

From Fortress Europe to Sanctuary Europe

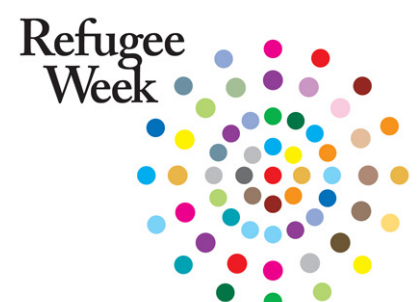
Building a Social Movement for Inclusive Asylum

A conference as part of Oxford Refugee Week

18-19 June 2016

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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**
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| <p>Countering Stigma in the Media
Room 1</p> <p><i>Moderator: Kristy Siegfried, Migration Editor, IRIN</i></p> <p><i>Speakers:</i>
 Caroline Gregory, Huffington Post, 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>Detention
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>Destitution
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 and 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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Queen Elizabeth House reception: 01865 281800 (during conference hours only)

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Social media

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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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