

Press release:

Snapshots from the Borders – “I Remember Your Welcome” events in Helsinki in October

Throughout the month of October, Learning for Integration ry, a Finnish NGO working with migrants and language education, organises events in support of Snapshots from the Borders project and their campaign No more Bricks in the Wall to make October 3rd the official European day of Memory and Welcome for refugees arriving in Europe. All the events are free to attend and free of charge, and food and drinks are served.

The Capital Event "I Remember Your Welcome" takes place on October 3rd in Helsinki (Porthania building, University of Helsinki), and will feature a viewing of two films on the topic of immigration, "The Peace Between" and "luventa", as well as a panel discussion "Life After Migration - Integration through Art, Education and Dialogue" with representatives of NGOs and migrant organisations from Finland, Berlin and Brussels. Finally, there will be live music by the Mia Dyberg Trio playing amazing jazz music.

The "I Remember Your Welcome" physical art installation features portraits of refugees and the relationships they have made since arriving in Europe, as well as the welcome received by curator Talitha Brauer when traveling through these lands. The photo exhibition is on display at The International School of Helsinki from October 3rd until the end of October.

We are also organising Solidarity Saturday events every Saturday in October, starting on October 5th, with a screening of the film "The Peace Between" at each event, reframing the term refugee to mean a friend. There will also be a political speed dating activity to activate local communities to take part in the discussion and share experiences. The Saturday events are organised in synergy with other parts of Europe, with organisations from Brussels, Prague, Warsaw and Dublin joining online.

We hope that people will join the events and the discussion, interact and enjoy the films, art and atmosphere, as well as sign the petition for making October 3rd the European Day of Memory and Welcome to commemorate refugee victims and promote solidarity initiatives.

Sign up and view details on Facebook for Capital Event on October 3rd:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1090329528022954>

Sign up and view details on Facebook for the Solidarity Saturdays:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1136362346556045>

View details on Facebook for the Art Exhibition: <https://www.facebook.com/events/767742917018651>

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