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FESTIVAL OF ENCOUNTER

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Amman, 23rd and 24th June 2023

Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) is an international Catholic organization headquartered in Rome, with a mission to accompany, serve and advocate for refugees and the most vulnerable. JRS has been operating in Jordan since 2008, responding to the educational and basic needs of vulnerable people in Amman, including refugees, asylum seekers, migrants, and local community members. JRS provides its services impartially and without discrimination. We strive to support all refugee communities, with particular attention given to the rights and needs of the marginalized and more vulnerable non-Syrian refugee communities living in Amman.

In commemoration of World Refugee Day, observed on the 20th of June, JRS Jordan, in collaboration with UNESCO Jordan, is thrilled to announce an extraordinary event scheduled to take place on the **23rd and 24th of June** at the esteemed Lady of Nazareth College in Jabal Hussein. This event aims to pay tribute to the abundance of heritage and cultural diversity, recognizing their pivotal role as catalysts for peace, sustainability, and global unity. Through this celebration, we aspire to foster a deeper understanding among communities and pave the way towards a more sustainable future for all.

The event, called **“Festival of Encounter”**, aims to portray the cultural and artistic expressions of the communities JRS serves, including those coming from countries such as Yemen, Sudan, Syria, Somalia, Palestine, Eritrea, Philippines, Iraq, Jordan... During the festival, members of refugee and migrant communities will be selling their hand-made products in a bazaar. Groups of artists and performers will bring music and dances from different origins to the stage. Members of the refugee communities will also present their countries by displaying traditional clothing and items, and sharing stories coming from their homelands.

Through this event, JRS together with UNESCO Jordan wishes to create an opportunity of encounter and sharing among refugee, migrant and local communities, and to favor intercultural dialogue and to build bridges of mutual understanding, empathy, inclusion and solidarity between all members of our society.

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Our vision: a world where refugees and other forcibly displaced people attain protection, opportunity, and participation

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Location: Lady of Nazareth School <https://goo.gl/maps/ufeqJ7CAWDGheooy9>

Please find below the planned activities, and detailed agenda.

Bazaar and art exhibition

Members of refugee and migrant communities selling hand-made products and artwork

Countries Stories

Refugee and migrant community members will present their country of origin with traditional clothes, items, garments...

Traditional Dances

Groups from refugee and migrant communities will perform traditional dances

Children activities

Puppets Show with Puppets World

Juggling workshop and Clown Show by Asem & Abud from Syria

Skateboarding workshop by 7Hills Skatepark

Face-painting by Rana Qarmash Art

Show and performances

JRS Children Intercultural Orchestra

Groups of musicians and dancers from refugee communities

Talks and debate

Talk/Debate about "Giving back to the community": change-makers from refugee communities will share their experience of engagement and community work

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AGENDA

Friday 23 June

1:00 pm: Bazaar with hand-made products by members of refugee communities

1:00 – 3:00 pm: Children Face-painting by Rana Qarmash Art

2:00 – 4:00 pm: Skateboarding workshop for teenagers and children in collaboration with 7Hills Skatepark

2:00 – 3:00 pm: Games for children

4:00 – 6:00 pm: Traditional dances from Yemen, Sudan, Syria, Iraq, Philippines, Somalia...

6:00 pm: Opening Remarks by UNESCO representative

6:30 – 8:30 pm: Live-music and dance performances of groups from refugee communities

Iraqi Dabke and Music

Aptopus (K-Pop dances, from Syria, Jordan and Egypt)

Sudanese Group for Traditional Music

First Impression K-Boyz (Rap, from Sudan)

Saturday 24 June

1:00 pm: Bazaar with hand-made products by members of refugee communities

1:00 – 3:00 pm: Children Face-painting by Rana Qarmash Art

2:00 – 3:00 pm: Puppets Theatre show by Puppets World

3:00 – 4:00 pm: Juggling workshop for children and all by clowns Asem & Abud from Syria

4:00 – 4:30 pm: Clowning acrobatic show by Asem & Abud from Syria

5:00 – 6:00 pm: JRS Intercultural Children Orchestra

6:30 – 8:30 : Talk on “Giving back to the community”: change-makers from refugee communities share their experience of engagement and community work

During the entire Festival : Cultural Fair of the different countries of refugees and migrant communities

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