

Let's Talk Inclusion

Bridging Research and Practice

Workshop organized by MA students in the international master's programme
Ethnic and Migration Studies, Linköping University

Campus Norrköping
Bomullspinneriet, Holmentorget 10, Room B42

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Social integration processes and plans for inclusion are often too one-sided, happening as an activity *from* society *for* immigrants. This often happens as part of an image which portrays immigrants as a fiscal burden, 'culturally' different, divergent and as idle victims. We believe rather that processes of social integration and inclusion policies should happen with immigrants and society as participating agents, for a better outcome and a more functioning society.

In this workshop we bring together refugee-led organizations and researchers to discuss practices of social integration and inclusion policies. The event is part of a wider vision for research and policy development that is centered on refugee-led organizations and includes examples of inclusionary work and to thus bridge practical experiences and academic research on social integration, inclusion and participation.

On behalf of the international master's programme in Ethnic and Migration Studies at Linköping University (LiU) and in cooperation with LiU's Initiative for Refugee Questions, we have the pleasure to invite you to a one-day workshop on the 24th of April 2018 at Campus Norrköping. The workshop will consist of presentation sessions in the morning followed by a panel discussion in the afternoon (see detailed agenda below). Participation is highly welcome from researchers, civil society actors, public services and students.

The event is open for the public.
The Workshop will be held in English.

Warm Welcome
The Organizing Team: Hammam Skaik, Andrea Nold, Haqqi Bahram

About the refugee-led organizations:

The Young Republic:

The Young Republic is an award-winning youth organization, working to empower young refugees to foster their democratic participation, civic engagement and social inclusion in their new communities in Europe. The Young Republic is registered in Sweden as a non-governmental organization since January 2015 and carried its activities in Sweden and 7 other European countries, working with young refugees, host communities, and decision-makers, and reaching more than 500 beneficiaries.

(<http://theyoungrepublic.org/>)

Support Group Network:

Support Group Network (SGN), is a non-profit organization initiated by refugees and collaborates with local societies to improve integration of asylum seekers, refugees and immigrants, for whom SGN provides psychosocial support through creating need-based activities and projects aiming to enhance their future in Europe or home countries if they go back. SGN functions as an umbrella that gathers associations and individuals efforts aiming to help and support asylum seekers, refugees and immigrants to integrate in the hosting countries.

(<https://www.supportgroup.se>)

Agenda

10:00-10:15	Welcome and opening by the organizers
10:15-10:30	Presentation of LiU's Initiative for Refugee Questions by Ulrika Åstrand
	<i>Presentations</i>
10:30-10:55	Adam Elsod (The Young Republic)
10:55-11:20	Ragheb Aljaoor (Support Group network)
11:20-11:30	Break
11:30-11:55	Peo Hansen , Professor at LiU
11:55-12:20	Alexandra Ålund , Professor Emerita at LiU
12:20-1:30	Break
13:30-15:00	<i>Panel Discussion</i> Moderator: Erik Berggren , Senior Research Coordinator at LiU Panelists: Alexandra Ålund Mayssa Rekhis (The Young Republic) Adnan Abdul Ghani (Support Group Network) Sly Agouda , (Östergötland Region)
15:00-15:30	Closing session

