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Have you heard about our RefugeesIN Learning Package yet? YES, YOU HAVE!

Have you heard about Refugees IN Learning **Package** yet? Of course, you have! Today, we are happy to announce that the Learning Package has been prepared and its contents are being translated into the languages of the project partnership. It will shortly be ready for use by adult educators, adult education providers, social workers, specialists in andragogy and other experts as well as all other interested organisations and institutions involved in the education on the topic of refugees, refugee crisis, legislation regulating acceptance and integration of refugees and asylum seekers.

The **Package** and its contents (**Brochure** of real life stories of refugees, **Film Catalogue**, **Manual** for learners, **Guide** for educators and **12 Documentaries**) deals with the phenomenon of (massive) social inclusion versus social exclusion. It reveals that both, we national of host societies and refugees have to understand the cultural, economic and social changes brought by refugee "crisis" and adapt to them. Adaptation is not always easy given the resistance to changes produced by our defence mechanisms and the refugees having fear and not knowing the language and cultural code of the host countries yet.

The package is primarily devoted to learning (1) about refugee issues and how social inclusion can be performed to the best of our abilities and (2) about how to produce short documentary films understanding the role of authentic and honest documentary films regarding social changes and the ways of coping with them.

You will certainly be Interested in what the Learning Package contains. The package is meant to stimulate critical thinking, increase the level of digital competences and encourage meeting diversity and living with it. Above all, it is supposed to prevent and oppose discrimination and indoctrination, a growing threat to our societies.

A RefugeesIN Conference and a Film festival. Save the date and join us!

Hosted by AidLearn from 22nd-23rd November, 2018 will take place in Lisbon an International Conference & Film Festival "Cinema for Social Inclusion" capitalising on the results of national events in partnership's countries. Stared by a Situational analysis of Refugees in the EU and Portugal, the Conference will be continued by panels related to the topic. Find the Programme of this exciting event **HERE**.

The Conference working language will be English.

Access is free, subject to the capacity of the Auditorium. Prior registration is required until October 31, **HERE**.



A MESSAGE FROM ITALY

Sharing - A True Key To Successful Integration

Bicarbonato di calcio and **My story**, two RefugeesIN documentaries produced by the Italian project partner stage refugees' real life experiences. Both documentaries depict the patterns and processes of social integration, underlining the power of sports and theatre for bringing people together. They are typical community activities requiring endeavour and creativity making everybody share their experience. They are a true key to social integration. **Bicarbonato di calcio** focuses on the power of football bringing people together while **My story** focuses on the importance of putting oneself in the refugees' shoes before judging. In this documentary film theatre plays a crucial role promoting community cohesion. A series of screenings organised within the local community increased audience's engagement and interest.



A MESSAGE FROM SLOVENIA

One last hug, but integration is a long process

One last hug, a film produced by the Slovenian Refugees IN project partner about a young refugee from Afghanistan was presented to the

audience of the Festival of Slovenian Short films in Ljubljana and at another film festival in Portorož on the Slovenian coast respectively in August and September. Ahmad has just been granted asylum, started learning both English and Slovenian. Several articles with his story have appeared in national newspapers. He set up his first exhibition of paintings and is about to enrol in school. **Marijana**, another Slovenian documentary features a Slovenian Third Age University student already totally integrated. The films reminds us that integration is a process and not a short one!



RefugeesIn logo, so different in the dark and on a big Film Festival screen in Portorož

A MESSAGE FROM GERMANY

All partners' films to be soon screened in Hamburg

The **German partners** are preparing their national final event on November 6th. It will be held in a real cinema in Hamburg. The documentaries created in all partner countries will be shown; discussions with the filmmakers and the refugees starring in the German films will follow. The two German films already have been shown during the Promotional Seminar on the June 1st, with the protagonists present. The discussion afterwards about their perception of the German welcome culture was very interesting: they perceive the German society less open and less friendly than three years ago. What Germany needs is now a culture of welcoming the stay of refugees, that was one conclusion.

A MESSAGE FROM PORTUGAL

His words and emotions are touchy and touching

One of the guests of the International Conference in Lisbon will be Nour Machlah (Syrian), a 27-year-old master student of architecture in Évora University, Portugal, where he has been living since 2014. Nour has been a voice of refugees with various speeches given in Portugal and Europe, relating to migrants and refugees' integration process, human rights, peace and war, cross culture and religious dialogue but also life and happiness. Nour has contributed ideas to the new asylum law on migration and integration processes in Europe, while being a member of the European Migrant Advisory Board (Representing Portugal) as an advisor on the European and local level.

Watch now two of his vibrant and inspiring speeches following the links:

Speech in the European Parliament

(on migration crisis)

TEDx talk

(on coping with stereotypes)



A MESSAGE FROM IRELAND

Our latest news

IADT ran their RefugeesIN promotional Seminar in www.cultur.ie in Navan, County Meath. It was very well attended event as it ran alongside 'Celebrating World Refugees Day' on June 23, 2018. This Seminar organised jointly by IADT/RefugeesIN with www.cultur.ie and Youth Work Ireland at Cultur's premises in Navan, County Meath was a great success. There were some great ideas discussed during a round table after the project presentations and viewing the short documentary films. There was great interest from Youth Work Ireland and Cultur about how to exploit the 100 hour RefugeesIN course and the power of digital storytelling. There are sound possibilities for future collaboration between all groups represented...



Viewing the documentaries and the roundtable at the RefugeesIN Seminar in June.

The Irish partners are also preparing for their national multiplier/conference in October. It will be held in Dublin City Centre on October 14 at the African Centre. We are working with our colleagues at Cultur and others on this endeavour.

A MESSAGE FROM GREECE

Impressive stories of inclusion

The two Greek documentaries feature two impressive stories of inclusion, by depicting two persons. Not only can they inspire refugees who now are making their first steps towards integration, but literally everybody. Both of them stress the importance of communicating, being open-minded and constantly trying to improve their and others' life. Once they were settled in Greece and their basic needs met, they started learning the language, they found a job and started making friends. They created a new life for themselves in Greece and, more importantly, they are trying to improve society they live in. The two Greek documentaries, as well as all 12 documentaries produced in the RefugeesIN project will be screened at the Film Festival in Athens in early November.

WE INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE!

We as a partnership are looking forward to getting into contact with you! Follow us on our **Webpage**, on **Facebook**, leave us a comment in our **Blog**, or **Contact Us!**

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