



Social integration of refugees

Closing event of the
21st International Summer School
for Social Work

July 14, 2016, 13.30 – 17:00pm
Rotes Rathaus (Berlin city hall)

The world is challenged with a huge number of refugees. The European Union is oscillating between the wish to solve the problem of shortage of skilled labor with the help of new immigrants on one side and to make the European fortress even stronger on the other side. The efforts for a more just distribution of refugees among member states are failing due to national egoism and the recent increase in the popularity of right populist movements and politics.

The reactions vary among and within the European member states. On the one hand, many people helped as volunteers in the process of care and integration of refugees since many administrations were overwhelmed. The “culture of welcome” was the dominant discourse in Germany in 2015. On the other hand, the refugee topic is misused by right wing populist and extremist movements, thus fueling racism and threatening the political stability in many countries.

The 21st International Summer School discusses the role of social work and social service professionals in the social integration of refugees. The fields of integration into the labor market, the housing and health sectors and into education are covered in workshops during the Summer School.

In a closing event the partners Alice Salomon University Berlin - European Institute for Social Work and the Berlin Centre for Civic Education discuss those issues with experts in theory and practice, politicians and the interested public.

Program Thursday July 14, 13.30 – 17:00pm

Venue: Rotes Rathaus (Berlin city hall), Rathausstraße 15, 10178 Berlin (S+U Alexanderplatz)

- **13.30 Key note: Beyond the European Perspective – Migration in Central America**
Dr. Aroldo Camposeco (Universidad de San Carlos, Guatemala)
- **14:00 – 15:00: Reports from Workshops of the 21st International Summer School**
Prof. Dr. Heinz Stapf-Finé (Alice Salomon University Berlin)
- **15.00 – 16.30: Panel Discussion: How can we achieve the social integration of refugees?**
Moderation: Reinhard Fischer (Berlin Centre for Civic Education)
Education: Mark Rackles (state secretary for education, Berlin Senate)
Housing and urban development: Dr. Noa Ha (Center for Metropolitan Studies, TU Berlin)
Health: PD Dr. Meryam Schouler-Ocak (Charité Berlin)
Social welfare: Dr. Gabriele Schlimper (Der Paritätische: association of welfare organizations)
Labour market: Dr. Olga Nottmeyer (IZA World of Labor)
- **16:30 – 17:00: integration of refugees – a challenge and chance for civic education**
Friederike Beier (Berlin Centre for Civic Education)