

REGISTRATION

Please note the **deadline for registration is November 7th.**

We may not be able to confirm registrations received after this date.

Yes, I will attend the conference of the Refugee Council of BW on November 18th in Stuttgart, and will participate in the following workshop in the morning:

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In the afternoon, I would like to participate in the following workshop:

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I hereby make a binding reservation for the vegetarian lunch (no fixed price - donations requested)

I need a translation into the following language:

(Note: Native speakers of English, Dari and Arabic will provide a summary. We will do our best to provide other languages on request.)

Surname, name

Address*

E-Mail*

Initiative / Organisation*

Date / Signature

* Details need not be given if you are certain that we already have them.

Please fill out and send to

**Flüchtlingsrat Baden-Württemberg
Hauptstätter Str. 57**

70178 Stuttgart

or by Fax: 0711 - 55 32 83-5

You can also register online at:

www.fluechtlingsrat-bw.de

HOW TO GET THERE

With public transport:

Take the U2 or U9 tram or the Bus 42 and get off at "Schwab-/Bebelstraße".

Parking in the area:

There is a multistory carpark in the building.

For more information, see www.brs-west.de.



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Current projects:

Welcome to Baden-Württemberg – Funded by the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund of the EU. www.w2bw.de

NIFA - Network for the integration of refugees in the workplace – Funded as part of the "Integrationsrichtlinie Bund" programme by the Federal Ministry for Labour and Social Affairs and the European Social Fund. www.nifa-bw.de

Active for Refugees – Advice, information, networking and education for (volunteers) working with refugees in Baden-Württemberg. Funded by the state of Baden-Württemberg. www.aktiv.fluechtlingsrat-bw.de



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Hotspots and Refugees



Invitation to the

**Conference of the
Refugee Council of
Baden-Württemberg**

Saturday, November 18th, 9.30 AM to 5 PM

**Bürgerräume West
Bebelstraße 22, 70193 Stuttgart**

AGENDA

9.30 AM Arrival and registration (with coffee)

10 AM Welcoming speech
Bärbel Mauch
(Deputy Chairperson, Flüchtlingsrat BW)

10.15 AM Main speech "A fishing boat against Fortress Europe"

Following the end of the Italian sea-rescue mission "Mare Nostrum" in the autumn of 2014, the number of deaths in the Mediterranean increased dramatically. Sea rescue operations were increasingly left to private aid organisations, so that there are now up to ten private rescue ships operating in the central Mediterranean, helping where the need is greatest. The European Union, by contrast, is more concerned with stopping migration than with respecting human rights – as illustrated by their delegation of border-protection duties to Libyan militias. The NGOs are annoying witnesses to this. As such, the NGOs are subject to an unprecedented campaign of slander and criminalisation: ships are bugged and confiscated and there is a constant stream of allegations made without any evidence to back them up. There have even been the first instances of shots being fired. **Ruben Neugebauer**, one of the founders of Sea Watch, has participated in numerous rescue operations and will speak about the situation at the wealth border in the Mediterranean and emphasize why civilian sea-rescue missions are more important than ever before.

11.15 Workshops phase 1

W 1 Quality problems in the asylum process
The interview is the "centrepiece" of the asylum process. Unfortunately, refugees, volunteers and professionals encounter defects and shortcomings – in some cases of a very severe nature – in the interviews and other parts of the asylum process. The speakers will report on some of these shortcomings and give advice about how you can react to prevent negative consequences for the asylum process.

Speakers: **Johanna Mantel** (Asylum and Migration Information Network), **Johannes Moll** (Independent social and procedural advice office of the Diakonie and Caritas in Heidelberg)

W 2 Current developments in the practice of asylum law

Asylum law continues to be subject to major changes on all levels. With the "Gesetz zur besseren Durchsetzung der Ausreisepflicht" (law to improve the enforcement of the obligation to leave), the federal government has presented yet another package of laws which impacts directly on the work of volunteers. At the same time, the courts have made important decisions, including among others decisions regarding Syria and Afghanistan. Further important decisions are expected in the near future. These and other current developments will be presented and discussed in this workshop. The workshop also presents a forum for participants to ask specific legal questions arising from their everyday work. Speaker: **Sebastian Röder** (Office of the Refugee Council of BW)

W 3 Nigeria – The situation in the country and the consequences for Nigerian refugees

Nigeria is one of the top ten countries of origin for people applying for asylum in Germany and the percentage of successful applications is around ten percent. However, little is reported about the situation in Nigeria and the reasons which force people to leave their homes. In this workshop, we explore the current situation in the country, with a particular focus on Boko Haram and the situation of women.

Speakers: **Lena Schmid** (Women's Information Centre Stuttgart), **Eva Ernst** (Caritas international, Africa department)

W 4 Europe's border regime in the Mediterranean and current developments in the Dublin process

Following up from the main speech, this workshop will

take a closer look at the European border regime in the Mediterranean. The main focus will be on the situation off the coast of Libya, but the border region between Turkey and Greece will also be addressed. The second part of the workshop will deal with current developments in the Dublin process. Since spring of this year, people are once again being sent back to Greece via the Dublin process. On the other hand, Dublin renditions to Hungary have been stopped, and there is a lot of change going on regarding Italy. These and other developments will be presented and their implications for volunteers and professionals working with refugees will be explained. Speakers: **Manfred Weidmann** (Speakers Council of the Refugee Council of BW), **Ruben Neugebauer** (Sea Watch e.V.)

1.15 PM Lunch

2.15 PM Workshops phase 2
Workshops: see description above

4.15 PM Coffee and Cake

4.30 PM Presentation of results and current issues

5 PM End