

# From Fortress Europe to Sanctuary Europe

## Building a Social Movement for Inclusive Asylum

A conference as part of Oxford Refugee Week

18-19 June 2016

Oxford Department of International Development  
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As part of Refugee Week 2016, the Refugee Studies Centre, Oxford City of Sanctuary, the national City of Sanctuary movement, and the British Red Cross together welcome you to this special two-day conference. With a focus on welcoming refugees through their journey towards protection and integration, the event will bring together academics, NGO practitioners, civil society groups and refugees from across Europe to engage in action-oriented mutual learning. The event seeks to encourage dialogue and collaborative learning in relation to advocacy, practices of integration, and social and economic inclusion. Moving beyond describing current challenges, we will seek to identify good practices and opportunities for social change, focusing on how communities can become more welcoming, and how to break down the social and economic barriers refugees can face.



# Conference Programme

## Saturday 18 June 2016

09:00 - 09:25 **Arrival and registration**

09:25 - 09:30 **Welcome from the organisers**

09:30 - 10:30 **Opening Plenary: Towards a Europe of Sanctuary**

*Speakers:*

**Video account:** Red Cross refugee service user

Bryndís Björgvinsdóttir, Writer, founder of the initiative 'Syria is Calling'

Jonas Kakoschke / Mareike Geiling, Co-founders, Fluechtlinge Willkommen/Refugees Welcome

Sabir Zazai, Director, Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre

*Moderator: Alexander Betts, Director, Refugee Studies Centre*

10:30 - 11:00 Break - tea/coffee

11:00 - 12:00 **Plenary: The Challenges of Accessing Protection**

*Speakers:*

Gemma Gillie, Head of Media, Medecins Sans Frontieres/Doctors Without Borders UK

Katia Bianchini, Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute for Religious & Ethnic Diversity, Goettingen

Gonzalo Vargas Llosa, Representative, UNHCR UK

*Moderator: Alex Fraser, Director of Refugee Support, British Red Cross*

12:00 - 13:00 Lunch

13:00 - 14:30 **Plenary: Promoting Safe Routes**

*Speakers:*

**First-hand account:** Red Cross refugee service user

Anne-Laure Losseau / Ghazi El Rass, Co-founders, Syrie - Un visa, une vie

Giulia Gori, Project officer, Refugees and Migrants Service-Mediterranean Hope (SRM-MH), Federation of Protestant Churches in Italy (FCEI)

Christina Lejman, Fundraising Manager, Migrant Offshore Aid Station

*Moderator: Will Jones, Departmental Lecturer, Refugee Studies Centre*

14:30 - 15:00 Break - tea/coffee

15:00 - 16:30 **Plenary: Welcome and Inclusion**

*Speakers:*

**Video account:** Red Cross refugee service user

Tim Finch, Writer and campaigner, founding chair of Counterpoints Arts

Sabir Zazai, Director, Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre

Mariana Stoyanova, Head of the Refugee-Migrant Service of the Bulgarian Red Cross

*Moderator: Richard Stanton, Chair, MigrationWork CIC*

16:30 - 17:30 **Plenary: Access to Higher Education**

*Speakers:*

**First-hand account:** Red Cross refugee service user

Emma Finlinson, Project Coordinator, City of Sanctuary, and Abbie Grace, Project Development Worker, Refugee Support Devon

Thais Roque, President, Oxford Students Refugee Campaign

Alina Muller, Coordinator, Silent University London

*Moderator: Nick Gill, Trustee, City of Sanctuary*

17:30 - 18:30 **Networking, refreshments and music from Delnavaz**

## Sunday 19 June 2016

09:20 - 09:40 **Registration**

09:40 - 09:45 **Welcome back from the organisers**

09:45 - 10:45 **Plenary: Countering Social Exclusion**

*Speakers:*

**Video account:** Red Cross refugee service user

**First-hand account:** John Patrick

Ade Henderson / **Trevor Trueman**, Asylum Justice Project, Amnesty International UK

Frances Trevena, Head of Policy and Programmes, Coram Children's Legal Centre

Dave Smith, NACCOM Coordinator

*Moderator: Mike Kaye, Advocacy and Campaigns Manager, Still Human Still Here*

10:45 - 11:15 Break - tea/coffee

11:15 - 12:30 **Parallel sessions: Countering Social Exclusion**

<p><b>Countering Stigma in the Media</b> Room 1</p> <p><i>Moderator: Kristy Siegfried, Migration Editor, IRIN</i></p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Caroline Gregory, <i>Huffington Post</i>, journalist and editor, and long-term Calais volunteer Hazel Healy, Co-editor, <i>New Internationalist</i> Almamy Taal, Human rights advocate and investigative journalist</p>	<p><b>Detention</b> Room 2</p> <p><i>Moderator: Anna Lindley, Senior Lecturer, SOAS, University of London</i></p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Jerome Phelps, Director, Detention Action Antonia Bright, Chair, Movement for Justice Jane, First-hand account, Movement for Justice</p>	<p><b>Destitution</b> Room 3</p> <p><i>Moderator: Jonathan Ellis, Head of Policy, Research and Advocacy, British Red Cross</i></p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Frances Trevena, Head of Policy and Programmes, Coram Children's Legal Centre Mike Kaye, Advocacy &amp; Campaigns Manager, Still Human Still Here Dave Smith, NACCOM Coordinator Kate Smart, Director, Asylum Welcome</p>
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12:30 - 13:30 Lunch

13:30 - 15:00 **Plenary: Approaches to Campaigning**

*Speakers:*

Don Flynn, Director, Migrants' Rights Network

Lisa Matthews, Coordinator, Right to Remain

Aderonke Apata, Human rights activist and LGBT equality advocate, founder of Manchester Migrant Solidarity

Helen Hintjens, Senior Lecturer in Development and Social Justice, International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam, and Anila Noor, Refugee researcher, Erasmus University Rotterdam

Malka al-Haddad, Refugee women and human rights activist *[unable to attend]*

*Moderator: Diletta Lauro, PhD candidate, Refugee Studies Centre*

15:00 - 15:30 Break - tea/coffee

15:30 - 16:15 **Closing Plenary: The Road Ahead: Building a movement for inclusive asylum**

*Speakers:*

Richard Stanton, Chair, MigrationWork CIC

Alexander Betts, Director, Refugee Studies Centre

Jonathan Ellis, Head of Policy, Research and Advocacy, British Red Cross

*Moderator: Nick Gill, Trustee, City of Sanctuary*

## Key contacts

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Facebook pages to tag are @BritishRedCross, @RefugeeWeek, @refugeestudiescentre, @cityofsanctuary, and @OxfordCityofSanctuary.



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## Feedback and evaluation

Oxford and National City of Sanctuary, the Refugee Studies Centre and the British Red Cross would welcome your feedback on the conference. All delegates and contributors will be emailed a short survey for this purpose shortly after the event. Thank you in advance for completing this survey and sharing your thoughts with us.

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British Red Cross: <http://www.redcross.org.uk>

City of Sanctuary: <https://cityofsanctuary.org/>

Oxford City of Sanctuary: <https://oxford.cityofsanctuary.org/>

Refugee Studies Centre: <http://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk>

