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Where Hope Meets Hospitality

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11
JUNE
19:00 h

PROGRAM

Personal Stories of Resilience | ELVIS NG'ANDWE - Africa Europe Faith and Justice Network

Round Table on Best Practices | Moderator: ALBERTO ARES - JRS Europe

Panel

Ms. SARA SECHI - The Don Bosco Institute's MNA platforms, DBI Executive Secretary

Mr. GONÇALO MACEDO - Kamiano Soup Kinchen, Community of Sant'Egidio Brussels

Ms. MARIZA KORONIOTI - Hospitality as a Path to Hope, Jesuit Refugee Service Europe

Informal networking session | Snacks prepared by a refugee entrepreneur will be offered.

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Venue | Chapel for Europe

Rue Van Maerlant 22-24, Brussels, 1040

REGISTRATION



WHERE HOPE MEETS HOSPITALITY

*"Share your hope wherever you are,
encourage, console, comfort and
invigorate. Open up the future, raise
possibilities, generate alternatives,
help to think and act differently"
Pope Francis.*

TITLE

"Where Hope Meets Hospitality: Celebrating Positive Stories and Best Practices with People on the Move"

DESCRIPTION

This event is dedicated to Refugee Day, showcasing positive migration stories and successful programs in working with migrants and refugees. The event aims to inspire, educate, and promote understanding through personal narratives and expert insights.

OBJECTIVES

- **Inspiration:** Showcase the resilience and positivity of refugees through personal stories.
- **Education:** Highlight successful programs and initiatives.
- **Engagement:** Foster dialogue, understanding, and collaboration among participants.
- **Advocacy:** Promote support for refugees and migrants through positive narratives and best practices.

OPPORTUNITY

This event offers a platform to celebrate resilience, share success stories, and promote collaboration in the field of refugee integration. By amplifying positive voices and best practices, this event aims to inspire change, foster empathy, and build a more inclusive society for refugees and migrants

STRUCTURE

Part 1: Personal Stories of Resilience (30 minutes)

- Introduction: Welcome and overview of the event. Chapel for Europe)
- Keynote Speaker: ELVIS NG'ANDWE, AEFJN. He will share personal migration journeys, highlighting challenges overcome, successes achieved, and the impact of positive support.
- Q&A Session: Audience engagement with the speaker to delve deeper into their story and experiences.

Part 2: Round Table on Best Practices (45 minutes)

- Panel Discussion: Experts, community leaders, and representatives from successful migration programs share insights, best practices, and success stories in refugee integration.
- Moderator: **ALBERTO ARES** -JRS Europe
- Panel:
 - Ms. SARA SECHI** – The Don Bosco Institute’s MNA platforms, DBI Executive Secretary
 - Mr. GONÇALO MACEDO** - Kamiano Soup Kinchen, Community of Sant'Egidio Brussels
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- Interactive Session: Audience participation through questions, sharing experiences, and engaging with the panelists.
- Closing Remarks: Summary of key takeaways and call to action for continued support and collaboration.

Networking Session (30 minutes)

- Informal Networking: Participants, speakers, and organizers have the opportunity to connect, exchange contacts, and discuss potential collaborations, in a more informal atmosphere, having some snacks.

PROJECTS

The Don Bosco Institute's MNA platforms

The Don Bosco Institute's MNA (Mineurs Non Accompagnés) platforms work tirelessly every day to support unaccompanied minors. The aim is to provide them with comprehensive and secure support on their journey towards independence. The MNA Youth Pathways and Integration Centre includes 10 platforms located across five departments in Nouvelle-Aquitaine (France). It supports young people aged 14 to 21 referred by the local authorities under the Child Welfare Scheme. Having arrived alone on French soil, they find within the Institute a place of stability and trust to help them gradually integrate into mainstream society.

Kamiano Soup Kitchen

Kamiano is a soup kitchen where people in need can receive a free meal. We chose the name Kamiano in honor of Father Damien (Saint Damien of Molokai), who dedicated his life to serving those cast out by society. His spirit of tireless compassion guides everything we do. Today, our tables are a sanctuary not only for our friends from the street in Brussels but also for many refugees who find themselves lost within the city's reception systems. Beyond providing a hot, dignified meal served with love, we offer a "home" where newcomers can find their footing, receive necessary help, and build the social networks they need to start a new life. At its heart, Kamiano isn't just about food—it's about restoring the human connection that poverty and displacement so often take away.

Hospitality as a Path to Hope

Restoring Dignity and Confidence: Real-Life Stories from JRS Europe's

Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Europe accompanies refugees, asylum seekers, and vulnerable migrants across Europe through advocacy, education, and community based initiatives rooted in dignity and hospitality. Through stories, experiences, and reflections from across the JRS network, this contribution explores how welcoming communities and spaces of accompaniment can foster belonging, resilience, and hope for people on the move.

LOGISTICS

- **Date and Time:** Tuesday, June 11, 19:00 h (aprox. 90 minutes duration).
- **Venue:** Chapel for Europe. Rue Van Maerlant 22/24, 1040 Bruxelles
- **Preparation:** We will meet in the chapel at 5 pm for those who can help with the preparations.
- **Speakers:** Keynote refugee speaker, panelists from diverse backgrounds.
- **Promotion:** JRS Europe will provide some media resources to promote the event. Every institution will help in the promotion of the event. Utilize social media, community networks, and partnerships for outreach. We'll start with a Save the date in May 2nd.
- **Ambient music:** JRS Europe
- **Technology:** Chapel for Europe, Streaming and recording. Audiovisual equipment for presentations, Q&A sessions, and networking.

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