

Integration in the local community

Community

- a group of interacting people living in a common location
- a group that is organized around common values and is attributed with social cohesion within a shared geographical location

Refugee integration is always a local issue in the end

- cities and communities are playing a prominent role in welcoming refugees
- Pushing national governments to do more
- proximity to the people- recognise the challenges of integration and to react

- so-called 'refugee crisis' in 2015- emergence of many city or citizen-led actions and initiatives, not only to assist refugees upon arrival but also calling for solidarity and an active role offering places for them
- enormous potential to engage and participate much more actively in refugee integration
- Cities also face the challenge of addressing the populations' fears- from cultural differences, possible tensions, security threats, or radicalisation

Working in the local context:

- based on the real needs of society and refugees
- a strong foothold in the local context and local integration
 - taking into account socio-political life, cultural content, population structure, access to all areas of life and the realization of social rights,
- using of culturally sensitive approaches by affirming intercultural practices and human rights and freedoms,
- Include specific approaches to vulnerable social groups (unaccompanied children, victims of violence, etc.)
- Establish strong co-ordination and open co-operation between all competent state administration bodies, local institutions and local community and civil society organizations

<https://vimeo.com/144266329>

Examples of good practice

"Colorful stories"

- picture book "Colorful stories" for children and adults with stories told by asylum seekers and refugees
- Designed by students of the Faculty of Architecture, CMS and Ethnographic Museum





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Refugee week!

- Coordination for Integration of Civil Society Organizations
- World Refugee Day - June 20th
- Aim: raising awareness of the difficult situation in which people around the world are forced to leave their homes for fear of persecution



Thank you!