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The “Refugee Crisis” in Europe: Voluntary and Community Sector Responses from the North East of England

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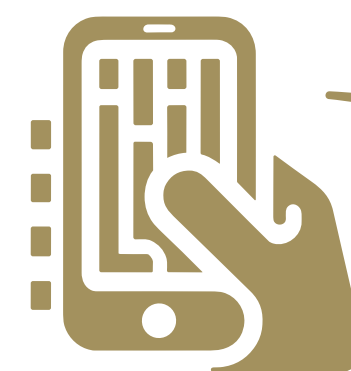
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In 2015 many refugees were entering Europe, fleeing conflicts and political instability around the world. Policymakers, politicians and the media referred to this as the “refugee crisis”. In this talk she will present the three different Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) groups she found to be operating in the North East of England and trace the different forms of solidarity they engaged in during the “refugee crisis” in Europe and its aftermath. The VCS in the UK has always been filling in the gaps of welfare state provision through civic solidarity, however the 2008 austerity cuts significantly influenced the sector’s responses. She will argue that pre-existing infrastructure survived austerity by establishing new partnerships. The growing demand for services from the increasing number of people in the region from 2015 onwards also led to the founding of new charities and the churches redirecting their aims. The most prominent forms of solidarity in the context of the VCS in the North East are civic solidarity and institutional solidarity, which co-existed to different extents across these different groups operating in the region.

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