



WRITING ABOUT REFUGEES

A Competition for Student Journalists

Refugees and asylum seekers coming to Europe repeatedly make headlines, but not all the information given about them is true. What is true is that every day there are people arriving in Europe who are fleeing persecution, that some European governments put these people behind bars, and that the numbers of new arrivals often make front-page news while the stories behind the sound bites are lost.

The Jesuit Refugee Service Europe is inviting aspiring journalists to investigate the reality behind the headlines, by asking students across Europe to write an article on the theme 'Refugees in Europe'

Who can enter?

You can enter if you are a student at any institute of Higher Education in a member state of the Council of Europe, or if you've graduated from such an institute in the last twelve months.

What is the prize?

- ☞ The writers of the three best articles will be invited to Brussels, where they will meet with members of the jury who are experienced journalists in this area, spend an afternoon at a newspaper, and visit JRS Belgium, who work with immigration detainees. These three articles will be circulated to our press network at a European and national level.
- ☞ The overall winner will be invited to Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya as the guest of JRS Eastern Africa, where they will meet refugees, representatives of NGOs and local media. JRS will advertise and circulate material written by the student journalist during this trip.

How do I enter?

You must write an article of not more than 1200 words on the theme 'Refugees in Europe'. You can write in any European language, but must also include an English language translation of your work. Our judges include native speakers of English, French, Italian, Dutch and German.

Download an application form and further details on the competition, in English, at www.jrseurope.org. You will also find on this website links to organisations that work with refugees and asylum seekers in your country.

Deadline for articles

14:00, 21st March 2006

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JRS Europe is a network of 20 offices working in Europe with and for refugees and displaced people. It is part of the JRS international network. In Brussels, JRS campaigns for the rights of immigration detainees. JRS does not discriminate on the basis of religion.

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