

# INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS REFLECTS REFUGEE CONFERENCE

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Koç University  
Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations

As the Turkey pillar of Ashoka's efforts on migration and integration of refugees, **Innovative Solutions for Refugees Conference** brings together international social entrepreneurs working with refugees and local stakeholders for the first time in Turkey.

The conference aims to **inspire** about the role of social entrepreneurship in working with refugees, to **empower** local organizations and social entrepreneurs with new tools and approaches, and to catalyze a multi-stakeholder, **action-focused** community.



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Ashoka is the largest network of social entrepreneurs worldwide, with nearly 3,000 Ashoka Fellows in 70 countries putting their system changing ideas into practice on a global scale.

Ashoka Fellows remain the core of the community, and their insights show how the world is moving and what is needed next. Working in partnership with private, philanthropic and citizen sector players Ashoka is achieving large-scale social innovation that is grounded in decades of entrepreneurial experience.

## Supporters

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# Part 1: Get Inspired

## 09:30 – 10:45

### Opening Words by

Zeynep Meydanoglu | Host of Innovative Solutions for Refugees Conference  
Country Director, Ashoka Turkey

Seçil Kınay | Special Projects Manager, Vehbi Koç Foundation

Markus Hipp | Director, BMW Foundation

Didem Altop | Member of Board, Ashoka Turkey

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### Inspirational Stories by International Social Entrepreneurs

Nathanael Molle (Ashoka Fellow) | SINGA

Mary Nally (Ashoka Fellow) | Third Age

Tareq Alsaleh | Capoeira 4 Refugees

Dave Levin | Refugee Openware

Penny Travlou | Options Food Lab

Mohsin Mohu Ud Din | Ashoka's Youth Venture and #MeWeSyria

Anne Kjær Riechert | ReDI School of Digital Integration

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### Showcase of Solutions from Turkey

Talin Kdikian | Dubarah

Phil Dexter Weidmann | Kiron Open Higher Education

Celal Karadoğan (Ashoka Fellow) | Genç Engelliler Spor Kulübü

Nebahat Akkoç (Ashoka Fellow) | KAMER

Ercan Tural (Ashoka Fellow) | AYDER

## **Part 2: Learn**

### **11:15 – 12:45**

#### **Uncovering Invisible Potential**

Hosts: Celal Karadogan & Mary Nally (translation will be provided)

Venue: RCAC Auditorium

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#### **Scaling to New Geographies**

Hosts: Talin Kdikian & Nathanael Molle

Venue: 3rd floor small meeting room

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#### **Innovative Employment Models**

Hosts: Nebahat Akkoç & Penny Travlou (translation will be provided)

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#### **Sports as an Empowerment Tool for Refugees**

Hosts: Tarek Alsaleh & Ercan Tural

Venue: 5th floor small meeting area

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#### **Utilizing Digital Technologies**

Hosts: Dave Levin & Anne Kjær Riechert

Venue: 5th floor big meeting area

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**12:45** Lunch at Divan Beyoğlu Brasserie on the 6th Floor of Koç RCAC

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## Part 3: Act

14:00 – 17:00

### Children and Early Education @ 6th Floor

Facilitator: Yiğit Aksakoglu | Bernard van Leer Foundation

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### Empowering Youth @ Oditorium

Facilitator: Özlem Ezgin | Community Volunteers Foundation

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### Women Employment & Empowerment @ 5th Floor Small Room

Facilitator: Sibel Yücesan | Professional Women Network

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### Entrepreneurship & Economic Integration @ 5th Floor Big Room

Facilitator: Didem Altop | Endeavor Turkey



### Solidarity Networks & Community Centers @ 3rd Floor Big Room

Facilitator: Ayşen Üstübici | MiReKoç

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### Supporting Civic Movements @ 3rd Floor Small Meeting Room

Facilitator: Suat Özçağdaş | Centre for Social Innovation

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**17:00** Concert by Istanbul Mosaic Oriental Choir

**17:30** Workshops Report-back at the Auditorium

**18:00** Networking Cocktail at Divan Beyoğlu Brasserie