

UPF UK: Challenges of Refugee and Asylum-Seeking Women and Girls

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Escaping Violence - Hoping for Sanctuary
Agenda

4.00 Margaret Ali – Director, UPF in UK
Welcoming Remarks

4.05 Remzije Duli - KAYAV CEO & Vice Chair at the London Refugee Advocacy Forum
Opening the Launch and Welcoming Remarks

4.10 London Borough of Wandsworth – Deputy Mayor

4.15 Jonathan Hearn MCIMSPA – Westminster City Council | Innovation & Change|

4.20 Ezechias Ngendahayo – Refugee Council - Community Engagement Manager

4.20 Screening of the documentary "Challenges of Refugee and Asylum-Seeking Women and Girls in London"

4.35 - 5.20 Panel Discussion
The campaign aims to identify and raise the awareness of the special protection needs of women and girls seeking asylum in the UK as well as the gaps in the UK asylum system with regard to women and girls.

5.20 – 5.40 Discussions

5.40 – 6.30 Networking
Classical Music and Light snacks with tea and coffee

#16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM

Address: 43 Lancaster Gate, London W2 3NA United Kingdom
Date: 29.11.2022
Time: 16:00

Challenges of Refugee and Asylum-Seeking Women and Girls, #16daysagainst Violence towards Women and Girls, November 29th, 2022, 4.00 - 6.00 pm, @ Universal Peace Federation - UK HQ, 43 Lancaster Gate, London, W2 3NA

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Remy Duli, the CEO of Kosovar Albanian Youth Against Violence (KAYAV) and Deputy Chair of Refugee Advocacy Forum, organised a programme to highlight the plight of refugees and asylum-seeking women and girls during the 16 days of activism for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has long recognized the special protection needs of women and girls in refugee and asylum procedures. Despite all the work done

throughout the immigration process, female refugees are disproportionately exposed to more dangers than men and continue to face challenges in their integration into society. Female refugees and asylum seekers are disproportionately affected by risks such as poverty, trauma and violence. Women are also far more likely to be victims of organised crime such as human trafficking and sexual violence.

Refugee Advocacy Forum in August 2022, launched its report 'Going Full Circle' that sheds light on the primary needs and experiences of refugees and people seeking asylum living in London. Kosovar Albanian Youth Against Violence - KAYAV with other member organisation at London Refugee Advocacy forum during their research with over 670 members, have identified the gaps and the special protection needs of women and girls in refugee and asylum procedures.

We are delighted to invite you to attend an event organised by the London RCO Advocacy Forum and the Refugee Council to launch the Campaign. 'Escaping violence - Hoping for Sanctuary' Following, the forum's report on the primary needs and experiences of refugees and people seeking asylum living in London. The London Refugee Advocacy Forum which is a new forum for London Refugee community Organisations (RCOs), supported by the Refugee Council and funded by City Bridge Trust, conducted a survey into the experiences of refugees and people seeking asylum living in London.

The event will feature short talks from the Campaigns authors, the Community Engagement Manager at Refugee Council, the London Refugee Advocacy forum, the representatives from GLA, representatives from the local councils, NGOs and professionals working with refugee Women and Girls. This is an 'in person' and online event.

Campaign launch 'Escaping violence - Hoping for Sanctuary'

Speakers: Local Councillors, Refugee Council, Refugee Community Organisations- London, Professionals working with the refugee community.

The full agenda and the list of speakers will be shared closer to the date.

Ms. Remy Duli: CEO of Kosovar Albanian Youth Against Violence (KAYAV) and Deputy Chair of Refugee Advocacy Forum

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