

## WFP Austria, Prepares for UN Conference in Vienna on April 14 2016

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Renate Amesbauer/ WFP Austria sent us these photos of one of their recent working groups in preparation of the upcoming conference in UN Vienna, on 14 April 2016, under the theme "Access to Education and Security for Refugee Children, Women and Youth - Leaving No One behind":

"In preparation for this conference, we called upon our friends from WFP/ GWPBW (Global Women's Peace Network) in Vienna and beyond, and invited them for an exchange of ideas regarding the situation of the refugees, especially children and youth, and we had an enormous surprise as so many people came: friends brought their friends. It took almost 2 hours just for everybody to introduce themselves!

We then split up into 3 groups based on these themes:

"Refugees helping refugees": Initiatives and support given to newcomers by those who have settled a little already

"Education - innovative ideas",

"Spirituality: To pray is important, but it should lead to action, on the other hand activity without spirituality will eventually lead to burnout"

Every day, we heard from somebody who is already working proactively in any of these areas.

We now have about 70 people who signed up for the conference based on their personal or professional interest, and willing to assist."

For anybody who is still interested to attend the conference in Vienna UN, please get in touch with Renate Amesbauer [renate.amesb@gmail.com](mailto:renate.amesb@gmail.com)





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## **'ACCESS TO EDUCATION AND SECURITY FOR REFUGEE CHILDREN, WOMEN AND YOUTH: LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND'**

### **EDUCATION FOR GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP CONFERENCE SERIES - VI**

**Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 10.00 am  
Registration from 9.00 am till 13.00**

**Vienna International Centre, C3 in the C building, 7th floor  
1220 Vienna, Wagramer Str.5  
Subway U1 (Kaisermühlen).**

"Education is everyone's birth right. I, myself, was born poor, after Korea was devastated by the Korean War. I owe everything I have now to education — a good education — and investment by the Government. I owe it to the world, to the United Nations, to do everything possible to give all people the same start. At that time, the United Nations was a beacon for many Korean children. Now the United Nations is also a beacon for millions and millions of children around the world. We have to help them. A family's poverty should never deprive any child of a good education. No child should be left out of school because of gender, ethnicity or geography". *UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon*



Pictures drawn by Refugee children in the Alte Asfinag Camp Salzburg in February 2016

A ground pass is required to enter Vienna International Centre (VIC).  
If you do not have a permanent pass, please register not later than April 7<sup>th</sup>.  
*Needed information for Registration are the following:* Title: Mr. or Mrs;  
First Name: Last Name: Type of ID: ID number: Issuing Country:

Those who would like to enter the VIC and attend the conference on April 14<sup>th</sup> are requested to present this identity document at Gate 1 of the VIC.

**To register, send an email no later than April 7th to [renate.amesb@gmail.com](mailto:renate.amesb@gmail.com) (0650 7514073)**

"Syrian and other refugees need the chance to work and provide for their families. Today, let us commit to getting all Syrian children into school, within months, not years. Offering hope is the best way to slow the exodus of educated Syrians and prevent the radicalization of a lost generation." United Nations Sec-Gen Ban Ki-moon

"Integration – that's not just a word – it is humanity put into practice." Doraja Eberle, Bauern helfen Bauern.

Alpine Peace Crossing is also dedicated to all those people who, at this very moment, find themselves on the run from political, racial or religious persecution, in whichever part of the world this is being inflicted. Dr. Ernst Loeschner Alpine Peace Crossing.

UNESCO Director Irina Bokova advocated for an increased focus on education for Syrian youth, and appeal for longer-term education funding commitments. Outlining efforts made over the past five years to build resilience and ensure the continuity of education, the Director-General stressed preventing radicalization and ensuring a bright future for young Syrians.

