

#WeExist

WHO ARE WE?

"We Exist" is a NGO created by a mixed team of volunteers: people who have lived through the war in Syria and who have obtained refugee status in Belgium as well as migrants from other countries. The founding members are very familiar with the situation in Syria, the Syrian culture and tradition, the asylum procedures in Belgium and civil society organisations in Belgium. This knowledge was acquired in Syria and in Belgium through a range of voluntary, professional and academic activities. Since September 2015, we have assisted asylum seekers arriving in Belgium as free-lance volunteers. We have continuously accompanied asylum seekers/refugees in their administrative procedures. People are in different stages of their procedures: accommodation searches, language courses and seeking employment. The assistance that we provide daily goes beyond translation and interpretation. Thanks to our various experiences and exchanges with the people involved in our actions, we have combined excellent knowledge in the field of human rights, professionally, voluntarily and academically.

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OUR MISSION

The aim of the association is to facilitate the integration of asylum seekers and refugees into the labour market. We aim to promote participation in socio-economic and cultural life. We also want to raise awareness of Syrian culture and traditions.

The main activities of "We Exist" will be:

- Organisation of cultural and culinary events
- Awareness raising events

Thanks to these convivial and artistic activities we wish to make our citizens aware of the challenges within our society and the richness of our diversities. These activities will also enable our NGO to raise funds and to start recruiting asylum seekers and refugees. The objective is to start recruiting people during 2017. With the development of activities and the increase of financial resources, the long-term objective is to multiply the recruitment of asylum seekers and refugees.

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Donations

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Your donations will be used for:

- direct assistance to asylum seekers and refugees;
- raising funds for our future project, which includes the long-term activities of the Centre for Cultural and Culinary Exchange.