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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

THE IARS INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE IS PLEASED
TO ANNOUNCE A CALL FOR ABSTRACTS FOR WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS
AT ITS 6TH INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY VOICES STRONGER TOGETHER: ABUSED AND STIGMATISED NO MORE

This high profile CPD accredited event is being held over two days both focusing on giving voice to the most vulnerable and marginalised groups in Europe. The conference aims to push the barriers of current policy making and practice by debating evidence-based, community-led solutions to inequality and abuse, and through the presentation of new findings that emerged from two Erasmus funded project that the IARS International Institute coordinated.

12TH JULY | EPSILON PROJECT WWW.EPSILONPROJECT.EU

The EPSILON EQUIPPING PROFESSIONALS FOR SUPPORTING LGBT MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES project was co-financed by Erasmus KA2 and was created to respond to two current and urgent educational needs in Europe i.e. (1) the rise in migrant and refugee numbers (2) the persistent inequality and persecution of Lesbian, Bisexual and Trans-gender groups (LGBT). Combined together these two characteristics make LGBT migrants and refugees one of the most vulnerable groups in modern Europe. Our project aims to help address this issue by increasing the knowledge, skills and awareness of all those adult professionals who come in contact with them.

The project coordinator is Dr. Theo Gavrielides of the IARS International Institute and partners include Anziani e non solo sc in Italy, Kentro Merimnas Oikogeneias Kai Paidiou (KMOP) in Greece, Movisie - Kennis En Advies Voor Maatschappelijke Ontwikkeling (MOVISIE) in the Netherlands and CARDET in Cyprus.

The project will present its innovative, evidence-based, user-led educational tools. These aim to raise adult learners' awareness and sensitivity to the needs of all those with LGBT background. The educational tools will enable professionals and volunteers to identify LGBT migrants and refugees' most current and urgent needs some even reaching on issues of survival, dignity and respect. It will also help them challenge their own biases and improve their skills in providing tailored and culturally sensitive services.

13TH JULY | ABUSED NO MORE PROJECT WWW.ABUSEDNOMORE.EU

Co-financed by Erasmus KA2, inspired and motivated by the priorities of the EU Youth Strategy, the Abused no More project: Safeguarding Youth and Empowering professionals project brought together young people and professionals to establish a cross-sector, transnational Strategic Partnership in order to design and implement innovative practices and create reference documents (online & in print) that (a) empower marginalised youth (b) increase the capacity of service providers, notably in the areas of integration, equity and inclusion, gender-based abuse and discrimination.

The project coordinator is Dr. Theo Gavrielides of the IARS International Institute and partners include: Poland – The Association for Legal Intervention (SIP), Cyprus – Action for Equality, Support and Anti-racism (KISA), Italy – Anziani e Non Solo (ANS), Romania – Romanian Alumni Association (RAS). Focusing on the Europe 2020 Strategy, the project aimed to foster, migrant integration, social equity and inclusion through a two-tier approach i.e. by empowering and involving directly marginalised youth in its delivery, while at the same time increasing the capacity of organisations servicing them.



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WORKSHOP THEMES

We invite you to submit workshop proposals on topics relevant to the call, including:

- European integration, identity and community cohesion
- Brexit and European identity particularly within the context of migration and rights
- Challenges faced by migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in accessing their legal rights
- Intersectional/gendered approaches to rights and migration
- Innovative models and best practices promoting the effective integration of migrants
- Current challenges in policy and/or service provision in the UK and Europe.

We particularly welcome papers and ideas from young people, refugees, asylum seekers, migrants and users as well as workshops of an interactive nature rather than paper presentations.

SUBMISSIONS WILL NEED TO BE SEND TO CONTACT@IARS.ORG.UK BY 30th JUNE 2018 WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- title of the paper
- abstract of 200 words
- presenters' short bio, photograph, affiliation, and their expertise in the proposed topic.

BURSARIES FOR INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS

The IARS International Institute is pleased to offer a limited number of bursaries of up to €200 to assist in covering travel and accommodation costs for workshop facilitators.

Young people, migrants and refugees are particularly encouraged to apply for a bursary should they wish to attend the event. All participants are responsible to arrange their travel and accommodation. Should you wish to apply for a bursary please indicate this in your abstract submission.



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