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Artist Statement

Educators for Immigrant Rights is a visual representation of the Los Angeles community organization, [Educators for Immigrant Rights](#) (EIR). EIR is a collective of education advocates ranging from students, professors, district administrators, policy makers and activists from a number of Southern California counties. The organization was established in 2012 and provides a space where social justice advocates can develop ideas and networks focused on supporting the rights of immigrant students. We are committed to the educational advancement of immigrant students, by providing access to education through classrooms, activism, and supportive immigration and education policies.

The art piece reflects the struggle for immigration reform as a responsibility that also falls on educators; their vital roles in education impacts the lives of immigrant students, their families, and their educational rights. EIR believes that educators should be the pillars and bridges of support for the rights of immigrant communities. The image was specifically designed for the first EIR conference in 2012. The conference offered learning resources for educators, administrators, policy analysts, organizers, and students from the San Bernardino, Orange, and Los Angeles counties. The conference held workshops that ranged from providing safe spaces for immigrant students, navigating through anti-immigrant policies, and organizing with unions to meet the rights of immigrants.