

What next?

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Summary

If you were captivated by the amazing talks from the event and would like to remember what any of them were saying, you can find the recordings of them here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I6RXmqYkdDQ>

We were also introduced to Mika and Steph from the charity “stories of hope and home” (<https://www.storiesofhome.org.uk>).

“Stories of Hope and Home is a story-telling project offering Asylum Seekers and Refugees a space to share their stories and others a space to hear them. The aim is to empower those who have been forced to flee and seek refuge to recognise the value of the stories of their humanity, and to create spaces of powerful personal encounter in order to challenge and change perceptions around these issues.”

Mika is an asylum seeker living in Birmingham. She made us aware of the differences between a refugee and asylum seeker and the process required to get from one to the other. We were shocked to find out how long she had been waiting in such uncertainty. In these cases, there are fab charities such as “stories of hope and home” Her story and positive attitude inspired us and we are very grateful that she came along.

refugee

[ref-yoo-jee, ref-yoo-jee]

noun

- 1 a person who flees for refuge or safety, especially to a foreign country, as in time of political upheaval, war, etc.
- 2 political refugee.

asylum seeker

[uh-sahy-luhm see-ker] **SHOW IPA**

noun

- 1 a person, especially a political fugitive, who applies for refuge or asylum in a foreign country or its embassy.

Get involved

Common Concern Network on Refugees and Migration:

Contact Robert Swinfen at CCNmig@iona.org.uk

Find out about Iona Community [Common Concern Networks](#) and what they do here:

<https://iona.org.uk/about-us/concerns/>

If you enjoyed this event and would like to be involved in organising the next one, please email ionayouthplanninggroup@gmail.com

Keep learning

- National list of detainee visitor organisations – <http://www.aviddetention.org.uk/about-us>
- Organisations providing accommodation for destitute migrants – <https://nacom.org.uk/>
- Student action for refugees – <https://www.star-network.org.uk/>

Get creative

Arts organisations to keep an eye out for:

- **Good Chance theatre** – A theatre company who build temporary theatres in areas with high refugee populations, building community through the arts. Catch out their hugely successful show *The Jungle*, or their upcoming project *The Walk* – a travelling festival in support of refugees where a 3.5m puppet of a young refugee girl travelling from the Syrian/Turkey border all the way to the UK
- **Flying Seagull Project** – UK based project bringing play and laughter to communities in crisis. They do lots of work in refugee camps and communities across Europe, providing workshops and shows that allow children a chance to simply play.
- **Actors for Human Rights** – Part of Iceland Fire, a theatre company exploring human rights through performance. They offer a variety of script sharing testimonies and first-hand accounts of what its really like to be a refugee in the UK.

Social media

Social media is one of the biggest suppliers of information right at our fingertips. As amazing as it is, we also know there is lots of “fake news” so it is important to trust your accounts that you follow or not take them to seriously. Here are some accounts that we have found that are definitely worth a follow.

refugeecommunitykitchen

578 Posts 14.2 k Followers 1,000 Following

Refugee Community Kitchen
#RefugeeCommunityKitchen Serves nourishing food to displaced people in the UK & France every day! Please share & donate!
link.justgiving.com/v1/charity/donate/charityId/2969416?t...

chooselove

4,089 Posts 261 k Followers 3,007 Following

Choose Love / Help Refugees
Nonprofit Organization
Love has no borders ❤️ We work with people fleeing war, persecution & climate change 🌍 Advocacy by Help Refugees Ltd 🌱 Choose Love store open online 📦
shor.by/chooselove

conversationsfromcalais

257 Posts 21.1 k Followers 588 Following

Conversations From Calais
Documenting conversations between volunteers and migrants met in Calais and pasting them on our cities' walls.
Project by @mathildadellatorre
www.conversationsfromcalais.com

refuweegee

657 Posts 9,886 Followers 910 Following

Refuweegee
Community-led charity ensuring ppl are welcomed to Glasgow in true weegee style. Delivering over 150 support packages/wk.
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www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/l/JGEZTHM0B6WV?ref_Refuweegee, Third Floor of 1 Cadogan Square, Glasgow, United Kingdom

care4calais

1,004 Posts 12.6 k Followers 897 Following

Care4Calais
Charity working in Northern France with stranded refugees from war-torn countries. With coronavirus, we need volunteers and donations more than ever.
care4calais.org/coats4calais

europemustact

161 Posts 5,872 Followers 595 Following

EuropeMustAct
Growing grassroots movement of volunteers and NGOs campaigning for humane reception of refugees in Europe through local action & joint-advocacy.
linktr.ee/europemustact

Thank you!

For any more information about the Iona Community please visit:
<https://iona.org.uk>

IONA PILGRIMAGE
YOUNG ADULTS' PILGRIMAGE FROM GLASGOW TO IONA

An opportunity to engage with the story of the Iona Community whilst journeying in fellowship.

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For more information or to sign up contact:
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