

# Voices of Inclusion

## Conference on Media Activities of Refugees and Migrants as an aspect of human rights

**Date & Location:** Thursday, June 15th, 10:30 until 17:30 at the [Civilmedia-Conference FS1, Bergstrasse 12](#), 5020 Salzburg / Austria

Due to the ongoing war in Syria as well as to conflicts and crises in other regions of the world, society is confronted with the arrival of bigger numbers of refugees and migrants in the past two years. Whereas the media coverage of the “refugee crisis” and the ways in which refugees are portrayed were in the focus of public debates and a range of academic studies, media practices, communication needs and possibilities of self-representations of recently arrived migrants and refugees were rather neglected. With this conference, we address the crucial question of media and human rights:

**Which role do media in general and community media in particular play for refugees and migrants in response to their particular needs and with regard to their fundamental rights to information and to freedom of expression?**

The conference gives the floor to present media projects from and with refugees and migrants, which function as spaces of social, linguistic and political inclusion. We will discuss what kind of support do people fleeing war and poverty need for their access to media in the context of Community Radios and TVs or online-platforms. What kind of experiences in media are important to newcomers or migrants as entry points into the local society and as orientation in the new environment? At the panel discussion, preliminary findings from the study “**Spaces of Inclusion** on needs of refugees and migrants in the domain of media communication and on responses by community media” will be presented and discussed. The workshops open the space for intensive exchange between refugees, media trainers and activists and participants from the academic field.

**Conference formats:** Project presentations, debates and workshops on aspects of refugees and migrants’ media production.

## Conference Program

- 10.30 – 11.45      **Presentation of refugee and migrants media projects in countries like Austria, Germany, Luxemburg, Greece ...**
- Fanis Kollias** ([Solomon](#), Griechenland)  
**Homa Sharafi** and **Zaker Roeg** ([Radio FRO](#), Linz/A)  
**Ammar Al-Tokmachi** and **Sara Hassan** ([indimaj](#), OktoTV, Vienna/A)  
**Common Voices** ([Common Voices](#), Radio Corax, Halle/DE)  
**Ehab Ghandour** and **Lama Alokaili** ([Salam Show](#), Radio ARA, Luxemburg)  
**Hamdi Abdullahi** and **Ramin Siawash** ([New Life in Vienna](#), Radio Orange 94.0, Vienna/A)
- 12.00 – 13.00      **panel discussion:  
the role of media activities and self-representation as a way to social inclusion**
- Adilson Dos Santos Junior** (Refugee Radio Network)  
**Charlotte Altenhöner-Dion** (Council of Europe)  
**Brigitta Busch** (University of Vienna)  
**Tamim Nashed** (ECRE)  
**Sobhi Aksh** (Join Media)  
Moderation: **Helmut Peissl** (COMMIT / A)
- 13.00 – 14.00      lunch-break
- 14.-00 – 15.30      **workshop I – exchange and future cooperation**
- 16.00 – 17.30      **workshop II – exchange and future cooperation**

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This event is also a pre-conference for the international conference „Migration and Media Awareness 2017“ which will take place in November 24th to 26th at Kulturfabrik Kampnagel in Hamburg.

