

The Refugee-Led Research Hub presents its inaugural Refugee-Led Research Festival 9th–13th May 2022

The RLRH's inaugural Refugee-Led Research Festival brings together researchers, scholars, artists, and other stakeholders throughout East Africa to promote refugee leadership in forced migration research and practice. The five-day programme includes training and workshops, panel discussions, movie screenings, socials, and more. The festival aims to: 1) spotlight existing refugee-led research initiatives, 2) connect RLRH-affiliated learners and researchers with people who care about ethical research and academic ecosystems, 3) facilitate exchange of ideas and actions that are making a difference, and 4) strengthen commitments from participants to support refugee leadership in research and elsewhere.

Sessions will take place at RLRH's Nairobi offices on Laikipia Road (on the premises of the British Institute in Eastern Africa (BIEA)). All times listed are in EAT. If you plan to attend, whether in person or online, please register: <https://forms.gle/8bvmGPtPAXRniXDdZ>

Remote participation is possible for hybrid sessions - via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9712622599>

The RLRH team will be live tweeting the event from [@RLRH_Oxford](https://twitter.com/RLRH_Oxford) and will use the hashtag [#refugeeledresearch](https://twitter.com/hashtag/refugeeledresearch)

Monday 9th	
<p>10-11am EAT <i>hybrid</i></p>	<p>* Welcome remarks: “The RLRH: Opportunities and support for your academic, research, and professional journeys” Alexander Betts, Professor of Forced Migration and International Affairs at the University of Oxford</p>
<p>11:30am-3:30pm</p>	<p>† Workshop, Day 1: “Introduction to Research Methods”</p>
<p>4-5pm <i>hybrid</i></p>	<p>‡ Armchair discussion 1: “Lessons learned from tertiary education bridging programmes for refugees in East Africa” Rebecca Granato, Director of the OSUN Hubs for Connected Learning Initiatives In conversation with Andhira Kara</p>
<p>5:30-6:30pm <i>hybrid</i></p>	<p>‡ Armchair discussion 2: “<i>Shaping Refugee Policies through Research: Avenues under the Refugees Act 2021</i>” Fabian Oriri, Programme Officer at Kituo cha Sheria & Advocate of High Courts of Kenya Abulogn Ojulu Okello, Director at As We Progress-Youth & Volunteer with Kituo cha Sheria</p>
<p>7-8:30pm</p>	<p>‡ Documentary screening & discussion with the filmmakers and cast Protracted displacement and urban crises: COVID-19 effects (2020) Discussion with Jackline Wanyonyi, Michael Desalai, Abdi Kadir, & Jack Makau</p>
Tuesday 10th	
<p>9:30am-1pm</p>	<p>† Workshop, Day 2: “Introduction to Research Methods”</p>
<p>1-2:30pm</p>	<p>‡ Lunch: RLRH Gardens</p>
<p>2:30-3:30pm <i>hybrid</i></p>	<p>‡ Armchair discussion 3: “Lessons from centring refugee leadership in our organisations” Ruth Njiri, Head of Partnerships at Cohere Lucy Juwa Duku, Community Outreach Worker at HIAS</p>
<p>4-5:30pm</p>	<p>* Technical training for research outputs: “Photographing your research, Part 1” Yves Didier & Jean Marie Ishimwe</p>
<p>6-8pm</p>	<p>† Movie screening & discussion Flee (2021), directed by Jonas Poher Rasmussen</p>
Wednesday 11th	
<p>9-10am <i>hybrid</i></p>	<p>‡ Armchair discussion 4: <i>YouTube influencers: social media and social change among Congolese refugees</i> Bahati Ghislain, Co-founder and Executive Director at Kintsugi Marie Godin, British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow at Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford</p>
<p>10:30-11:30am <i>hybrid</i></p>	<p>* RLRH Talks: “Presenting and disseminating your research findings” Alexander Betts, Professor of Forced Migration and International Affairs at University of Oxford</p>
<p>12-1:30pm</p>	<p>‡ Research outputs training: “Outputs for non-academic audiences: blogs, newspapers, social media, and more” Alice Gathoni, Honorary Research Fellow at BIEA Mwangi Mwaura, Academic Events and Outreach Manager at RLRH</p>

1:30-2:30pm	‡ Lunch: RLRH Gardens
2:30-3:30pm <i>hybrid</i>	‡ Armchair discussion 5: “Self-reliance and livelihoods: Insights from academia and philanthropy” Rediet Abiy Kassaye , Programme Manager, Refugee Livelihoods Initiative, IKEA Foundation Naohiko Omata , Associate Professor at Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford In conversation with Ruth Nyabuto
4-5pm <i>hybrid</i>	‡ Armchair discussion 6: “Conducting applied research on return and reintegration in East and Horn of Africa” Davide Bruscoli , Information Manager Officer at IOM Regional Data Hub in East & Horn of Africa In conversation with Bisimwa Mulemangabo
5:30-7pm	‡ Documentary screenings & discussion <i>The City Caught in The Middle</i> (2019) & <i>Together 4 Peace in Somalia</i> (2021), directed by Moulid Hujale
Thursday 12th	
9:30-10:30am <i>hybrid</i>	‡ Armchair discussion 7: “Increasing access, influencing policy: achievements of refugee graduates in Kenya” Dominic Nyabuto , Scholarship and Financial Officer at Windle Trust International In conversation with Annette Riziki
11-11:30am	* Technical training for research outputs: “Photographing your research, Part 2” Yves Didier & Jean Marie Ishimwe
11:30am-1pm	* Technical training for research outputs: “Filming your research” Abalony Okello, Yves Didier, & Jackline Wanyonyi
1-2pm	‡ Lunch: RLRH Gardens
2-3pm <i>hybrid</i>	‡ Joint book launch Gabriel Ndayishimiye , <i>Run Elvin!</i> Alexander Betts , <i>The Wealth of Refugees</i> Facilitated by Ruth Nyabuto
3:30-4:30pm <i>hybrid</i>	‡ Armchair discussion 7: “What can refugees expect from Kenya’s rapidly changing legal landscape?” Benjamin Ng’aru , Senior Officer at East African Centre for Forced Migration and Displacement In conversation with Andonis Marden
5-6:30pm <i>hybrid</i>	‡ Documentary screening & discussion with the director <i>Shelter Without Shelter</i> (2021), directed by Mark E. Breeze and Tom Scott-Smith
Friday 13th	
9-9:30am	‡ Welcome coffee: RLRH courtyard
9:30-11:00am <i>hybrid</i>	‡ Panel 1: “Supporting refugee leadership & shifting knowledge-production ecosystems in East Africa” Victor Nyamori , Researcher/Advisor on Refugee Migrants Rights Team, Amnesty International Katie Drew , Senior Protection Officer (Accountability to Affected People), UNHCR Panellist 3 TBC Chaired by Foni Vuni
11:30-1pm <i>hybrid</i>	‡ Panel 2: “Refugee-led research in practice across East Africa” Andhira Kara , Lead Researcher on refugee-led organisation study in East Africa Foni Vuni , Lead Researcher on refugees’ access to work permits study Bisimwa Mulemangabo , Lead Researcher on refugees’ access to citizenship study Chaired by Ruth Nyabuto
1-2:30pm	‡ Lunch: RLRH Gardens
2:30-4pm <i>hybrid</i>	‡ Roundtable discussion: “How can we move forward refugee-led research?”
4pm, onward	‡ Afternoon reception: RLRH marquee <i>Pop-up art gallery & open mic facilitated by Refupoet, with bites and drinks.</i>

* This session is specifically for students & researchers who have been affected by forced displacement, e.g., as current or former refugees, asylum seekers, IDPs, stateless persons, or others who self-identify.

† Participation in this session is by invitation.

‡ All who are able to attend are welcome, whether in person or by Zoom (if the session is hybrid): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9712622599>