

# WE ARE ALL (IM)MIGRANTS

A strategy to respect the universal human rights of immigrants and support their acceptance by local communities.



#### What is this about?

This declaration is the product of **5 international workshops taking place in Italy, Hungary, Romania, Costa Rica and Vietnam** where youth workers got together to discuss how to tackle down different challenges that refugees face in our countries.

We are talking to you, the decision makers, youth workers and youth in general because you have the power to transform this problems into a better life for our refugee populations through your actions in regards to the following topics:

- Media/Information
- Education
- Classification
- Administration
- Employment

We hope you enjoy the reading of this declaration and feel empowered to take action into becoming part of the force that will improve so many lives around the globe.

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#### **Recommandations about Media and Information**

Problem: Lack of positive infomation

Solution: Share positive interviews of refugees experience

- Youth worker: create space and opportunities to share these documentations
- Decision Maker: Collaborate with youth workers to expand the project

*Problem*: Difficulties of understanding local news because they are comunicated in the countries language. *Solution*: Create a service that offers a translation to the refugees

- Young people: translation can be done by them in extracurricular activities (subtitles for local news) or for volunteering;
- Youth worker: manage the activities and mediate between students and the soource of information
- Decision Maker: local administration should push for these kind of projects

Problem: Fake news that circulates makes it hard for people to distinguish this from reality

Solution: Create informative campaings to help people gain awarness about this problem

 Young people and Youth workers thanks to their knowledge (tecnology/ qualification) have to work together to reveal this aspect

*Problem*: There is a lack of knowledge regarding the difference between different status ( asylum seekers, refugees, migrants, internal displaced people)

Solution: Give the chance to realize a short advertisement about these definitions thanks to crowdfunding or sponsorship

- Young people: they can participate to this activity (school project9
- Youth worker and decision maker can support the project with information/material and spreak the winning project

#### **Recommandations about Education**

Problem: preparation of professionals around refugees

*Solution*: Apply some different courses for professionals to work for refugees and for people that wants do this work. In addition to prepare other figures that can contact with the refugees for example, teachers.

- The Younger can made network in different associations
- Youth Worker can projected with students and the teachers.
- Maker Decision can open spaces to work they can discuss and do some professional preparation around refugees.

Problem: No access to tools and guidance

*Solution*: Prepare different forums or frontal lessons focus about basic things in the country system and culture. For example, how it can use the sanitary system or relative about job system.

- Young people can do this course
- Youth Worker can help in different organization.
- Maker Decision can use different instructures of associations that there are.

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Problem: No literate or basic education

*Solution*: Involving the refuges teachers or people that work to help the analphabetic people and also it can make some videos about education system.

- Young people can help to the other unemployment teachers something about culture. Also can have a good relationship with the refugees teachers to involve them in the process and make some videos.
- Youth Worker can help to made the video and also offers spaces, facilities and platforms.
- Maker Decision find the places and money.

Problem: Desinformation / in different context

Solution: To set up campaigns of information and media.

- Young people can organized funny moments (concerts, festivals and others) with informational serious moments
- Youth Worker can help them to involve different subjectives and associations
- Maker Decision they have to help them with their knowledge of rules and laws.

# Recommandations about Classification – Problems related to work and international recognition of skills

For all the points decision maker are required to listen to youth workers campaign in an active way *Problem*: different level of education from different countries with different training programs

Solution: provide specific exams in which abilities and knowledges can be tested and verified

- Decision makers: create specific experts teams in order to provide the best evaluation methods possible – propose this process in an official way
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Problem: Different costs of educations in different countries

Solution: scholarships for refugees who are willing to start a studying career

 Decision makers: create specific experts teams in order to provide the best education possible – propose this process in an official way – provide founds for this task

*Problem*: wasting of knowledges gotten during extra activities in the studying period in the original country due to the not-validation of the degree/ certificate

Solution: provide sponsorship for companies who are willing to test refugees on their knowledges instead of basing their choice to hire / not to hire them basing only papers and documents

 Decision makers: push companies and whoever has the possibility to test refugees instead of ignoring the opportunity of hiring them - find founds for this task and make this system suitable for companies

*Problem*: The need of repeating your whole studies if your certificate / degree doesn't get recognized *Solution*: Fasten the process of recognition of studies in order not to make the refugee waste months of years (forcing him to find another work) and if not possible, according to point one, provide courses on specific themes that resulted being a luck of knowledges

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Decision makers: push to fasten the examination of the studies certifications, find the founds to
make the exams and the courses free and available to all, provide specific people for language
needed knowledges

#### **Recommandations about Administration**

The first problem of administration for us is the access to health care: we suggest compulsory and periodic meetings for the refugees with doctors.

Another problem is getting ID and other personal documents and if these would be electronic the administration could be more efficient.

Organize intercultural events by the municipality to facility the dialog between local people and refugees. Information center and a mobile app could help the refugees to discover the process of public service administration.

#### Recommandations about Employment

Problem: language barrier

Solution: improve free language courses

- Young people: Young college students can do their traineeship in language courses for refugees
- Youth workers: offer free places where the courses can be organized
- Decision makers: facilitate the creation and offer free online language courses on different levels and specific fields

*Problem*: accessibility to the employment country legislation *Solution*: information on each country specific legislation

- Young people: participate in the promotion activities
- Youth workers: organize distribution points for information material
- Decision Makers: facilitate the creation of a multilingual website and information materials especially designed for refugees

*Problem*: information (where and how to apply) *Solution*: specialized centers on helping refugees

- Young people: participate in the careers clubs
- Youth worker: organize corner clubs for refugees and local people
- Decision Makers: create a departement for refugees in the labour office and and the youth information center, and train the employees so that they can be able to properly assist that part of the population.