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Opening the doors to dialogue

World Refugee Day

Far too often we just talk *about* refugees - it is time to let people tell their own story.

The Greens/EFA group in the European Parliament is organising a unique project on World Refugee Day, 20 June, to create a global conversation and raise awareness about the situation of refugees around the globe.

We invite you to enter the Portal (container) placed in front of the European Parliament and come face-to-face with people in an identical space somewhere else in the world. The portal includes a sophisticated multimedia which will allow you to connect with refugees in different cities.

Directly from Brussels to Jordan, Palestine, Germany or Iraq, people will be able to communicate, dance or sing together as if they were in one room.

Come by and be part of the dialogue.

Check the full programme of the event below

Brussels Draft Schedule

Date	Time in Brussels	Connecting Site	Notes	Connect
June 20	10am-12pm	Erbil, Iraq	The Portal is located in Harsham Camp, on the	10:15 Offici

		11am-1pm	outskirts of the city of Erbil in northern Iraq. The camp hosts 1,500 internally displaced Iraqi families who fled the so-called Islamic State take-over of Mosul and surrounding villages in mid-2014. Erbil is the capital of Iraq's Kurdistan Region, which hosts around 1.5 million internally displaced Iraqis and almost 230,000 Syrian refugees.	Greens/EFA Keller with J 11:00 Co Pre Zakia Khatta Dupriez
	12:30pm-2:30pm	Kigali, Rwanda 12:30-2:30pm	In Kigali, we have invited UNHCR Rwanda and refugees and internally displaced Congolese Tutsi's to visit our Portal at Impact Hub hosted by Kurema, Kureba, Kwiga - a public arts social enterprise using street-arts and art-actions to involve civil society in positive social change.	12:30 School 1:45 Green N Lochbihler (german scho 2 pm group Green Party over Europe
	3pm-5pm	Amman, Jordan 4pm-6pm	Our Portal in Amman is located at FABLAB, a collaboration with Refugee Open Ware. Refugee Open Ware works to harness advanced technology, co-creation and open innovation to reduce suffering, fulfill basic needs, and accelerate inclusive development in fragile and conflict-affected areas. Their mission is to catalyze investment in humanitarian technology, innovation and entrepreneurship, with and for conflict-affected communities.	
	6pm-8pm	Berlin, Germany 6pm-8pm	Our Berlin Portal is located at Migration Hub, which creates spaces where social entrepreneurs and organizations meet to design solutions for migration challenges. They identify and host promising social initiatives and social entrepreneurs working in the field of migration and integration. Many of the entrepreneurs working in the space are refugees or have been displaced.	6 pm: Introd Greens/EFA Philippe Lan 6:15 Concert talent"
June 21	9am-11am	Herat,	The Herat Portal is located on the campus of	9am acrobat

		Afghanistan 11:30am-1:30pm	Hariwa University, in the center of town, and run by the Afghan Development and Inspiration Bureau (ADIB). ADIB is dedicated to empowering young Afghan men and women through the promotion of entrepreneurship.	artists 9:30 discussi class
	11:30-1:30pm 12:30-2:30pm	Gaza, Palestine	Mercy Corps and Gaza Sky Geeks host the Portal in Gaza City. Gaza Sky Geeks was founded in 2011 to build Gaza's startup movement. They run a vibrant co-working space. In 2013, the Gaza Sky Geeks accelerator began connecting top teams to global resources to transform Gaza's most talented youth into the Middle East's business leaders.	11:30 Noah Tauche 1pm MEP Te
	2-5pm 3-6pm	Erbil, Iraq	The Portal is located in Harsham Camp, on the outskirts of the city of Erbil in northern Iraq. The camp hosts 1,500 internally displaced Iraqi families who fled the so-called Islamic State take-over of Mosul and surrounding villages in mid-2014. Erbil is the capital of Iraq's Kurdistan Region, which hosts around 1.5 million internally displaced Iraqis and almost 230,000 Syrian refugees.	2pm Discuss Representati for Foreign Security Poli Mogherini (t 4pm discussi Swing, Direc International Migration
	6-8 PM 12pm-2pm	Rye Arts Center, New York	Leadership from HIAS - a local resettlement organization in Westchester, New York visit the Portal at the Rye Arts Center to discuss resettlement strategies. Mark Hetfield and Rabbi Jenni Rosen will be in attendance.	
June 22	9am-11am 11:30am-1:30pm	Kabul, Afghanistan	The Portal is located at Turquoise Mountain, a non-profit, non-governmental organization regenerating the old city of Kabul, and spurring the sustainable development of the Afghan crafts industry. Refugees from UNHCR Afghanistan's refugee camp would be invited to the Portal for dialogues.	9.00 - 9.30 d Jean Lamber MEP 9:30-10:15 D with School

				10:15 - 11:00 Discussion w Green MEP members of for Culture a
	11:15am-1:15am 1:15pm-3:15pm	Erbil, Iraq	The Portal is located in Harsham Camp, on the outskirts of the city of Erbil in northern Iraq. The camp hosts 1,500 internally displaced Iraqi families who fled the so-called Islamic State take-over of Mosul and surrounding villages in mid-2014. Erbil is the capital of Iraq's Kurdistan Region, which hosts around 1.5 million internally displaced Iraqis and almost 230,000 Syrian refugees.	11:15 Laura coordinator Turkey 11:30 Noah school band
	2:00pm-4:30pm 2:00pm-4:30pm	Berlin, Germany	Our Berlin Portal is located at Migration Hub, which creates spaces where social entrepreneurs and organizations meet to design solutions for migration challenges. They identify and host promising social initiatives and social entrepreneurs working in the field of migration and integration. Many of the entrepreneurs working in the space are refugees or have been displaced.	2pm School 3pm school 4pm discussi Lambert, Gr
	6pm-8pm	Mexico City, Mexico 11am-1pm	The Habesha Project is a neutral, not-for-profit, non-political, and non-faith based international Mexican-led humanitarian initiative aimed at sending a message of solidarity to the Syrian nation. It does so by making it possible for Syrian students, who have fled the conflict, to travel to Mexico to pursue higher education. In association with leading academic institutions, the Project will foster discussion designed to increase awareness about the humanitarian crisis in the Middle East, as well as regional and global implications of the conflict.	

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