RE-IMAGINING MIGRATION
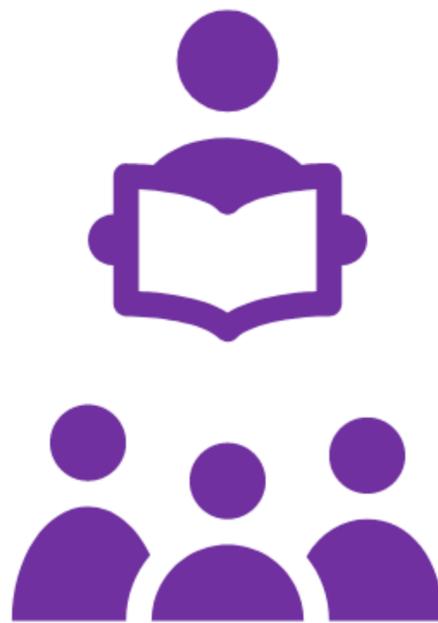# LEARNING ARC

STORIES THAT MAKE US HUMAN

What is my story of migration and what is yours?

- In what ways do stories of migration help us understand who we are?
- What can we learn from the many visible and invisible stories of migration around us?
- How can we approach the sharing of stories of migration with understanding and compassion?

Where do we humans come from?

- Where do humans come from and what is our shared story?
- How do we know about our ancestors who migrated around the planet over the last seventy thousand years?
- How is our shared human history shaping our lives today?

UNDERSTANDING MIGRATION

Life Before Migration

Why do people leave their homes?

- What was life like before migration?
- In what ways do societal and environmental push and pull forces and more intimate personal contexts motivate people's decisions to leave their homes?
- What happens to those who stay and how do they relate to those who leave?

The Journey

What do people experience as they move from one place to another?

- In what ways are people's migration journeys similar and different from one another?
- How much control do migrants have over their journey and what are the choices and dilemmas people face during their journey?
- What do these journeys reveal about human nature?

How do borders impact people's lives?

- What is the purpose of borders?
- How do the visible and invisible borders people encounter that shape their lives?
- How can borders work in an ethical way?

Ambiguous Status: Who is responsible for people in the in-betweens?

- What are the rights of people on the move with ambiguous status (not clearly recognized by the State)?
- Who is responsible for people on the move with an ambiguous status?
- How should nations decide who can settle and who cannot?

An Ecology of Adjustment

What are the conditions in the new land and how do these shape the experience of migration?

- How might the environment in the new land help or hinder newcomers' inclusion?
- How do newcomers come to understand the new land and their place in it over time?
- How might newcomers and the receiving community balance their identities, cultural values, and world views as they interact with one another?
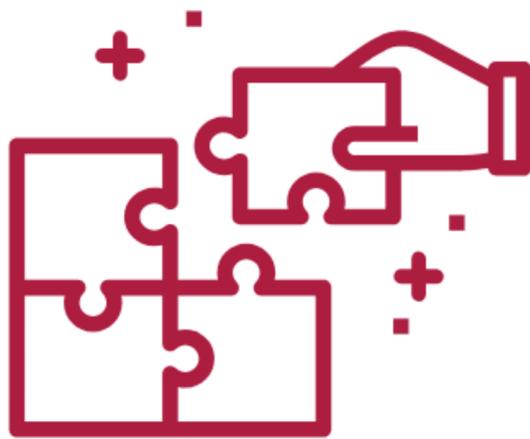
What are the public stories of migration and how do they influence people's perspectives and behaviors?

- What messages about migration are people hearing through media and thought leaders?
- How can we assess whether available public stories about migration are reliable and representative?
- How do stories of migration influence how people think and (re)act?

How do local narratives of migration relate to global patterns?

- In what ways do particular cases reflect the bigger picture of human migration over time and around the globe?
- What can we learn from other narratives about migration to help us to inform our perspective?
- What are the universal and unique qualities of successful integration?

FROM STORIES, TO UNDERSTANDING, TO ACTION

How can we take action toward more inclusive and sustainable societies?

- What issues related to migration do we care about and why?
- What can we learn from the ways individuals and groups have addressed issues of migration in the past?
- How might we use our spheres of influence to create and sustain inclusive and welcoming communities?

THE STORY OF MIGRATION IS OUR SHARED EXPERIENCE AS HUMANS

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