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- The Silent University is an autonomous knowledge exchange platform by and for refugees, asylum seekers and migrants. It is led by a group of lecturers and consultants.
- Each group is contributing to the programme in different ways which include course development, specific research on key themes as well as personal reflections on what it means to be a refugee and asylum seeker. This platform will be presented using the format of an academic program.



The Silent University started initially in London in 2012 in collaboration with Delfina Foundation, Tate and Migrant Resource Center and it is since March 2013 successfully established in the Stockholm suburb of Tensta, in collaboration with Tensta Konsthall and ABF Stockholm and in Hamburg with Stadtkuratorin and Stadtkultur.

The Silent University aims to address and reactivate the knowledge of the participants and make the exchange process mutually beneficial by inventing alternative currencies, in place of money or free voluntary service.

## **Towards A Transversal Pedagogy The Silent University Principles and Demands:**

1. Everybody has the right to educate.
2. Immediate acknowledgement of academic backgrounds of asylum seekers and refugees.
3. Acting knowledge without language limitations.
4. Acting knowledge without legal limitations.
5. Participatory modes of usership.
6. Artistic pedagogical practices need to be emancipated from commonly used terminologies such as “projects” and “workshops”.
7. Pedagogic practices must be based on long-term engagement, commitment and determination.
8. We act in solidarity with other refugee struggles and collectives around the world.
9. Extra-territorial, trans-local knowledge production and conflict urbanism must be priorities.
10. Decentralized, participatory, horizontal and autonomous modality of education, instead of centralized, authoritarian, oppressive, and compulsory education.
11. Acting beyond limitations of border politics.
12. Adhocracy instead of bureaucracy.
13. Action Knowledge can only be produced through assemblage methods.
14. Revolution of decolonising pedagogies.



Video



# Success



September 2014

A series of weekly meetings started with a group of participants that have had a variety of asylum, migrant, and refugee experiences.





## Succe... Exchanging with expertise



Thursday, December 4, 2014, 7 pm Silent University Hamburg

Presentation and Conversation with Carlos Cruz (Consultant Silent University London), Sophie Goltz (Artistic Director Stadtkuratorin Hamburg), Marenka Krasomil (Coordinator The Silent University Hamburg), Ismail M. Mosa (Consultant The Silent University Hamburg), Dr. Ali Fathi (Consultant The Silent University Hamburg).

# Succe...

## The Silent University Public Lectures



Third Public Lecture  
Tuesday, July 7, 2015,  
Margenalized Masculirity  
(Phd research in Hamburg  
University) Lecture by  
Ayhan Taşdemir from Turkey

Second Public Lecture  
Tuesday, June 23, 2015, Burundi  
and the Ukraine. Friendship  
between nations in the context of  
the education system during the  
time of the Soviet Union and after  
its fall. Lecture by Alain-Aime  
Hatungimana from Brundi

First Public lecture  
Tuesday, February 10, 2015,  
Nigeria During Slavery in West  
Africa Lecture by Abimbola  
Odugbesan from Nigeria



# Succe..



So far around 400 users (students) has been registered to Silent University's website. They loaned more than 1000 hours in total. They are now part of Silent University and have access to our content. These users include; a programme manager/researcher, a solicitor, a senior lecturer in social policy, a community organiser and educator, a documentary director, a few artists, a few journalists, a few students, an academic researcher, a professor, an employment adviser for refugee professionals, a writer & refugee arts project co-ordinator, a few curators, a database officer, a project consultant, a web designer and a camera operator.



6. January 2015

Silent University Resource Room Abimbola Odugbesan and Ahmet Ögüt



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(Herein referred to as the "Loaner")

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After completing the TIME AND SKILLS LOAN FORM, the Loaner will be given a personal password by the Creditor to access course content via The Silent University website: [www.thesilentuniversity.org](http://www.thesilentuniversity.org)



## **Collaborating institutions in 2014:**

### **London:**

The Showroom

The Oxford Migration Studies Society and The Refugee Studies Centre at the University of Oxford

### **Stockholm:**

Tensta Konsthall

ABF Stockholm

### **Hamburg:**

Stadtkuratorin Hamburg

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