REFUGEE WOMEN WHO REACH HAMBURG often find themselves confronted with language barriers, stressful living conditions and little or no money. Whether on their own, with friends or with families they are often excluded from social activities and political decision making processes and have to recover from their traumatizing experiences.

IT SEEMS HAMBURG’S “GATE TO THE WORLD” has little to offer women fleeing from civil wars, crises and structural violence. Their prospects of leading the lives that they desire depend foremost on their legal status, their nationality and their personal circumstances. Often worrying about loved ones left behind, most women live in the smallest spaces amongst hundreds of other refugees. Only few succeed in Hamburg’s housing or labour market.

HOWEVER, ESPECIALLY SINCE HAMBURG’S FIRST Refugee Woman Conference in 2013 the voices of forcibly migrated women have become louder. More and more they protest at camps and share their experiences. Various initiatives, institutions, researchers and residents of Hamburg have shown interest in the needs and desires of women who were forced to leave their homes. With inside knowledge of those voices and efforts, activists and researchers will point out prospects for refugee women in Hamburg and tackle relevant questions.

Every panel discussion provides space to come together, share knowledge and further connect refugee women, initiatives and academic researchers.

KATRIN JÄGER (Journalist) will be moderating.

WHERE?: Von-Melle-Park 9, Room S08, University of Hamburg campus (S-Bahn Dammtor)

ADMISSION IS FREE. All panels will be held in English. The room is accessible via wheelchair.

ARRIVING AND STAYING, BUT HOW? — PROSPECTS FOR FEMALE REFUGEES IN HAMBURG

PANEL DISCUSSION

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4TH MAY, 2017, 6.30PM
EMPOWERMENT & VOLUNTARY WORK

WHAT DO REFUGEE WOMEN EMPower THEMSELVES?
Which infrastructures support or hinder empowerment processes?

• Martina Matić (Romnja, activist at “Roma Ano Hamburg”)
• Maja Momic (HafenCity University, translator of Serbo-Croatian; PHD project on refugee housing)
• Suzana Kamperidis (Therapist at LÂLE in IKB e.V., member of the dialogue forum Protection of Women in refugee housing)

SHORT INPUTS:
Women Health Team (Medical care) // ZuFlucht Lebenshilfe (Counseling for disabled refugees)

18TH MAY, 2017, 6.30PM
WOMEN SPECIFIC FORCED MIGRATION & ASYLUM ACTS

WHAT FORCES WOMEN TO LEAVE THEIR HOME COUNTRIES?
What are desires and needs of women in Hamburg?
What is important to know about the asylum system?

• Abir Abdulnour (Syrian sociologist with a research focus on violence against women; social worker at Dolle Deerns e.V.)
• Nicole Kinne (Women’s representative of the Refugee Law Clinic)
• Julia Flor (Specialist of psychiatry and psychotherapy, member of Haveno since 2015)

SHORT INPUTS:
Amnesty for Women e.V. (Social counseling) // Intervention e.V. (project for LBGT refugees) // filia. die frauenstiftung (Sponsorship) // EmpowerVan by Dolle Deerns e.V. (Mobile counseling)

1ST JUNE, 2017, 6.30PM
LABOUR & EDUCATION

WHAT ARE EXPERIENCES OF AND PROSPECTS FOR WOMEN WHO DESIRE DIFFERENT PROFESSIONS AND CHANCES FOR EDUCATION?
How can women find wage work? Under which terms can women study in Hamburg?

• Yana Nenkova (Team leader Flüchtlingszentrum W.I.R)
• Prof. Dr. Miriam Beblo (Economics professor for Labour, Family, Migration and Gender, University of Hamburg)
• Participant of the Hamburg Media School project “Digitale Medien für Flüchtlinge” (tbc.)

SHORT INPUTS:
"Digitale Medien für Flüchtlinge” project of the Hamburg Media School // Women’s* Studies Generale (courses at Zentrum GenderWissen for female refugees/migrants interested in studying) // UHHilft