



# RAAS Project 2022-2023

What we have done

What we plan to do

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# The RAAS Project (2018-ongoing)

**For professionals and volunteers working with refugees\*:** Information-sharing, a network for sharing best practices, access to training to improve their work with RAAS and to remain volunteers (lower the turn-over). In turn, support refugees and ppl who seek asylum in the UK to integrate (maintain their heritage culture AND adopt UK culture).

**For the public at large and authorities:** Awareness raising of the role interculturalists in integration and inclusion of refugees and people who seek asylum

## Premise

The best (most beneficial) route towards harmonious intergroup relations is bi-directional integration.

## Who we are

15 members – researchers, experienced and less experienced trainers, volunteers, refugees

\*Often volunteers are refugees themselves.

# What we have done

Society for Intercultural Education Training and Research

- **ONLINE ICC Program: 3 Sessions x 3.5hs across 3 weeks**
  - 2022-2023: Run 3 times
- **One-off Training on Afghan culture and Ukraine**
  - 2022-2023: Run 3 times + In collaboration with Migration Yorkshire:  
<https://www.migrationyorkshire.org.uk>
- **Handbook for the program, 3 extra booklets (e.g. intercultural communication) and a Handbook for Ukrainian hosts and refugees** (<https://sietar.co.uk/raas-2/>)
  - 2022-2023: Ukraine handbook was created
- **2020-ongoing:** 1) Facebook page for continuous learning and exercises only for volunteers who work with RAAS (Volunteer Network Group supported by SIETAR UK), 2) Free extra exercise book: <https://sietar.co.uk/raas-2/>
- **2022 – ongoing:** Representation at SIG Migration SIETAR EUROPA (Dr K Addington-Lefringhausen; <https://sietareusigmigration.wordpress.com/>)
  - Sharing experiences to spark further RAAS projects (SIETAR France, Germany, Austria and Switzerland) + Creating a dedicated conference track regarding refugees
- **2022-ongoing:** Supporting the development of Inclukit: <https://www.forthem-alliance.eu/news-detail/t/46413>

# What we plan to do

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Continue ...

- To share experiences and materials to support other local RAAS initiatives
- Putting refugee issues on SUK's educational agenda at SUK for regular events and more & the SIETAR Europa Congresses
- Supporting IncluKit

## What we need

1-2 new dedicated RAAS committee members to support our efforts

If you are interested, get in touch with **SUK's RAAS Project leaders:**

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