

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

# Museum Fellowships for Asylum Seekers

*Museum auf der Flucht* (museum on the run) based at the Volkskundemuseum Wien announces a call seeking applications from highly qualified and motivated asylum seekers in Austria for a museum fellowship.

### Why?

*Museum auf der Flucht* seeks to find ways

- to include refugee history and experience into the museums anthropological / ethnological narratives
- to do participatory research together with refugees on the museum's historical collection concerning questions of flight & migration
- to include refugees' perspectives and voices into the development of exhibitions, cultural programmes and future object or collection acquisitions.

### Whom we are searching for

*Museum auf der Flucht* therefore invites up to three asylum seekers who are interested to get to know museum work from all angles (conservation, research, exhibiting, documentation, etc.) with a background in one of the following fields:

- museum work
- research (anthropological, cultural, historical, political or related)
- visual arts or cultural programmes (like exhibitions, festivals etc.)
- journalism
- or activism

*Museum auf der Flucht* invites Asylum Seekers only, as programmes in the field of higher education for recognised refugees and people with subsidiary status already exist at Universities and art institutions.

### **What you get**

Fellows will get deep insights into all departments of the museum and their respective working methods. They will be included in team efforts and events, offered access to a network of museum and cultural professionals and will receive support by the team in their personal efforts to seek recognition for foreign educations and titles as well as in their language learning.

Besides those activities fellows will have time to pursue a project of their own for which they will receive office space at the museum. This can be a research endeavour, undertaking qualification measures, a cultural or artistic production or the elaboration of a slumbering idea that could open opportunities for the personal future. Your project can be freely chosen concerning its content, goals or results but should be linked to one of the above mentioned fields of science, art, journalism, culture or a museal topic. In realizing your projects you will be supported by the staff of *Museum auf der Flucht*.

### **Who we are**

The *Museum auf der Flucht* is a project by Alexander Martos and Niko Wahl based at the Volkskundemuseum Wien. It is part of a co-operation with the Wiener Festwochen ("Academy of Unlearning") and Science Communications Research aiming at building up a sustainable fellowship programme for highly qualified asylum seekers.

### **How to apply?**

All asylum seekers with professional backgrounds as mentioned above are eligible for this application. Basic knowledge of English or German is mandatory. The application should consist of a short resume and a short description of the intended personal project the fellow wants to conduct.

**Fellowship Duration:** 6-12 months (please tell us your preferences)  
**Application Deadline:** April 30, 2017