

Closing event
of the project
**« Do the *human right* thing -
Raising our Voice for Refugee Rights »**

The Greek Council for Refugees, in partnership with Diotima Centre, International Rescue Committee Hellas (IRC) and Popaganda, have the pleasure to invite you to the closing event of the project “Do the *human right* thing – Raising our Voice for Refugee Rights”, which will take place on **Thursday, 30 June 2022, at 11 am**, at the **Auditorium “Antonis Tritsis”, Cultural Centre of the Municipality of Athens** (50, Akademias str.).

Through this project, implemented in the context of the Active Citizens Fund, we had the opportunity to contact not only groups and communities of refugees and asylum seekers but also decision makers. We discussed about good practices as well as obstacles. We talked about solutions to issues and how, only with a house, a job and healthcare, can one enjoy equal rights in Greek society.

We invite you to see with us the story and the results of various aspects of the rights to housing, employment and healthcare, the rights to life!

* All measures aimed at preventing the spread of the covid-19 pandemic will be followed, as stipulated.

Event programme:

- **Registration, coffee and networking** 11.00-11.30
- **Welcome** 11.30-11.45
 - Lefteris Papagiannakis – Director, Greek Council for Refugees
 - Representative of the Fund Operator (TBC)
- **Part 1** (11.45-14.15)
 - Lefteris Papagiannakis – Director, Greek Council for Refugees

The need to advocate for the right to access to housing, employment and healthcare
11.45.-12.00

- Spyros-Vlad Oikonomou, Advocacy Officer, Greek Council for Refugees
- Melina Koumpou, Advocacy Officer, International Rescue Committee Hellas
- Sotiris Lamprou, Project Manager, Diotima Centre

Refugees’ access to housing, employment and healthcare: A presentation of the conclusions of the three project reports 12.00-12.30

- Stephania Baglatzi, Manager of the project “Gender based violence prevention and response services in the refugee population”, Centre Diotima

Gender dimensions in the situation of refugees in Greece: the human right to health, adequate housing and work 12.30-12.45

- **Coffee break** 12.45-13.00
- **Discussion: How can stakeholders help?** 13.00-14.15

Athanasios Vitsentzatos, Ministry of Migration and Asylum

Actions promoting the social inclusion of beneficiaries of international protection into Greek society

Nikodimos Maina Kinyoua, Greek Forum of Refugees

Views and suggestions by refugee communities regarding access to housing, employment and healthcare

Natassa Arapidou, International Organisation for Migration

Enhancing the access of refugees to the labour market: the example of HELIOS

Petros Mastakas, UNHCR

Common challenges in the field of social rights (housing, employment, healthcare) as a basis for social policies aimed at integration

Dionysia Lampiri, ACCMR, Municipality of Athens

The importance of integration at the local level: challenges and perspectives

Coordination: Dimitra Kalogeropoulou, Director, IRC Hellas

- **Lunch break** 14.15-15.00
- **Part 2** (15.00-16.30)
- **Personal testimonies** 15.00-15.30

Andriana Theochari, Head of the Greek department of Global Girl Media, journalist and filmmaker

Hana Ganji, Vice-president of the Afghan community, gender and human rights activist

Nasruddin Nizami, Coordinator of the Interpretation and First Reception Unit, Greek Council for Refugees

- Documentary film by Maria Louka and Alexandros Katsis: «**Flows of Humans / Flows of History**» 15.30-15.45
- Anastasia Vaitopoulou, Journalist writing on Human Rights and the Climate Crisis, Popaganda

The importance of the visibility and voice of refugees in advocating for their rights as seen through the “Do the *human right* thing” project - 15.45-16.00

- **Discussion** 16.00-16.30
- **Close of the event** 16.30-17.00

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More information: www.activecitizensfund.gr/en/