



## Refugee Week Greece launch event

Serafeio, City of Athens - 21 June, 18:00 - 21:00

18:00	Arrival
18:15 - 18:30	Welcome and Introduction <i>Refugee Week Greece</i>
18:30 - 19:00	Welcoming Addresses <i>City of Athens, Special Secretariat for the Protection of Unaccompanied Minors-Ministry of Migration and Asylum, UN Refugee Agency - Greece, Counterpoints Arts</i>
19:00 - 19:10	Interview with the UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador Neil Gaiman <i>(video)</i>
19:10 - 19:40	What is healing for you? <i>(Open Discussion)</i>
19:40-20:05	Refugee Week Greece is traveling across Greece! <i>(Messages from supporters, organisers &amp; participants across Greece and presentation of Refugee Week Greece's Programme of events during Refugee Week Greece, through video and a live map of events)</i>
20:05-20:20	Presenting the Creative Installations of the launch, Message by Prof. Alison Philipps, UNESCO Chair in Refugee Integration in Languages and the Arts <i>(video)</i>
20:20-21.00	Live Music, drinks & nibbles, networking

## Creative Installations at the Event:

### **Our Stories Carried Us Here** exhibition by [Comicdom Con Athens](#) in partnership with [Hellenic American Union](#)

*Our Stories Carried Us Here* is an exhibition of an original and fascinating journey by Zaynab Abdi, Aziz Kamal, Craig Moodie, Karelin, Ruth Mekoulom, Alex Tsipenyuk, Zurya Anjum, Sergio Cenoch and Mary Anne Quiroz, Vy Luong, Amara Solomon Kamara - eleven immigrants and refugees. The exhibition brings forward complex and challenging issues of race, religion, class, racial profiling, education inequality, systematic displacement and discrimination, mental health, disability, activism, and more, to reclaim a narrative that has so often been shaped by hate, fear, and xenophobia. This exhibition is based on the book titled *OUR STORIES CARRIED US HERE: A GRAPHIC NOVEL ANTHOLOGY*, which is published by [Green Card Voices](#) and edited by Julie Vang, Tea Rozman, and Tom Kaczynski. Curators: Lida Tsene, Lila Maniot.

### **BeLeaf: VR 360 poetry film**

Directed by Elena Zervopoulou, founder of [Diversity United](#), director, producer, ethno-psychologist. Poet, performer: Nilson Muniz. Produced by Rete Cinema Basilicata and Fondazione Matera 2019 in collaboration with Lucana Film Commission Premiered at Matera 2019 European Capital of Culture, participated at Maker Faire European edition (Rome), 9th International Video Poetry Festival, La punta della lingua (poetry festival), Apuglia Web Fest. It is available on the app RAI Cinema Channel VR.

### **Movement Radio: Healing Playlist**

[Healing Playlist](#) on [Movement Radio](#) is a 24/7 online radio station produced by Onassis Stegi and it is based in Athens. The radio's conception was based on the values of freedom of movement and the idea of cross-culturalism, aiming to reflect a growing awareness of the power stemming from creating, maintaining and participating in a network. Refugee Week Greece has produced a Healing playlist mixed by international artists from UK, Greece and DRC.

### **Live Music: Merak band**

The musical group Merak invites you to a healing musical journey to the countries of the Eastern Mediterranean by car, the Canon of Manolis Christodoulou and the oud of Kostas Tsarouchis. We will travel with musicians from Greece, Turkey, Syria, Egypt and Tunisia! The oud and the canon are two of the most popular instruments in these countries. In this particular figure, the sound of the instruments is complemented and enriched with effects that add western touches to the eastern soundscape. Production: [ArtYsuns](#)

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