



MY CITY WAS A SPARKLING JEWEL

VOICES OF NEWCOMER YOUTH FROM AFGHANISTAN

— Traveling Exhibit —

Who We Are

Green Card Voices is a Minneapolis-based, nationally growing social enterprise that works to record and share first-person narratives of America's immigrants to facilitate a better understanding between immigrants and their communities.

Working through local partnerships with high schools, universities, and community organizations since 2013, Green Card Voices works to build a platform that amplifies the voices of immigrants. Their programming includes published books, traveling exhibits, and an online video library that currently features stories of over 500 immigrants and refugees coming from over 140 different countries.



What We Do

Sharing immigrant stories is the essence of Green Card Voices. While our stories are always available at our digital library at greencardvoices.org, the most effective way to engage students and the community is through our traveling exhibit, which can be used in tandem with our books and curriculum.



About the Exhibit

This exhibit was inspired by the book *My City Was a Sparkling Jewel: Voices of Newcomer Youth from Afghanistan*. Through this exhibit, you will learn about the incredible life journeys of some of the recently arrived youth from Afghanistan in written and oral format. This work was produced in collaboration between Edison High School, South High School, LEAP High School, Green Card Voices, funders and many community partners.

EXHIBIT CONTENTS

- 20 self-standing, retractable banners (78" x 34").
- Banners Include: full-color illustration, 300-word bio, personal quote, and QR code link to audio narratives on the Green Card Voices website.

AVAILABILITY

For booking and invoicing, please contact Co-Leader Aaliyah Hannah at aaliyah@greencardvoices.org or 612-889-7635

RENTAL FEE

\$1000 per month
\$500 conferences/events (7 days or fewer)

PICK UP AND INSTALLATION

Our exhibits are available for easy pick-up and drop off at **Extra Space Storage** located at 1717 West River Road N Minneapolis, MN 55411. Detailed information and instructions will be sent after the booking is confirmed.

About the Book

Using a trauma-informed approach to storytelling, *Green Card Voices* and its Afghan partners carefully collected first-person accounts of the diverse journeys of 30 storytellers, ages sixteen to twenty-one, who come from various ethnic groups: Pashtun, Hazara, Pashai, and Tajik.

Gathered at the speed of trust, in English, Dari/Farsi, and Pashto, the stories share the challenges faced, opportunities grasped, and dreams these youth had, and still have, for themselves, and for the families and friends they left behind.

We highly encourage the exhibit to be experienced in tandem with the book, if at all possible.



PROGRAMMING

The following can be provided with an exhibit for **additional charges**:

- **Educational events:** book readings, panel discussion, training or workshop.

Community building events: opening reception with facilitated *Story Stitch* Circles (see more at www.storystitch.org).

