Cities that Care, Cities that SHARE
The SHARE Project

a european resettlement network for cities and regions

The SHARE Network 2012-15
Why SHARE?

- Success of national resettlement programmes dependent on the commitment and ability of local actors
- European Resettlement Network (IOM, ICMC and UNHCR)
- City peer exchange, dissemination of best practice and mutual learning – EUROCITIES model
- Exchange between experienced resettlement countries, and new/emerging countries
- Strengthening local commitment to refugee protection
- SHARE launched March 2012, led by ICMC Europe
Building the SHARE Network 2012-15: intensive outreach to engage cities

- **Challenges**
  - Decision-making
  - Reduced resources/increased need
  - Political considerations
  - Existing partnerships & coordination
  - National resettlement programme?

- **SHARE outreach and engagement**:
  - Lead SHARE city of Sheffield (2012-14)
  - National civil society partners
  - EUROCITIES larger European cities
Profiling the SHARE Network

- Engaged over 500 individuals from 21 European countries as direct participants in SHARE activities

- Project updates and resources - contact database of over 1700 policymakers and practitioners

- Broad approach to outreach:
  - regions, cities and municipalities
  - universities
  - migrant and refugee associations
  - faith-based organisations
  - housing associations
  - private business
  - mainstream service providers
  - employment agencies
  - local media
Responding to an unprecedented refugee crisis?
Tools, resources and learning from the SHARE Network 2012-15

- ‘Building Welcoming Communities’ – a framework for SHARE
- ‘A City Says Yes! Welcoming resettled refugees in Europe’ – Committee of the Regions (Brussels, May 2013)
- ‘Protecting and Welcoming Refugees in Europe’ joint statement issued by the SHARE Network (October 2015)
- SHARE tools, learning & resources to support implementation
A ‘Welcoming Community’ is twofold in nature - 'functional' elements such as housing and financial assistance are equally as important as the 'human factor' of welcome and understanding extended to newcomers by local residents.

- provides integration services at the local/municipal level
- is aware of and supports the work of volunteers
- provides adequate reception measures and timely and appropriate housing
- is characterised by awareness-raising activities in all areas of society
- social and community institutions and networks are open to newcomers
1. Strengthening reception and integration for refugees in Europe
SHARE methodologies, tools and resources

a. SHARE City Exchange Visit Programme 2012-15
b. Housing for refugee resettlement
c. Volunteering for refugee integration
d. Local partnerships and planning for refugee resettlement and integration
**SHARE City Exchange Visit Programme 2012-15**

- **2012-13 Programme:**
  - 8 visits for 73 participants in mixed city-civil society delegations from 9 countries
  - City peer exchange methodology: presentations, discussion and site visits
  - Tailormade approach: participants drive development of visit activities
  - Building partnerships by developing visit delegations - varied delegates, approach developed under ERN

- **2014-15 Programme:**
  - Focus on new resettlement countries
  - 2 visits – Spain & Central Europe (Hungary & Poland)
SHARE City Exchange Visit Programme 2012-15

Co-financed by the European Commission
Housing for Refugee Resettlement

- Central issue affecting local resettlement and integration capacity

- 'Refugee Resettlement - partnerships for a durable protection and reception in France, Belgium and the United Kingdom' – city of Lyon (World Refugee Day, June 2013)

- Challenge for good practice publication – multiple housing markets, policy contexts and competences

- ‘SHARE Expert Seminar on Housing for Refugee resettlement’ – Brussels (February 2014). Expert discussion and site visits, hosted by NGOs Caritas International and Convivial

- SHARE Housing Expert Group and publication recommendations
Local partnerships and planning for refugee resettlement and integration

- SHARE advocates local programmes based on strong municipality-civil society partnerships, with opportunities for citizens to engage as volunteers
- Tools and resources to support local programme planning and implementation:
  - 2012 ‘Welcome to Sheffield’ publication:
    - Pre-arrival planning and partnerships
    - Reception and orientation
    - Supporting integration
  - SHARE City Curriculum (2013):
    - ‘Personalised Integration Planning’
    - Template tools, adaptable to local context
    - Shaped by partners working on refugee integration across SHARE Network
Volunteering for Refugee Integration

- SHARE thematic peer exchange 2014-15: focus on volunteering
- Theme selected via consultation with SHARE partners and stakeholders
- Volunteering also a key way of facilitating citizen involvement and expanding welcome
- ‘SHARING through Mentoring’ pilot programme – modelled on EUROCITIES Implementing approach
- Developing and piloting peer exchange benchmarking and planning tools
- Pilot programme partners – Dutch Council for Refugees, with Sittard-Geleen and Maastricht (SHARE Mentor Partnership) and city of Tampere, with the Lutheran Church and Finnish Red Cross (SHARE Learning City)
‘What Makes Volunteering Work?’
SHARE Expert Seminar on Volunteering for Refugee Integration (Maastricht, October 2014)

- 2-day seminar, 25 expert participants working on volunteering for integration in 9 European countries, co-hosted by the Dutch Council for Refugees (Limburg)
- Programme structured around discussion and exchange on standards, approaches and best practice
- Seminar output: pilot tools for use in the ‘SHARING through Mentoring’ programme
‘SHARING through Mentoring’ Pilot Programme

- Structured exchange between SHARE Mentor Partnership and SHARE Learning City, using pilot tools

- Aim – to support the expansion of volunteering in the refugee resettlement programme of the city of Tampere

- Outputs:
  - SHARE Toolkit Publication on Volunteering for Refugee Resettlement
  - New programme designed in Tampere, using DCfR ‘Language Coach’ approach and practice
2. Making visible the local dimension of refugee protection in resettlement discussions and advocacy at the national, European and international levels

- Facilitated regional/local participation and input at all levels:
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SHARE-ATCR Integration Working Group (Norway, May 2015)

• First ATCR Working Group focused on integration

• 35 participants from 10 countries, including the US, Australia and Canada

• Co-organised by SHARE Network with IOM Norway

• Programme introduced the Norwegian quote are resettlement programme, then used classroom presentations and site visits to explore:
  • Pre-departure Cultural Orientation
  • Language-learning
  • Partnerships and stakeholder collaboration
  • Education and employment
  • Community health initiatives for newcomers
3. Included previously resettled refugees in SHARE Network advocacy, training, and best practice exchange and dissemination

**SHARE Resettlement Ambassador Programme (2014-15)**

- 9 Ambassadors from 7 European countries
- 8 countries of origin – 5 female, 4 male
- Occupations including student, activist, journalist, artist, engineer, interpreter....
- Online training programme (University of Sussex)
- Participation in SHARE events, activities and publications; advocacy at national and local level with SHARE partners
4. Built a sustainable, creative and responsive network that facilitates participation of a wide range of actors according to need, interest and expertise

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