



FRIDAY
19
JUNE

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*A Celebration of
Community & Storytelling*

17:30 -21:00
Tzavella 106, Piraeus

 Live Music by
ANASA Cultural
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Every person carries a story. When stories are shared, they have the power to build understanding, challenge stereotypes, and bring people closer together.

KMOP – Social Action and Innovation Centre invites you to the “**Different Roots, Shared Futures: A Celebration of Community & Storytelling**”, an event taking place within **Athens Refugee Week** on **Friday 19 June 2026**, from **17:30 to 21:00 (Tzavella 106, Piraeus)**.

Through open dialogue, storytelling, educational workshops, music, and cultural exchange, the event will bring together young people, community representatives, civil society organisations, artists, and institutional actors to celebrate diversity, strengthen community connections, foster youth participation, and explore how we can build more inclusive communities.

At the heart of the event is participation. We invite you to share your experiences, perspectives, and ideas, engage in meaningful conversations, and contribute to a collective reflection on belonging, inclusion, and community life. Because stronger communities are built when every voice is heard.

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17:30 – 17:50 **Arrivals & Welcome**

Participants will be welcomed into an open and informal community space designed to encourage connection, networking and cultural exchange from the very beginning of the evening. They will have the opportunity to meet and engage with individuals from diverse backgrounds over coffee and music, reflecting the event's core values: coexistence and shared human experiences, beyond borders and stereotypes.

17:50 – 18:00 **Community in the Making: Opening the Conversation**

The event will officially open with welcoming remarks by representatives of Athens Refugee Week and KMOP, setting the strategic vision for the evening.

Jenny Lazarou, Institutional & Community Engagement Coordinator, KMOP

Dina Ntziora, Refugee Week Greece founder and producer

18:00 – 19:00 **“Our Stories, Our Connection” A Conversation on Belonging, Inclusion & Resilience**

Facilitator: **Rania El Ampasy**, Senior Project Manager, KMOP

What makes a place feel like home? How do communities create spaces where everyone can belong, participate and flourish?

This interactive conversation brings together members of migrant and refugee communities, civil society actors and professionals working to strengthen inclusion and social cohesion. Through personal stories, shared experiences and open dialogue, participants will explore the human dimensions of integration, moving beyond systems and structures to focus on the relationships, encounters and everyday acts that help build stronger communities.

At the heart of the discussion lies the belief that inclusion is not a destination, but an ongoing collective process—one that is shaped by empathy, participation and mutual understanding. By creating space for diverse voices to be heard, the session seeks to highlight the experiences, contributions and aspirations of people whose stories enrich the social fabric of our communities.

Together, we will reflect on the role of local communities, municipalities, youth and civil society in fostering belonging, while exploring storytelling as a powerful catalyst for visibility, dialogue and connection.

Join us for an inspiring exchange of perspectives and experiences that celebrates diversity, strengthens community bonds and reimagines what it means to belong.

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19:00 – 19:10 **Coffee Break**

19:10 – 20:00 **“Roots and Routes” - Interactive Storytelling Workshop for Youth**

Facilitator: **Angela Shkempi**, Project Manager, KMOP

This participatory workshop invites young people from diverse backgrounds to explore questions of identity, intercultural dialogue, belonging, courage, and personal development through creative storytelling expression.

Utilising the framework “I am from... I am becoming,” participants will be encouraged to express themselves and share their journeys in the language and format they feel most comfortable with, creating a collective space for reflection, active listening, and exchange. Through writing, dialogue, and creative interaction, the workshop aims to foster empathy, peer-to-peer connection, and community-building among participants while empowering young people to tell their own stories in authentic and meaningful ways.

20:00 – 21:00 **Celebrating Community Voices: Live Performance by ANASA Cultural Centre**

In a collaborative and welcoming atmosphere, participants will have the opportunity to connect through live music, food, artistic expression and informal exchange, embracing diversity and cultural heritage as powerful drivers for community-building and, coexistence. Music contributions are organised in collaboration with the ANASA Cultural Centre, whose work highlights the transformative role of culture in fostering participation, belonging, and intercultural dialogue, while empowering individuals and communities through creative engagement and collective expression.

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