Feel at Home: a Glasgow video-making project on integration by Migrant Voice

Migrant-led charity <u>Migrant Voice</u> is launching *Feel at Home*, a free videomaking project for migrants, refugees and Britons in Glasgow to explore the thorny subject of integration.



Through seven creative, hands-on workshops, participants will explore the possibilities of video-making to tell stories of integration from their perspectives. This could include their own experiences of what helps and hinders the process, what 'home' means, and what can help to create a sense of belonging. *Feel at Home* is open to all – migrants, refugees, asylum seekers, Scots, Britons and those from the host and established communities.

Migrant Voice ran the project in London earlier this year, and is now bringing it to Glasgow and the West Midlands for the first time. The sessions will be run by Migrant Voice Glasgow Network Community Worker, Amparo Fortuny, who is also a film director and producer. *Feel at Home* is part of the Participate.Integration initiative created by MoneyGram.

Speaking about Feel at Home, Nazek Ramadan, Director of Migrant Voice, said:

"Far too often in this country, we talk about how migrants are integrating without hearing from migrants themselves. Through this project so far, we've realised that integration is happening, every day and all around us. This project – which brings migrants and non-migrants of all backgrounds together – is itself a fantastic example of integration in action, gives migrants a much-needed opportunity to speak for themselves, through film, about this controversial subject."

Speaking about the collaboration with MoneyGram, Ramadan said:

"Participate.Integration is the first time we have worked with business organisations but it is a crucially important moment in Britain. Brexit and political upheavals around the world have put migration in the spotlight and whatever happens politically in the next few months the lives of hundreds of thousands of migrants will be affected – and so will the lives of the British people. Migrants want to be part of British life but there are many obstacles, and through our projects we want to help bridge the gaps."

The Glasgow project has seven evening sessions starting **Monday 23 September**, taking place at the Centre for Contemporary Arts, 350 Sauchiehall St, Glasgow G2 3JD. It is free of charge, but participants must attend all sessions. Contact Amparo Fortuny at amparo@migrantvoice.org to register your interest.

Migrant Voice (www.migrantvoice.org) is a national migrant-led organisation supporting migrants, refugees and asylum seekers regardless of status or country of origin. We develop the media skills and confidence of migrants to contribute directly to the media and public debates about migration in order to counter xenophobia and increase support for the rights of migrants.

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