
services



Monitor end-
use of our
research



Our Leaders

Dr. Susan Deschel, founder and President of 21stCALLing, has an extensive background in teaching, e-Learning, consultancy, and Instructional Design. Founder of two e-Learning companies and present CEO of one, Susan brings a wealth of experience, passion, and commitment to the 21stCALLing team.



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Dr. Norine Wark is a co-founding member of 21st CALLing. Dr. Norine Wark shares her expertise in K-12, special, adult, teacher, and higher education. She is also an award-winning researcher and writer, with interests in historic and emerging theory and practice in learning, self-determined learning, learner empowerment, and technologies that enable learning.



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Kawar Deep Singh Bedi, a co-founding member of 21stCALLing, is a consultant in Instructional Design, e-Learning, IT, and a Black Belt Six Sigma. His wealth of experience and contributions to 21stCALLing continue to expand the team's mission and vision to help them realize their goals.





Vision

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To be a leading research, service, and resource-based association focused on inclusive, lifelong learning with equitable access for all learners around the globe.

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To provide all learners throughout the globe with equal opportunities and open access to resources despite gender, location, age, nationality, socio-cultural, or economic status. Our proactive research outcomes guide our hybrid training and learning programs.



Goals

- 1. Use current evidence-based research as a basis for all decision-making.**
- 2. Provide inclusive resources with open access for global learners.**
- 3. Attract academics, facilitators, experts, and qualified vendors to provide state-of-the-art, engaging, effective, and efficient 21st Century learning solutions for all learners.**
- 4. Build an inclusive and diverse membership base.**

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Name and email

Title/position

What your interest is in: contribution, membership, directorship opportunity, general volunteerism

What your experience is, and how you can make a difference at 21stCALLing.net