



Conference „A Ukrainian example? Future support systems”

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Due to the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine we are currently experiencing the greatest forced migration movement in Europe since World War II. Millions of people, including children and youth, are fleeing from the war, among other countries, to Germany.

Professionals in reception processes, youth support services as well as in the healthcare system are therefore facing challenges, some of which are new, others which reflect structural problems which have already existed for years. At the same time, the current situation makes apparent which potential arises when societal and legal conditions allow for quick and unbureaucratic support and when self-organized support systems as well as the resources of a supportive civil society are integrated.

During the two-day conference we aim to make visible the experiences of young persons from Ukraine and the professionals who support them within reception processes, youth support services and the healthcare system in Germany, show the potential of and need for action regarding the creation of needs-oriented support structures in reception processes, youth support services and the healthcare system and bring these together with the perspectives of professionals working in the field, self-organizations and political as well as administrative decision-makers. At a more general level it will be addressed which differences are present in comparison to past forced migration movements, which inequalities accompany the current situation and what decision-makers can and should learn for the future.

Register here directly: <https://eveeno.com/292990297>

Organizers

The **German Association of Psychosocial Centers for Refugees and Victims of Torture (BAfF)** is the umbrella organization of psychosocial centers, facilities and initiatives that advocate for psychosocial and therapeutic care for refugees in Germany. There are currently 47 Psychosocial Centers that are members of BAfF. For more information: <https://www.baff-zentren.org>

The **Association for Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (BumF)** is the central network for persons and institutions who work together with unaccompanied minors. [More than 400 youth welfare organizations](#) and individuals working with unaccompanied minors are members of the association.

ECPAT Germany is an association for the protection of children against sexual exploitation and is part of the network ECPAT International. In Germany there are 28 organizations that are members of the association. ECPAT has a preventive approach and advocates for the protection of minors against human trafficking and sexualized violence through cooperation with public agencies, the private sector, the judicial system and the political sphere.

Agenda Day 1

Time	Program
14.00 – 14.45	<p>Welcome & Keynote: <i>Receiving refugees from Ukraine: Conditions - Current Situation - Challenges</i></p> <p>Rainer Ohliger, historian and sociologist. Author of „Zeitenwende in der Flüchtlings- und Asylpolitik 2022? Handlungsempfehlungen für lernende Systeme“</p>
14.45 – 15.45	<p>Panel discussion: <i>A Ukrainian example? On the specific reception situation</i> Status quo & need for action in reception processes, youth welfare services and the healthcare system Discussion with: Rainer Ohliger, BumF, BAfF & ECPAT. Moderation: Thomas Berthold, terre des hommes</p>
15.45 -16.15	<i>Coffee break & allocation to workshops</i>
16.15 – 18.15	<p>Parallel Workshops</p> <p><i>BAfF: Dealing with powerlessness, division and helplessness</i> In terms of psychosocial care, both the plight of the Ukrainian refugees and the unequal treatment of refugee groups become clear. What consequences does this have for professionals in the support systems? How is the situation professionally reflected, addressed and endured? (Language: German with whispered translation Ukrainian)</p> <p><i>BumF: Special features of residence law and need for action</i> The workshop is about the legal residency prospects of refugees from Ukraine. A special focus will be on the so-called third-country nationals, because in contrast to Ukrainians, it is not so easy for them to receive a residency permit under Section 24 of the Residence Act. (Language: German with whispered translation English)</p> <p><i>ECPAT: Best practice in child protection in private accommodation</i> The phenomenon of private accommodation has acquired a new meaning in the context of refugees from Ukraine. The workshop with Veronika Pišorn looks at what challenges and gaps regarding protection exist in relation to human trafficking in private accommodation and how existing child protection guidelines can be adapted to the new context. (Language: English with whispered translation German)</p>
18.15 – 18.30	Joint conclusion
18.30	<p>Dinner & evening program</p> <p>The film director Sulaiman Tadmory will present the film „Kein “echter Flüchtling“? Wer willkommen ist und wer nicht“(English: "Not a "real refugee"? Who is welcome and who is not"). Followed by Q&A.</p>

Agenda Day 2

Time	Program
08.45 – 09.00	Arrival
09.00 – 09.15	Welcome & recap of the previous day
09.15 – 10.45	<p>Panel discussion: <i>The importance of community & self-organization of refugees</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Masha Borysenko, Vitsche e.V.</i> • <i>Amal Abbass, Tubman-Network</i> • <i>Alina Bolotskyh, LaruHelpsUkraine e.V,</i> • <i>Jibran Khalil, Jugendliche ohne Grenzen</i> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — How can and must support systems become more responsive? — How are offerings networked with the community, which ones did the community organize itself? — What do we learn from this for the design of reception and care structures (also in the future)?
10.45 – 11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.00 – 12.30	<p>Panel discussion: <i>Support systems of the future? Lessons for future action</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>MdB Maria Klein-Schmeink, Bündnis 90/Die Grünen, deputy parliamentary group leader, responsible for coordinating the topics of family and women, health and care, education and research as well as culture and media (tbc)</i> • <i>Christine Elhaus, North Rhine-Westphalia Ministry for Children, Youth, Family, Gender Equality, Flight and Integration, Department 532 (Reception, Accommodation, Real Estate, Allocation, Health)</i> • <i>Jana Michael, Integration Commissioner of the state government of Mecklenburg-West Pomerania</i> • <i>Heike Dorr, Youth Welfare Office Berlin Mitte, specialist service for educational assistance</i> <p>Focus topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — (Private) accommodation, — Psychosocial health — Prevention of human trafficking <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — What is the status quo in the support systems assessed from the perspective of politics and administration? — What is special about the current reception and societal situation? What challenges are known, what lessons can we derive from the past year? — What options are available to set up the support systems in a sustainable, needs-based and flexible manner?