

THE REFUGEE CRISIS

STORIES FROM THE FRONT LINE



You are warmly invited to a Sustainable Communities and ICERAS event on Monday 31 October

Where

Initiatives of Change,
24 Greencoat Place,
London, SW1P 1RD

When

Monday 31 October
6.30pm refreshments
7pm start
8.45pm end

RSVP

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Free entry.

Please book early as space is limited to 100.

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We are currently facing the worst displacement crisis since the Second World War.

More than 60 million people are fleeing conflict, poverty and persecution. More than a million migrants and refugees crossed into Europe in 2015, sparking a crisis as countries struggled to cope with the influx. The crisis is creating division in the EU over how best to deal with resettling people.

We often forget that there is a person behind each statistic; a human being with a story of resilience and hope. There is a great need to gain a balanced perspective on the current refugee crisis, with its ever-changing headlines. Certain mainstream media are painting a negative image on migrants and refugees as burdens on our economy and a danger to social cohesion. In the midst of tragedy, there is an unprecedented opportunity and this is part of the narrative that needs to change.

Come hear stories from remarkable people who have travelled across oceans and others whom have dedicated their lives to support refugees.

Get an inspiring insight into the crisis by hearing from:

Lord Alfred Dubs: a British Labour politician and former Member of Parliament, a keen campaigner on the plight of refugees.

Cllr Micheline Safi Ngongo: a refugee from Congo, former Chair of Islington Refugee Forum, a Labour councillor, human rights activist and founder of LIGHT Project International.

Elizabeth Jones: a member of UKIP, campaigned for various local and international causes. She will speak about policies and action on the refugee crisis.

Sakira Suzia: Police Constable with London Met Police, Sakira is a trained army officer, a community volunteer, received the Metropolitan Commissioners Award for bravery and volunteers receiving refugees in Lesbos, Greece.

Anwar Kawadri: a passionate Syrian film Producer/Director/Writer. He produced films such as *The Serpent of Death* and *Nutcracker*.

Samah Bushra: originally a refugee from Sudan, is an inspired individual that volunteers in Lesbos and Athens.

Donate: Give to save lives

Please bring your unwanted items for Sakira to take to Lesbos. Winter clothes are needed most e.g. jackets, jumpers, scarves, socks and shoes.

Initiatives of Change is a global movement of people who are changing the world for the better, starting with themselves. Initiatives of Change is active in over 60 countries, including the UK. We inspire, equip and connect people to address world needs.