

29 November 2015 | European Youth Centre Budapest

# 2015 Human Rights Forum & Fair Europe's Refugee Crisis

## MORNING PROGRAMME

(For this part of the programme simultaneous interpretation in English/Hungarian will be provided)

### Welcome by Dr. Olaf Köndgen

#### 10:00 – 11:30 | The refugee crisis – The context and the responses

- H.E. Niclas Trouvé, Ambassador of Sweden to Hungary
- Montserrat Feixas Vihé, Regional Representative for Central Europe, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- Rolf Martin Moormann, Political Section, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany to Hungary
- Zoltán Deák, Head of the Political Section, Delegation of the European Commission to Hungary
- Dr. Boldizsár Nagy, Associate Professor, Central European University; Associate Professor, ELTE ÁJK
- András Kováts, Director, Menedék Association for Migrants

Moderator: Dr. Olaf Köndgen, Executive Director, European Youth Centre Budapest

#### 11:30 – 12:00 | Coffee Break

#### 12:00 – 13:30 | The refugee crisis – Human rights concerns and the protection of youth and minors

- Antje Rothemund, Head of the Youth Department, Council of Europe
- Dr. Márta Pardavi, Co-Chair, Hungarian Helsinki Committee
- Dr. Csilla Lantai, Head of the Child Protection Department, Ministry of Human Capacities (TBC)
- Dr. Lilla Hárdi, Cordelia Foundation
- Endre Bíró, Deputy Director, Fót Children's Centre
- Dr. Ágnes Lux, Head of Children's Rights Programme, UNICEF Hungary

Moderator: Bálint Molnár, Deputy Executive Director, European Youth Centre Budapest

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## AFTERNOON PROGRAMME

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### 13:30 – 14:30 | Lunch – Served by the „Körítés – Gastrofest“ project

Do you know what *teff* is? Have you heard of *nigella*? Have you tried stuffed *sambusa*? If you are open to new tastes, you will enjoy this one-day rerun of the successful “Körítés – Gastrofest” project of Artemisszió Foundation.

We will treat you to special dishes from Afghanistan, Eritrea, Syria and Somalia and you will also be able to learn more about these countries while you eat!

### 13:30 – 17:15 | Documentary Film Programme Courtesy of the OSA Archives

#### 1. Life in Paradise - Illegals in the Neighborhood

(Switzerland, 2013, German, English, Igbo/Subtitles: English, 88 min)

Valzenia is a remote village in the heart of Europe where the authorities bought an abandoned house and transformed it into a facility for rejected asylum seekers. Today, one of four inhabitants of the community is a foreigner. The microcosm of a small mountain village illustrates the global issue of how the privileged are dealing with illegal immigrants.

#### 2. Superior Orders / Felsőbb Parancs

(Hungary, 2013, Hungarian, English, Serbian, Spanish, Pashto, Farsi, Eastern/Subtitles: Hungarian, 50 min)

Large number of refugees leave Asia and Africa for the European Union. These often unskilled young men set out on a long and dangerous journey to escape persecution, war, or a hopeless economic situation. Without papers, they have to cross borders illegally, the last of them being the one between Serbia and Hungary. If they succeed in getting across, they will have reached the European Union and can continue to Western Europe. This border, however, is controlled by heat cameras; the few refugees managing to cross are likely to run into border guards and local volunteer militia. Before they head for the border, the refugees spend the night under the sky and have to cope with the cold, hunger, tiredness, and abuse by the Serbian police. Risking criminal persecution, a priest from a nearby town provides them with food, clothing and unconditional love.

#### 3. Can't Be Silent - On Tour with The Refugees

(Germany, 2013, English, German, French, Farsi, Eastern/Subtitles: English, 85 min)

Musicians from Africa, the Balkans and Iran are touring Germany with German songwriter Heinz Ratz and his band. What makes this project special is that most of these musicians are asylum seekers. In Germany asylum seekers are subject to special laws that limit their freedom of movement, their ability to get a job, to choose their place of residence, their groceries or clothing. They live in special facilities and are fenced off from the rest of the German population. With few points of contact things have remained this way for decades. The concert-tour breaks that pattern and for the group the project offers an opportunity to overcome this isolation through music.

### 13:30 – 17:15 | NGO Fair

Come and meet NGOs and other organizations working on human rights, children's rights, with youth, in international development and many other interesting fields!

## 13:30 – 17:15 | Thematic „Living Library“

Have you ever met and talked to a refugee, an asylum seeker or a migrant? Have you ever had a chance to ask questions of a lawyer, an activist or a UN official who work with refugees and migrants? In this unique Living Library event our “Books” will represent the people who have been at the centre of the current refugee crisis and have experienced the events up close and personal.

Come borrow a Living Book and have a conversation!

## 14:30 – 17:15 | Parallel Workshops

Participants can attend any of the eight workshops listed below. Please note that spaces in the workshops are limited and pre-registration on the links provided below is recommended. The language of the workshops is Hungarian.

### 1. Transparency International Magyarország

“How can you fight corruption?”

<http://goo.gl/forms/uoGWuFrML5>

### 2. Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights

“Children’s fate in 21st Century Hungary”

<http://goo.gl/forms/wxcUA1suyw>

### 3. Hősök Tere Kezdeményezés

“What would you do?”

<http://goo.gl/forms/D7MQJfK5DI>

### 4. No Hate Speech Mozgalom

“Combating Hate Speech On- and Offline”

<http://goo.gl/forms/f2shqCLEI5>

### 5. Artemisszió Foundation

“Migrant Stories: Closeup”

<http://goo.gl/forms/0VhJu7YeoE>

### 6. Átlátszó

“WhoKnowsWhat? – Access to information and the techniques of investigative journalism”

<http://goo.gl/forms/ksLckrtjHA>

### 7. National Youth Council

“Interested in Your Interest? – Have Your Say in Youth Advocacy!”

<http://goo.gl/forms/CEIRIE3rn1>

### 8. StreetAid/ Budapest Bike Mafia / Város Mindenkié

“Grassroots organizing to assist disadvantaged and marginalized groups through civic activism”

<http://goo.gl/forms/oPGvKwJaSE>

## SIDE-PROGRAMME

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### 10:00 – 17:15 | Children's Corner

Our Children's Corner is aimed specifically at the youngest generation, animators and trainers will lead activities for the small ones that are at once entertaining and educational.

### 10:00 – 19:00 | Photo Exhibitions

#### **"Budapest Seen"**

A collection of photos by Scottish photographer Edd Carlile, Budapest Seen has been an online window through which the refugee crisis at Keleti Railway Station has unfolded over recent weeks. Images posted daily via Facebook illustrate not only the suffering of those passing through, but also interaction between refugees and citizens of Budapest.

#### **"Refugee Stories"**

We present two collections of photos by the renowned Japanese photographer, Jiro Ose:

#### **"Desperate Measures: Refugees of Somalia" and "Famine in the Horn of Africa"**

#### **"Children's Drawings from the Refugee Camps"**

UNHCR organized a drawing workshops for children from Somalia and the Congo in the Dadaab and Kakuma refugee camps. Through this simple activity, the children were able to voice their memories, show their present situation as well as their hopes and dreams of a better future.

### 17:15 | Closing Reception

Food, drinks and music.