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Students and Youth in Action for World Refugee Day
Small grants for local activities that support inclusion and access
to education for youth and students with refugee background

**Deadline for applications:
16 MAY 2021 - 23:59 Brussels time**

Small grants to support your local activity

Did you know that today only 3% of the refugee population are enrolled in Higher Education? Barriers to access, participate and succeed in education are numerous for young people with refugee and migrant backgrounds: challenges to have experiences and diploma recognised, lack of information and language knowledge, tedious administrative procedures, challenges to meet new friends and feel comfortable in the student environment, etc... The lack of social interactions and social life, the reduced financial resources, precarious living conditions and stable access to the internet and IT tools due to the covid-19 pandemic did not make it easier for students.

From 3% of the refugee population enrolled in higher education, the UNHCR aims to reach 15% by 2030, under the key message of #15by30.

As students and youth, what can we do to ensure access to quality education for all? How can we make a difference at our local level? How can we contribute to support young people with refugee backgrounds not only to access higher education but also to fully participate and feel welcome on campus, and succeed from this experience? How can we ensure that the Covid-19 pandemic is leaving no one behind?

As part of the World Refugee Day on the 20th June, we are calling on student-led, youth-led groups and NGOs to support access to Higher Education for young refugees and reaching #15by30!

Concretely?

Through small grants, from 300 to 500 euros, we are willing to help you organise an activity in **June 2021 as part of the World Refugee Day**. This activity could celebrate diversity, support the access to education to young people with a refugee background, build network and friendship, help to develop new skills empowering students and youth in their personal, academic and professional lives, and to overcome challenges raised by the pandemic.

We want to continue our efforts to encourage and promote valuable and viable options for refugees and asylum seekers to access and benefit from education, and be part of our communities.

The Campaign is organised in collaboration between the European Students Union¹ and the Voices of Young Refugees in Europe², and supports the World Refugee Day set by the UNHCR, on the 20th June 2021.

Our objectives

With this programme, we want to **inspire change and**:

	Raise awareness of the fact that only 3% of the world refugee population have access to higher education.
	Support the UNHCR pledge to increase this number by 15% by 2030.
	Inspire student-led initiatives addressing refugees' and asylum seekers' access to education and living conditions;
	Propose solutions supporting access, participation and success in Higher Education for young people with refugee background;
	Celebrate the diversity in your organisation/institutions and local community.
	Build long-lasting links between young people with refugee backgrounds, exiled students, the student and host communities.

What we fund

We do fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student and youth-led initiatives at local, national or European level organising an activity supporting the #15by30 message • The activity should be student-led or youth-led or have a strong student/youth participation; • The inclusion of young people or students with refugee background in the project is essential. • The activity should be organised between the 1st and the 20th June 2021.
We do NOT fund	Scholarships, students fees, building rent or equipment costs (e.g printers, laptops, etc)

¹ The [European Students' Union](#) represents 45 National Union of Students from 40 different countries. Since 1982 represent and promote the **educational, social, economic and cultural interests of students** at the European level towards all relevant bodies

² The [Voices of Young Refugees in Europe](#), founded in 2008 by young refugees, works to unify and strengthen the voices of individual young refugees and refugee organisations in Europe. VYRE advocates on issues that prevent young refugees from active participation and representation in their local and European realities.

Financial support

The selected activities will receive between **300 and 500 euros** depending on the type of activities and needs.

The budget will be able to support the implementation of the activities and staff costs (maximum 30% of the overall budget).

Example of projects supporting the **Students and Youth in Action for World Refugee Day Campaign**:

Walking tour and picnic on the Campus to support young refugees to be familiar with the University environment // Public speaking workshop to feel more comfortable when giving a presentation at Uni // Festival celebrating diversity // closing event of an existing buddy and mentorship programme // time management and wellbeing workshops for students // campaign to collect laptops for students // Workshop on mental health // fundraising activities to support scholarships for refugee students, etc..

Who can apply

The small grants will be awarded to

1. Non-for profit organisations working with students and youth based in Europe
2. Student-led and Youth-led organisations, local students' union, refugee-led or migrant-led organisations based in Europe
3. **Informal group of students** motivated to organise an activity supporting the #15by30 message based in Europe
4. We strongly encourage **partnerships between organisations**, with the aim of enlarging the scope, expertise and influence of each project.

How to apply

Tell us about your activity idea supporting the #15by30 message!

Fill the application form - available here: <https://www.togethertomovingforward.eu/apply/>

- Briefly describe what you want to accomplish, why, when and how.
- Include relevant, precise information
- We will tell you within one-two weeks if your activity is selected for funding to be ready to start on the 1st June 2021!

How do we select

A selection committee will be in charge of a committee composed of students' activists and TMF volunteers. We designed a list of selection criteria which will be applied in evaluating every single project.

Application tips

- Write in clear and simple English;
- Support your claims with facts and data;
- Tackle a concrete issue with concrete actions. Expect concrete results;
- Ask someone who doesn't know you or the project to read the proposal before you submit it. They can spot what is missing or what is not clear.

Apply now

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Need more help?

Contact Fancho, Maria and Vanda, our programme team at movingforward@esu-online.org