

Alternative Migrant Trail 2020: A Virtual Experience



Our Vision: *The precarious reality of our borderlands calls us to walk. We are a spiritually diverse, multi-cultural group who walk together on a journey of peace to remember people, friends and family who have died, others who have crossed, and people who continue to come. We bear witness to the tragedy of death and of the inhumanity in our midst. Lastly, we make this sacred journey as a community, in defiance of the borders that attempt to divide us, committed to working together for the human dignity of all peoples.*

Registration has begun for the Migrant Trail 2020, a virtual community experience, has begun! See below for details and the registration link.

A Virtual Experience:

We, members of the Migrant Trail Organizing Committee, recognize that the deaths of migrants in the desert continue, despite the global pandemic that is Covid19. We are also seeing the terrifying risk of exposure that (im)migrant and asylum-seeking communities face and also in detention facilities in the face of the pandemic. This year, in an effort to continue in the spirit of justice and witness, we have created an alternative experience of the Migrant Trail. We seek to re-engage past participants and connect with future participants in a format that we hope will continue to connect us and inspire action.

The Migrant Trail 2020 Alternative experience will feature daily reflections, videos, podcasts, and featured speakers. Registered participants will receive a Participant Packet once their fees are paid that will include all needed information. See below for some of the confirmed speakers.

Proceeds from the registration fees will go to the following border organizations that are directly affected by both the border and the recent pandemic:

- BorderLinks
- O'Odham Anti-Border Collective
- Keep Tucson Together
- Bond Fund

Registration Fees:

Sliding scale: \$35.00 – \$200.00 for the week

Featured Speakers and their topics Include:

- **Guadalupe Castillo**, Community Historian, Keep Tucson Together: "Broadening our Borderlands History"
- **Nellie Jo David**, Co-Founder of the O'odham Anti-Border Collective: "O'odham Roots Run Deeper than Walls"
- **Todd Miller**, celebrated border journalist and author: "In an Empire of Borders, Build Bridges, Not Walls"
- **Dan Millis**, Borderlands Program Manager for Arizona's Grand Canyon Chapter of the Sierra Club: "The Environmental Implications of Border Militarization"
- **Margo Cowan**, Immigration Attorney and Community Leader: "Community Organizing and Legal Justice in the Borderlands"

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