



Architecture for Refugees
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We connect the questions with the answers. Our platform and community empower individuals and communities and encourage amateurs and professionals to be active partner to improve the life quality of refugee and host communities.

OUR MISSION

The “Architecture for Refugees” is an open source online and offline platform and community which collect and share questions, problems, ideas and solutions dealing with the architectural and urban planning aspects of the refugee crisis on a global scale. In our modern society information and the access to knowledge are key values.

Creating an open source pool of information and knowledge could enhance the collaborative work between activists, refugees, professionals and politicians. As a result of the collaborative work, organised and fast answers could be given to the shelter- and infrastructural problems of the refugee crisis.



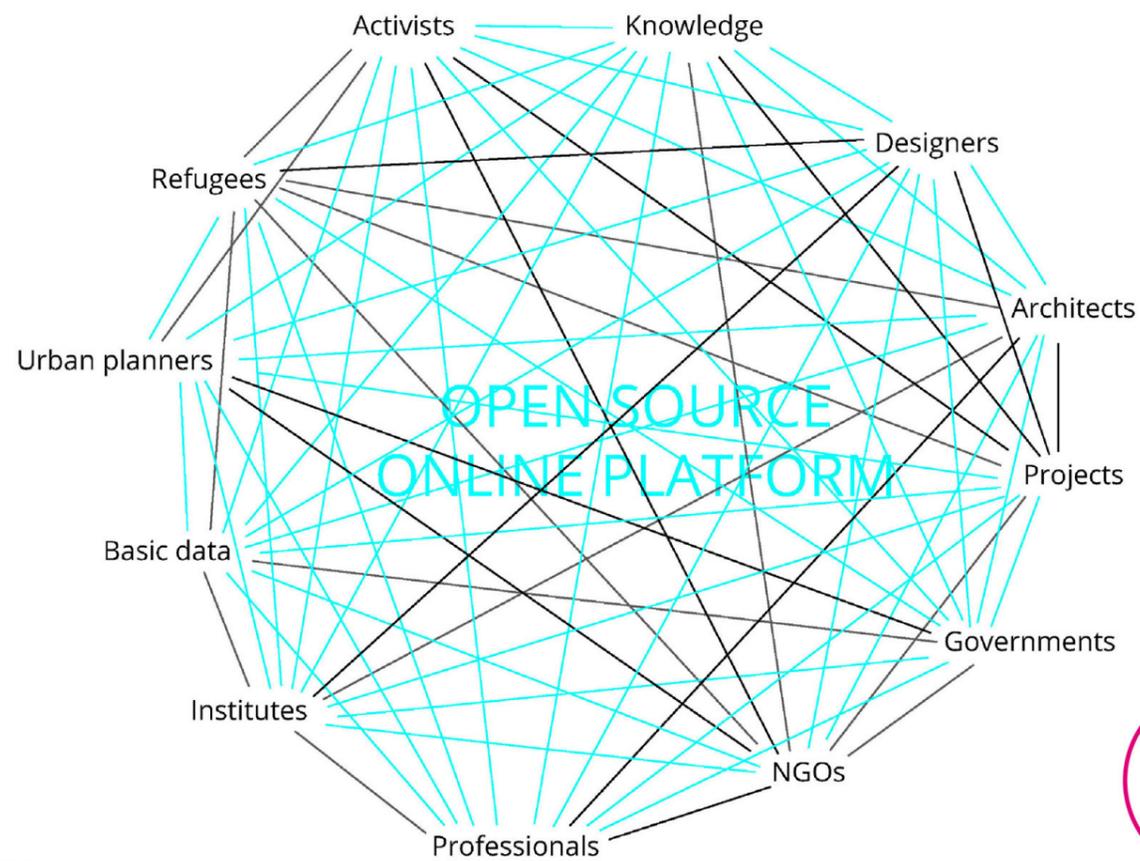
Refugee Info Bus - connecting people and creating public space in the informal refugee camp “the Jungle” in Calais, France.

Information and the connection of diverse stakeholders are crucial!



CONNECTING
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Our work aims to connect diverse stakeholders to empower further discussions and knowledge transfer.



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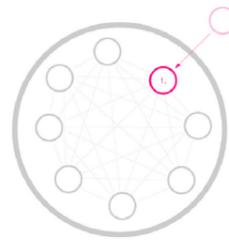
“Living with people who differ - racially, ethnically, religiously or economically - is one of the most urgent challenges facing civil society today.

Together argues that cooperation needs more than good will: it is a craft that requires skill.

In modern society traditional bonds are waning, and we must develop new forms of secular, civic ritual that make us more skilful in living with borders. From medieval guilds to today’s social networks, Richard Sennett’s visionary book explores the nature of cooperation, why it has become weak and how it can be strengthened.”

Together by Richard Sennett

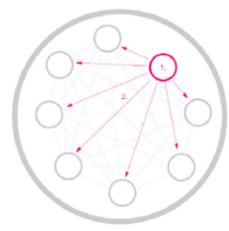
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1. INFORMATION

YOU bring information, calls, events to the PLATFORM. The information can be FIRST or SECOND HAND.

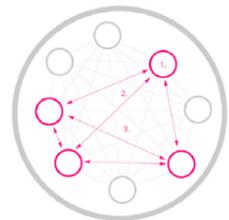
INFORMATION such as: NEEDS, ON-SITE information, QUESTIONS or ANSWERS, CALL FOR, PROJECTS, TEXTS, VIDEOS, EVENTS, BASIC DATA, ?



2. PLATFORM

YOU SHARE your information on the OPEN SOURCE ONLINE PLATFORM. It is available for everyone. You TAG the information you have shared, so it is immediately organised into the main topics.

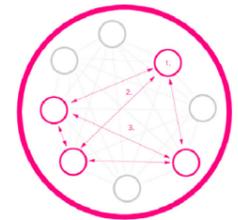
The platform has a general POOL of INFORMATION and a specialised BEST PRACTICES. Your information and your KNOWLEDGE, EXPERTISE is available on the platform for everybody which helps to find PARTNERS for further developments.



3. MATCHMAKING + COLLABORATION

On the PLATFORM everyone can FIND PARTNERS for COLLABORATION. The platform CONNECTS and EMPOWER you for COLLABORATION.

Collaboration can be on a GLOBAL SCALE - virtual or on a LOCAL SCALE - physical. The platform organises online and offline, local and global DISCUSSIONS and WORKSHOPS.



MANAGEMENT - Architecture for Refugees

The Architecture for Refugees PLATFORM and COMMUNITY SUPPORT projects, ideas and collaborations with information, knowledge, know-how and fundings. We HELP with administrative, communicational and financial ADVICES.

The PLATFORM will also TAKE ACTIONS to use the collected knowledge to initiate new projects. We will call for design projects, competitions and fundraising campaigns.



How does our platform and community work?

ONLINE AND OFFLINE

Beside the online work we organise workshops, presentations, workshops and discussions with all the most important stakeholders - refugees, architects, decision makers, politics and volunteers to deal with the topic.

ORGANIGRAM



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Insecurities
Tracing Displacement and Shelter
Dec 7, 2016 · 9 min read

Improving Refugee Settlements: Collaboration between Refugees, Architects, and Volunteers

by Architecture for Refugees: Dennise Castillo, Nasr Chamma, and Bence Komlósi



We write articles, organise field works and workshops for refugees, individuals and students, we give lectures to empower and encourage as many stakeholders as possible.



WHAT WE DO

Architecture for Refugees provides an informational platform, educational resources, projects and collaborations which link refugees, refugee settlements and camps with architects, urban planners and designers, NGOs, government and UN agencies, refugee host communities and social and grassroots organisations.

By facilitating collaboration between the different stakeholders in each case, by directly involving refugees in these processes and by harnessing and sharing innovative solutions, approaches and intervention models we aim to improve facilities, infrastructure and living conditions for refugees across the world.

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