On Her Shoulders

This screening will be followed by a panel discussion featuring:

Elizabeth Schaeffer Brown
Elizabeth Schaeffer Brown is an entrepreneur who works on issues ranging from women's rights, counterterrorism to international justice. She has provided pro-bono communications and advising services to the Yazidi community since 2015. She played a key role in developing the campaign to bring ISIS before the ICC on charges of genocide and crimes against humanity. She is the co-executive director of UNODC ambassador Nadia Murad’s foundation, co-founder of Uncommon Union and co-producer of On Her Shoulders.

Jean-Louis De Brouwer
Jean-Louis De Brouwer is Director of Operations in the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection department (ECHO). He joined ECHO in November 2012, having previously been Director in charge of the coordination of employment politics in the Commission's department for Employment and Social Affairs. Prior to that, he spent 18 years in the Justice and Home Affairs department, specialising in migration and asylum questions, latterly as Director in charge of border and visa issues.

Shannon Pfohman
Shannon Pfohman is the Policy and Advocacy Director at Caritas Europa. She oversees the advocacy work of the European network in the areas of social economy, social rights and policy, migration and asylum, development policy, and humanitarian aid. Previously, she worked as the Deputy Director of Policy at the European Network against Racism in Brussels, and as the Competence Centre Manager for Equal Opportunity in the Migration and Qualification Department of the Confederation of German Trade Unions’ in Düsseldorf. In Germany, she also worked as a researcher at the Berlin Institute for Social Research (BIVS) for five years.

Sophie Magennis
Sophie Magennis is the Officer in Charge at UNHCR’s Regional Representation for EU Affairs in Brussels. Previously, she has held positions as the UNHCR’s Head of Office in Ireland, and as the Head of Policy and Legislation at the Irish Ombudsman for Children’s Office and administrator of the Irish Human Rights Commissions. She co-founded “Human Rights Consultants” in 2000. She has worked with the Council of Europe as a Legal Consultant for the Monitoring Unit of the Secretary General and as a Legal Expert at the Council of Europe’s Section for equality between women and men.

Carlos Jimenez
Carlos Jimenez is the Desk Officer for Spain and Andorra at UNRIC, the United Nations Regional Information Centre in Brussels. Mr Jimenez started his career at the United Nations in 1984 and has since worked at UN offices in New York, Madrid and Geneva. He studied journalism at the School of Communications of American University in Washington and was a correspondent at EFE, Spanish News Agency.

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Nadia’s Initiative (NI) is a registered 501(c)(3) organization aimed at increasing advocacy for women and minorities and assisting to stabilize and redevelop communities in crisis. Presently, the team is embarking on efforts to establish meaningful and sustainable programming in the Sinjar region of Iraq through the Sinjar Action Fund. Since the invasion of the so-called Islamic State (IS) in 2014, the Sinjar region has struggled to ensure the safety and livelihoods of the primarily Yazidi population now displaced throughout the country. As Iraqi coalition forces have made progress against IS insurgents, northern Sinjar has increasingly opened up for resettlement of this community. Unfortunately, only minimal public assistance has been given for this cause. Consequently, NI seeks to establish both short and long-term programming aimed at redeveloping Sinjar, the ancient homeland of the Yazidi minority.

Millions of people every year have to leave their homes because of conflict, persecution, hunger, natural disasters and many other reasons. We need to advance the Sustainable Development Goals so that everyone can live in dignity and call a place home. Therefore we are launching the #whatishome campaign. We ask you to reflect on what home means to you and on the different reasons why people move. Do you also believe in the importance of sustainable development and that everybody deserves a place to call home? Join the campaign: tell us #whatishome for you, tell your personal (migration) story and tag your friends to do the same.

#whatishome is part of the MIND (Migration. Interconnectedness. Development.) Project, a 3-year project financed by the European Commission. It is comprised of 12 European Caritas organisations in 11 countries. We seek to raise public awareness of the relation between universal sustainable development and migration and the EU’s role in development cooperation.