



Organisational Issues

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Tram 15 or 16, Bus 133 and 142, stop: »Ubiering«

Conference Venue

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Symposium

Integration through Civic Engagement. Social work with Refugees: Chances and Challenges

November 10th, 2016

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Integration through Civic Engagement. Social work with Refugees: Chances and Challenges

Many refugees who have escaped to Germany within the last months will probably stay there for a long time. Therefore, the current discourse on refugee policies is not only dominated by issues of humanitarian assistance – but also by the question on how to tie this humanitarian assistance into long-term civic involvement and solidarity. New approaches of social participation and social cohesion are coming to the fore: How can these displaced people with all their qualifications, competences, interests, needs and aspirations become actively involved in German society? How can we counteract racism and right-wing extremism which are increasingly reported of in some places? And how can we secure plurality and solidarity in our municipalities?

Here civic involvement plays a major role: Without the sheer size of the contributions of volunteerism, neither the immediate support of the newly arrived people in Europe nor their comprehensive long-term integration could be successful. Not only volunteers but also refugees are socially and politically involved in many various ways, and contribute actively to social developments.

Professional social workers play a crucial role in coordinating, accompanying, teaching and qualifying people voluntary engaged in the field of refugee work. However, in the field of Social Work with refugees, social workers sometimes act under hard conditions themselves, and they are particularly challenged to clarify their own position.

Against this background, this symposium will focus on the interface between volunteer civic involvement and professional Social Work. In order to discuss the related issues from many different perspectives, civil society actors, social workers, scientists and guests from administration, industry, associations, media and politics will be invited.

Programme Thursday, 10th November 2016

9:00

Welcome & Introduction

*Prof. Dr. Matthias Otten & Prof. Dr. Ricarda Rolf, TH Köln –
University of Applied Sciences*
Anke Bruns, moderator

9:20

Opening Address by the Vice President of the TH Köln – University of Applied Sciences

Prof. Dr. Rüdiger Küchler, TH Köln – University of Applied Sciences

9:30

Round table discussions

Integration through civic involvement. Experience stories of
volunteers, and examples of initiatives and projects

10:15

Statements

Recent developments and current challenges:
Civic involvement in the field of refugee work
*Susanne Huth, Project Group Migration and Social Inclusion of
the BBE; INBAS Social Research*
Kay Präfke, Green Network Mediation, FernUniversität Hagen
Thomas Zitzmann & Christina Dück, Cologne Refugee Council

11:30

Coffee break

12:00

Lecture

Social Work and civic involvement in the field of refugee work:
coexistence, competition or cooperation?
Prof. Dr. Sonja Kubisch, TH Köln – University of Applied Sciences

13:00

Lunch break

14:00

Working Groups

There are 12 thematic working groups.
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15:30

Coffee break

16:00

Panel discussion

Requirements to civic involvement and social work in the community-
based refugee work
Yasmine Chehata, TH Köln – University of Applied Sciences
Georg Fenninger, DRK Bonn – German Red Cross
Ehsan Hadid, Forum Afghan Migrants in Cologne
Hans-Jürgen Oster, Refugee coordinator of the City of Cologne
Claus-Ulrich Prälß, Cologne Refugee Council
Anke Bruns, moderator

17:00

Closing