



Refugee Studies 20th Anniversary University of East London

Wednesday 21st June, 2017

UEL Campus in University Square Stratford, room USG.19

2pm: **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Tea and coffee will be served from 1.30pm

Giorgia Doná and Victoria Maile

2.15pm to 3pm: **MA Refugee Studies-20 Years on: Panel and Discussion**

Panel reflects on how the Programme has grown over the last two decades.

Chair: Siraj Sait

Giorgia Doná, Siraj Sait, Maja Korac, Afaf Jabiri

3pm to 3.45pm **Educating Without Borders**

Exploring the groundbreaking work undertaken by UEL offering access to University education to refugees and asylum seekers in the former Calais Jungle and in the UK through the Open Learning Initiative (OLive) course.

Chair: Aura Lounasmaa

Speakers: Aura Lounasmaa, Nuria Targarona Rifa and Sahar Osman

3.45pm to 4.15pm – **Break & networking sessions**

Tea and coffee will be served.

4.15pm to 5pm: **“Voices from the Jungle: Stories from the Calais Refugee Camp”**

Extracts of “Voices” will be read during this session combined with a wider discussion on refugee narratives.

Chair: Corinne Squire

Africa, Majid Adin and Refugee's Voice and Sharon Hamilton

5pm to 5.45pm: **Where do we go from here? Research, Teaching and Practice**

Shaping the future with and for refugees. Alumni working in the sector, staff, refugees and students in conversation. Exploring best practices in responding to refugee issues and what lessons can be learnt in helping to improve current studies, advocacy and practice.

Chair: Liz Hulse

Helen Mugeridge, Refugee Action, Debora Singer, Asylum Aid and Josephine Basedow, Refugee Council

5.45pm to 6pm: **Building Bridges via Arts, Culture and Solidarity**

Introduction to the Exhibitions, Civic Engagement projects and further discussion opportunities awaiting your investigation in the foyer outside.

Natalie Ludvigsen, Anthony Olabode Akintutire and Khadija Hussein Mohamed

Closing remarks Tim Hall

6pm Onwards **Reception**

Please feel free to bring any literature to share and discuss during the break and reception.

We will be also be collecting items of clothing that can be donated to Asylum Seeker and Refugees living locally; clean, undamaged, clothes and shoes, sportswear & trainers can be dropped off with us on DATE (mens for local distribution, ladies will be sent to Syria). We can also accept financial donations that will be used to keep medics volunteering in Calais, and to launch a housing support initiative in Dagenham.

Refugee Support is a Charity under the auspices of Prism the Gift Fund (number 1099682) - It was formed in 2015 to put healthcare into the refugee camps in Northern France and has since expanded to support newly arrived Asylum Seekers in the UK - mainly in the East London and Essex area. It was founded and run by Liz Hulse, a current MA Refugee Studies student at UEL.

Register your place(s) via Eventbrite:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/uel-refugee-studies-20th-anniversary-event-for-refugee-week-2017-tickets-34315039206?utm_term=eventurl_text

Read more about:

[MA Refugee Studies](#)

[MA Conflict, Displacement and Human Security](#)

[Refugee Council Archive](#)

[OLive](#)

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