

2016 European Social Innovation Competition *Judges Biographies*



Jeff ANDREONI, Options FoodLab, Greece

Jeffrey Andreoni is a writer for Shareable magazine, a researcher, and an activist who goes by the pseudonym "Bezdomny" while online. Born in Rhode Island, USA, he now lives in Athens, Greece where he co-coordinates the FoodLab project which focuses on hybrid integration for asylum seekers and migrants who have chosen to live in Greece long-term.

Jeffrey is a OuiShare Connector and has long been an explorer in communities of sharing, having travelled, lived, and squatted in various intentional (and unintentional) communities throughout Europe, which culminated in his participation in the unMonastery project.

The unMonastery is currently part of an EU research consortium called MAZI, which aims to bridge communities using wireless technology. Jeffrey brings his many public performances to the consortium while incorporating an extensive knowledge of wireless networks.



Joséphine GOUBE, TechFugees, United Kingdom

Listed as one of the 30 under 30 Social Entrepreneur of 2016 by Forbes for her work at Migreat, a platform for migrants to get access to immigration support, Joséphine is chief operations officer at Techfugees, a social enterprise and network made of technologists and entrepreneurs creating technology for refugees. On her spare time, she leads the Girls in Tech UK mentoring programme, a six-months scheme helping young women professionals working in tech go up the career ladder.

Josephine has been much involved in the building of the UK Tech scene via her work at Springboard London Accelerator, starting an incubator for social & tech entrepreneurs at the London School of Economics Business and graduating from the New Entrepreneurs Foundation. She is also deeply involved in immigration debates via her role as expert on entrepreneurial migration for the European Commission and writing reports on immigration legal systems for migrant entrepreneurs.



Corinne GRAY, United Nations' High Commission for Refugees

Corinne works at the forefront of the UN Refugee Agency's innovation initiatives. As a core member of the Innovation Unit she leads efforts to engage staff and refugees in coming up with new ideas to address complex challenges faced by displaced people worldwide. Corinne is based at UNHCR's Headquarters in Geneva, but travels to the field regularly, connecting with colleagues working on innovations, and documenting those innovations to foster agency-wide knowledge-sharing of innovation methodologies in action.

Corinne first became passionate about the rights of refugees and asylum-seekers while working in Southern Africa, traveling around townships in Johannesburg and Cape Town, giving micro-entrepreneurial training and mentorship to asylum-seekers in South Africa and Zimbabwe. She draws on a wealth of diverse professional experiences, ranging from being a former marketing executive in the private sector, working in HIV/AIDS education with rural communities in Ghana and managing education programs for young people at risk in her native home of Trinidad and Tobago.



Maja GRCIC, TakecareBnB, the Netherlands

Maja is a research policy advisor at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. Being a political scientist, she advises the University's Executive Board on research policy, research strategy and strategy to increase the visibility of the scientific profile of the institution.

At the end of 2015, Maja has co-founded and is currently managing director of TakecareBnB, a volunteer organisation that temporarily places refugees in Dutch host families. Maja is also a board member of the Foundation of the World Science Festival Amsterdam.



Ida JENG, Refunite, Denmark

Ida Jeng is an expert on communication, technology and humanitarian innovation. She currently works as the Director of Global Communication and Strategy for the award-winning technology startup Refugees United (REFUNITE.) REFUNITE runs the world's largest missing persons platform, helping 500,000 separated refugees reconnect with their families through mobile phones. Prior to joining REFUNITE in Nairobi, Kenya, Ida worked on digital campaigns for a United Nations agency in New York, as a blogger for a national newspaper (Politiken), and as a digital consultant for nonprofit organizations. She started her career working for a communication agency in Copenhagen.

Ida is a speaker on innovation in emerging markets and has travelled extensively in refugee camps and refugee prone areas across Africa and the Middle East. She has worked on hackathons in London, Silicon Valley, Cairo, Nairobi, Kakuma Refugee Camp, and more. Ida holds degrees from the University of Cambridge (UK), Copenhagen University and Copenhagen Business School.



Agnieszka KOSOWICZ, Polish Migration Forum, Poland

Agnieszka is the founder and president of the Polish Migration Forum Foundation, a non-governmental organization working for integration of migrants in Poland.

Involved in the integration work with migrants and refugees for over 15 years, Agnieszka has designed, initiated or implemented numerous projects aimed at social integration (i.e. Refugee – your neighbor, supporting communities hosting asylum seekers).

For six years (2000-2006), Agnieszka was in charge of external relations of the UNHCR Office in Warsaw, also performing a function of editor in chief of the refugee-focused magazine From the foreign land.

Graduate of journalism from Warsaw University, she has worked for seven years as a reporter and editor for the foreign sections of Polish newspapers and covered events in Kosovo, Albania, Bulgaria, Iraq. In 1998, she worked six months as an Alfred Friendly Press Fellow in Chicago Tribune. Agnieszka is also a member of the Ombudsman's Expert Group on Migration.



Robert KOZMA, Grupa 484, Serbia

Robert graduated at the Faculty of Political sciences, University of Belgrade (Serbia), with a degree in political sciences, and obtained Master degree in political sciences at the Department of Political Sciences of the Central European University in Budapest (Hungary).

He is Manager of Group 484 Program for Intercultural dialogue "We and the others" and has been a member of Group 484 team since September 2011. His special interest is intercultural dialogue, education, integration policies, as well as political theory and social economy.

From an initial group of enthusiasts who provided humanitarian, psychosocial and legal assistance to refugees from Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina, and later to displaced persons from Kosovo and Metohija, and those returning from Western Europe, Grupa 484 developed a systemic approach to the issues of migration and forced migration. Furthermore, Grupa 484 developed specific Educational/Intercultural program to contribute to development of democracy.



Inge MISSMAHL, Ipso, Germany

Inge is a psychoanalyst. She has been involved as a main actor in the activities supporting the establishment of a mental health system and mental health services in Afghanistan since 2004. In 2008 Inge founded Ipso GmbH (international psychosocial organisation) as a non-profit humanitarian organisation. The organisation is based in Germany. She also founded the on-line video service Ipso e-care.

Ipso is specialized in the field of mental health and psychosocial care, in developing locally adapted concepts, delivering trainings for psycho social counsellors, and other health staff. Psychosocial stressors such as family conflicts, personal problems, grief, life transitions and the possible conflicts arising from the different value systems in societies of different stakeholders are addressed with Ipso's programs.

Furthermore Ipso supports cultural dialogue and cultural expression thus strengthening cultural and social identity. Peace and reconciliation, strengthening civil society and individuals to take social responsibility are the underlying aims of all Ipso's programs.



Nathanael MOLLE, Singa, France

Nathanaël grew up with refugees throughout his childhood as an expatriate in Brazil, Mali, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Morocco and France. At the age of sixteen, in Sri Lanka, he demonstrated change-making skills in his deep commitment to Prison Babies, a Sri Lankan organization that provides better treatment and education for children in women's prisons. In this country, he also worked with UNHCR on a mission in a Tamil refugee camp.

While studying at ILERI (specialized in international relations) he co-founded the NGO ILERI-MUN. He turned the ILERI-MUN project into one of significant breadth and scope. Today, ILERI-MUN co-organizes this event, which attracts more than 800 participants from around the world and funds the training and travel for 70 students.

In 2012, Nathanaël co-founded Singa, which in two years became the first organization in France to support refugees in the creation of entrepreneurial projects related to their passions. Beyond supporting refugees, Singa seeks to foster change at a large scale by challenging stigma and discrimination against refugees.



Medhin PAOLOS, Rete G2, Italy

Medhin is a photographer, electronic musician and an activist. Her career path has taken her from an international experience with Fiamma Fumana to her current work within Rete G2, National organization for citizenship rights. Asmarina was her debut film as a director.

Rete G2 Seconde Generazioni is a national organisation run by the sons of immigrants who were born or reached Italy as small children.



Ernest RADAL, Mobilearn, Sweden

Ernest Radal is an entrepreneur with background within marketing and sales and joint founder of the Mobilearn concept – a mobile web based service for immigrants.

Ernest has roots in former Yugoslavia, and has built up Mobilearn as a trademark on the Swedish market by cultivating politicians and other decision makers within the area of integration over a period of five years.

By means of this work, Mobilearn has today achieved high status as a company with innovative solutions for supporting the establishment of migrants in society, not only in Sweden but in the rest of Europe as well.



Zuzana STEVULOVA, Human Rights League, Slovakia

Zuzana is lawyer and director of Slovak NGO the Human Rights League. She has been working with HRL since its creation in 2005, first as a student intern, and later as a lawyer providing legal assistance and representation to migrants, asylum seekers and refugees. She is an experienced immigration and asylum lawyer. Her area of expertise also covers the issues of inclusion of immigrant communities into society and she devotes large part of her working and free time to assist refugee and immigrant families and individuals with their integration into Slovak society.

As a director, she founded and led several public advocacy campaigns dedicated to raise awareness on refugee and immigrant-related issues and to increase the integration and acceptance of foreigners into Slovak society. Most recently, HRL has been campaigning for more refugee-friendly approach from public authorities. HRL also focuses on raising the awareness of refugee/asylum law among students, running the successful Asylum Law Clinic at Law Faculty of Trnava University for 11 years.