

Ten Ways to Protect Undocumented Migrant Workers

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Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants

1st Way:

Raising public support

- Coalition of Immokalee Workers (USA)
 - ◆ Consumer campaign against Taco Bell

2nd Way: Collecting data

- Influence policy making
- UN Special Rapporteur on Rights of Migrants
- OKIA - Dutch study on undoc. workers in greenhouses

3rd Way: Informing undocumented workers

- Printed material (comic books)
- Help desks
- OR.C.A. – Brussels, practical guide and workshops

4th Way: Empowerment

- Influence decision-making affecting their lives
- Leadership development
- Civic participation
- Domestic Workers United - New York

5th Way: Unionizing

- A worker is a worker!
- Challenges for unions
- Recent positive developments:
 - ◆ Dutch and U.S. unions

6th Way: Employers

- Prevent exploitation
- Hold them accountable
 - ◆ Social Responsibility Law – Portugal



7th Way: Mediation and collective actions

8th Way: Legal system

- Barriers! (Fear, proof, cost)
- Examples in Spain, Germany, France, USA

9th Way: Working with governmental agencies

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- Labor inspection
- Occupational safety and health
- EMPLEO alliance (Los Angeles, USA)

10th Way: Advocating for legal status