

## Invitation

Empowerment is...

Realities and Perspectives in Social Work with Refugees

Berlin, September 19-20, 2017



Following last year's successful meeting on the topic of "[Protecting Refugees Against Gender-based Violence](#)", we are pleased to host another two-day event that will provide even more opportunity for exciting discussion, inputs and for networking and exchange on the issues of empowering and protecting female and LGBTI refugees against violence.

Hereby we cordially invite all interested parties to take part in the following event:

**"Empowerment is...  
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Berlin, September 19, 2017, 12 pm – September 20, 2017, 3.30 pm**

Within the context of the project "Empowering Female Refugees", the Association of Women's Shelters (Frauenhauskoordinierung e.V.) ensures the networking and professional support of project funders supported by the Federal Government Commissioner for Migration, Refugees and Integration.

The meeting is organised by the Association of Women's Shelters (Frauenhauskoordinierung e.V.) in cooperation with the Federal Association of Non-Statutory Welfare (Bundesarbeitsgemeinschaft der freien Wohlfahrtspflege e.V.).

We look forward to an exciting event and a mutually inspiring exchange!

*Tatjana Leinweber*

*Project Consultant for Protection against Violence and Displacement*

<b>Venue</b>	Werkstatt der Kulturen, Wissmannstraße 32, 12049 Berlin
<b>Registration</b>	Please complete and return the enclosed registration form until September 3, 2017.
<b>Registration fee</b>	Please see the enclosed registration form.
<b>Organisation</b>	Tatjana Leinweber Email: leinweber@frauenhauskoordinierung.de Phone: 030-338434242 Mobile: 01573-0056634

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### Tuesday, September 19, 2017

- 11:30 am Arrival and Welcome
- 12:00 pm **Welcome Speeches**
- Diana Gruber, secretarial staff of the Federal Government Commissioner for Migration, Refugees and Integration
- Heike Herold, managing director, Association of Women's Shelters (Frauenhauskoordinierung e.V.), Berlin
- 12:30 pm **"Study on Female Refugees" – Key Results**
- PD Dr. med. Meryam Schouler-Ocak, project director of the Intercultural Research Group on Migration and the Health Sector, Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin
- 13:15 pm **Supporting Refugees: Between Civilising Mission and Support on Equal Terms?**
- Prof. Dr. Nivedita Prasad, Alice Salomon University, Berlin
- 14:00 pm Lunch break
- 15:00 pm **Workshops**
- until **Reflections on the Work with Refugees**
- 18:00 pm with coffee break in between
- (for more information see page 3).*

### Wednesday, September 20, 2017

- 9:00 am **Empowering Newly Arrived Women**
- Fatuma Musa Afrah, speaker, consultant, activist
- 9:45 am **Safe Danger - Dangerous Safety? On the Situation of Female Refugees Living Under Precarious Conditions**
- Behshid Najafi, educator, agisra e.V.
- 10:30 am Coffee break
- 11:00 am **Workgroups and Project Presentations**
- (for more information see pages 3-4)*
- 12:30 pm Lunch break
- 13:15 pm **Workgroup Phase based on the Speakers' Topics**
- 14:45 pm Result-based Interviews
- 15:15 pm Close of the Meeting

Moderation: Pasquale Virginie Rotter

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### Workshops Day 1

<b>Title of the Workshop</b>	<b>Speakers</b>
<b>Reflecting and Evaluating Work Structures in the Refugee Support System</b>	Jennifer Kamau Activist, International Womens' Space Berlin
<b>Empowering Newcomer Women. What works and what does not</b>	Fatuma Musa Afrah Speaker / Counsellor / Activist
<b>Raising Awareness for Racism</b>	Adam Bahar Trainer OPAT <sup>1</sup> project, global e.V.
<b>Self-Definitions, (Self-)Critique and Policy-Making in Social Work</b>	Miriam Burzlaff Social worker, educational counsellor, activist Naemi Eifler Social worker, educational counsellor, legal officer
<b>Intersectionality and Privileges in Working with Refugees</b>	Yemisi Babatola, Lahya Aukongo
<b>*to be announced*</b>	Diane Izabiliza Educator, student and member in the project "Passport Control! – Living without Papers in Past and Present" at the Alice Salomon University

### Workgroups and Project Presentations Day 2

<b>Topic of the Workgroup</b>	<b>Title of the Project Presentation</b>	<b>Speakers</b>
<b>Mobile Support and the Question of How to Reach a Target Group</b>	<i>Social Work: From Individual Supporter to Political Actor.</i>	Serap Asal and Gonca Çalışkan Migrant Center Gülistan - Women Learning Together Bonn e.V.
<b>Psychological Support Programs for Women and support across the transfer from Reception Centre to Other Forms of Residence</b>	<i>Arriving in Germany – Possibilities and Obstacles for Women and Traumatized Refugees in a Reception Centre.</i>	Mariam Tahiri Hessian reception centre, branch office Darmstadt "Michaelisdorf", coordinator of project Step by Step

<sup>1</sup> 'OPAT', a German abbreviation for 'without paternalism', is a series of qualification workshops in which people who have experienced displacement are trained to carry out awareness and empowerment workshops in the field of solidarity work.

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<b>Working with and for LGBTIQ Refugees</b>	<i>Project with LBGTIQ Refugees</i>	Freddie* Heithoff and Svenja Reimann  Counselling centre Lore-Agnes-Haus
<b>Outreach Work in Refugee Camps: Discussion Groups for Men and Women</b>	<i>*to be announced*</i>	Natheem Gaynaem, Tahreer Ganayem  Project "Brückenbau"
<b>Human Trafficking</b>	<i>Counselling for Female Refugees who have become Victims of Human Trafficking</i>	Mira von Mach  Nadeschda Women's Advisory Centre for Victims of Human Trafficking
<b>Pregnancy Counselling</b>	<i>Pregnancy Counselling and Family Sponsorship – Experiences and Insights from Social Work with Women</i>	Susanne Smolén Managing director, Catholic Women's Welfare Service, Dortmund/Hörde

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