

## REFUGEE EDUCATOR ACADEMY 2021 WEBINAR SERIES

*Belonging, Purpose, Agency & Hope*

### Researcher & Practitioner Perspectives on the Promise & Possibilities of Refugee Education

Join us to connect with refugee educators and researchers around the world to deepen your understanding of refugee education in displacement, migration, & resettlement contexts.

## 2021 REA WEBINAR SCHEDULE

### Social studies education, belonging, & membership for Syrian refugees in Lebanon



**Saturday, March 27, 2021**  
**11 AM EDT / 3 PM UTC**

**Presenter: Vidur Chopra**

Vidur is a postdoctoral researcher in education at Columbia University's Teachers College. His research focuses on issues of education, civic participation, membership and forced migration in countries of first asylum.

In this webinar, Vidur will speak about the issue of recognition and belonging for refugee children in curriculum and pedagogy.

### Opportunities & challenges of re/qualification of internationally trained refugee teachers



**Saturday, April 17, 2021**  
**11 AM EDT / 3 PM UTC**

**Presenters: Michelle Proyer & colleagues**

Michelle is an assistant professor (Inclusive Education) at the Center for Teacher Education and the Department of Education, University of Vienna. Holding a PhD in Education Studies, her research focuses on dimensions of diversity. She coordinates the certificate course 'Basics in education studies for internationally trained refugee teachers'.

This webinar will introduce the idea of re/qualification of internationally trained refugee teachers in Austria and other parts of Europe.

### An international high school diploma for refugees



**Saturday, May 8, 2021**  
**11 AM EDT / 3 PM UTC**

**Presenter: Muhamad Dale**

Muhamad is a Program Assistant and Facilitator at Amala Education. He started facilitating Amala classes in 2019 and now facilitating the Amala high school diploma classes.

In this webinar, Muhamad will speak about the Amala high school diploma classes, launched in Amman, Jordan in June 2020, which are high school diploma courses especially designed for refugees.

### Agency and identity development of Syrian refugee students in Turkey



**Saturday, June 5, 2021**  
**11 AM EDT / 3 PM UTC**

**Presenter: Özlem Erden**

Özlem is an adjunct lecturer at Middle East Technical University. Her scholarship examines the schooling experiences of refugee children. Her research interests are refugee and immigrant education, inquiry methodologies and sexuality.

This webinar will focus on how refugee children develop their agency and identity in school settings by meaning-making teachers' refugee education discourses.

## The power within: Tapping into the refugee community support networks



**Saturday, July 10, 2021**

**11 AM EDT / 3 PM UTC**

**Presenter: Henri Nzeyimana**

Henri is a child protection and youth development specialist and an educator with 12 years' international experience focusing on marginalized, war-affected, displaced and refugee children.

In this webinar, Henri will speak about the positive contributions that refugee support networks bring to the education and integration of refugee students and families in Tucson, Arizona.

## Centering desire in refugee education research



**Saturday, August 14, 2021**

**11 AM EDT / 3 PM UTC**

**Presenters: Araz Khajarian & Lisa Unangst**

Araz's research interests include academic research in Syrian universities, refugees and higher education, the epistemology of quality in higher education and accreditation processes.

Lisa is a postdoctoral researcher at the Centre for Higher Education Governance Ghent. Her research interests include higher education access and experience among displaced learners, as well as comparative constructions of "diversity."

In this webinar, Araz and Lisa will share their research around refugee education through the lens of hope and desire.

## Fostering belonging in the school community



**Saturday, September 11, 2021**

**11 AM EDT / 3 PM UTC**

**Presenter: Eileen Mullen**

Eileen Mullen is currently a School Counselor at the elementary level (K-6) in WA State, US. She is dedicated to creating safe, respectful, welcoming spaces for refugee and immigrant students.

In this webinar, Eileen will lead a conversation around intentional practices for creating school climates that help students thrive.

## Fit-for-purpose after school programs



**Saturday, October 9, 2021**

**11 AM EDT / 3 PM UTC**

**Presenter: Honore Ebengo**

Honore lives in Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kenya. His native country is the Democratic Republic of Congo. He is the Founder of AIHD2 based in Kakuma Refugee camp. He has worked Refugee Consortium of Kenya, the Norwegian Refugee Council, and more.

In this webinar, Honore will share the stories of the African Initiative for Human Development (AIHD2), a grassroots organization created & led by refugees in Kakuma Refugee Camp.

## Dreaming the impossible to make it possible: The first makerspace in Kakuma



**Saturday, November 6, 2021**

**11 AM EDT / 3 PM UTC**

**Presenters: Ilene Winokur & Matabishi Narukako John**

Ilene has lived in Kuwait since 1984 and is a professional development specialist supporting teachers globally including refugee teachers. Mata is a refugee in Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya and is the Founder & CEO of Kakuma Vocational Center.

In this webinar, Ilene and Mata will interview Matabishi Titoh John, founder of Kakuma Vocational Center (KVC) and a KVC student about giving youth in Kakuma and Kalobeyi camps the opportunity to learn soft skills like design thinking, planning, and creativity.

## There is no child who can't learn, only obstacles we put in their way



**Saturday, December 4, 2021**

**11 AM EST / 4 PM UTC**

**Presenter: Anita Koyier-Mwamba**

Anita holds a BA in International Relations and a Juris Doctorate from Seattle University. Anita has a deep passion for human rights and recognizes education as the biggest issue of our time. Consequently, in her work both in and out of Seattle Public Schools, she centers people living in the margins.

In this webinar, Anita will share perspectives on refugee youth through eyes of love that provides hope and potential for self-actualization.

**REGISTER TO ATTEND ONE OR ALL OF THESE WEBINARS**

Registering for the series will ensure you receive updates with any changes in the program. At least one week prior to each webinar, you will receive an email reminder of the upcoming webinar session. All sessions will be hosted on Zoom.

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