

Refugees and Sport

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Background

As the number of migrants and refugees in Europe continues to increase, building understanding and opportunities for integration and inclusion is important for all involved. Sport has proven to be a valuable tool not only to include refugees and migrants into local communities, but also as a means of building cultural and individual awareness.

The decision to organize a Forum came after a long consultation process with various organisations, resulting in the manifestation of a clear need to bring the key players together to exchange knowledge and create synergies.

The Forum will officially launch on Wednesday, **20 June 2018**, to coincide with World Refugees Day.

Objectives

The overarching theme of 'Refugees and Sport' will be discussed and examined throughout the day through the sharing of good practices, new opportunities, and potential challenges. The diversity of speakers and attendees will bring unique perspectives to the shared belief that sport has the power to bring about positive change.

- Good practices which use sport as a tool to integrate and include refugees into local communities will be a key focus throughout the day.
- The Forum is a springboard to promote and implement new initiatives.
- Industry leaders will provide first-hand accounts from the field, giving in-depth insight into why and how sport can be used to bring about impact.
- Experts will share the latest news and scientific insights in CSR and sport, with a particular focus on sport and refugees.
- Organisations will have the opportunity to present their work involving sport and refugees.

Format

Main content

Welcome addresses: 2-3 brief welcome addresses from leading organisations that have significantly contributed to the success of the Forum.

Keynotes: 3-4 presentations of approximately 20 minutes presenting the latest insights in sport and refugee programmes.

Workshops: Three parallel break-out sessions focused on sport and refugees with regard to A.) Sport Governing Bodies, B.) Clubs, and C.) Non-Governmental Organisations.

Panel Discussion: Moderated discussion with 5-6 key players who are prepared to make a clear commitment regarding their engagement in the future.

Closing Ceremony: Summary of the day, including major findings from the workshops and a common Call to Action.

Side activities

Fireplace talks: Roundtable discussions where participants will have the opportunity to discuss key questions in CSR and sport. Topics can be suggested by all partner organisations. Selections will be made based on number of interested people.

Playing with Refugees: A football match with a local Refugee football team will be organised to take place on the morning following the Forum.

Speakers

More than 30 speakers with significant project experience will present during the day. UEFA, the IOC Refugees Foundation, Terre des Hommes, SPIN, sportanddev.org etc. have confirmed their participation. Check the current list of confirmed speakers here: responsiball.org/forum/

Organizer

The Forum will be organised under the RESPONSIBALL initiative. This initiative is managed by Schwery Consulting, linking more than 1.000 practitioners in the field of Sport and CSR. In 2018, RESPONSIBALL will become an independent NGO.

Over the past seven years, an annual RESPONSIBALL Ranking has been published. Researchers compile information regarding football clubs in each of the chosen leagues, after which league averages are communicated through the report. The 2018 Sport and Refugees Forum is the first large event organised under RESPONSIBALL.

The Forum Manager, Rolf Schwery, is experienced in organising large conferences and has initiated the first international Conference on Sport and Development in Magglingen 2003.

Partnerships

The Forum does not have a main sponsor. It depends on the active contributions and partnerships with leading organisations; these organisations will contribute content, in-kind and/or financial support to the success of the Forum.

These organisations and projects are offered the opportunity to have a table display in the entrance hall during the Forum.

Connect with us if you are interested in a presenting space or other partnership.

Location

The Forum will take place in Lausanne, Switzerland on 8th of November 2018. The preliminary location is at the University of Lausanne, AISTS. Depending on the scale of the Forum, the location is subject to change.

Participation and Fees

The Organisers calculate with up to 120 participants (real scenario) or up to 250 participants (optimistic scenario).

The participation costs are: Standard Pass at (Early Bird) CHF 240.— (CHF 360.—after 7 August 2018). A reduced rate of (Early Bird) CHF 180.- is offered for Non-Governmental Organisations (CHF 270.— after 7 August 2018).

Participation in the Fireplace talks can be booked for an additional CHF 30.--

For more details, please visit responsiball.org/forum/

Team

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Volunteers

The members of a local refugee football club will support the event as volunteers.

Back-office

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For more details visit the [Forum Website](https://responsiball.org/forum/)