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FOR EQUALITY OF RIGHTS, AGAINST THE DEMANDE D'ADMISSION PREALABLE

UEE x resume statement for World Refugee Day

Asylum seekers are the forgotten people of World Refugee Day, as well as of the University. On this day, the resume and the UEE, who work for the respect of their right to study, join forces to highlight their situation in higher education and launch a consultation on the subject. The exclusion of asylum seekers from the French higher education system is mainly due to one procedure: the Demande d'Admission Préalable (DAP). An incomprehensible procedure, with impossible deadlines and almost non-existent places: no one knows how the DAP works, where exactly to apply for it in universities. The choice of institutions by this DAP is limited to three. The registration services keep the registration and decision procedures in the dark. In addition to the economic problems necessarily linked to the condition of asylum-seeker (no effective right to work, extremely precarious and limited state aid), the discriminatory plan entitled "Bienvenue en France" requires asylum-seekers to pay several thousand euros to enroll at university.

The length of time it takes OFPRA to process asylum applications makes the issue of integrating asylum seekers into the academic world crucial, in order to realize their dreams and projects.

Freezing a person's life for a period ranging from 9 months to 2 years is fraught with consequences for a future refugee, above all a human being, who thus suffers the dysfunction of State institutions and policies restricting access to higher education for asylum seekers.

This situation contributes to relegating applicants for international protection to the menial professions of the economy; it forces them to give up their projects, equality and dignity.

Refugee Day is an opportunity to defend the effective right to asylum, against the abusive refoulement, denial and violence suffered by people everywhere on their way to exile, but it cannot be limited to the right of passage: asylum seekers, refugees and all foreigners have the right to lead a dignified life, to work and study, to settle down and build their life projects.

That's why we wish to alert the public authorities to the inequality produced by the DAP procedure.

We also call for the sharing of experiences and the collection of testimonies. If you have had problems registering for university, if you know people who have had a hard time, contact us at contact@uniondesetudiantsexiles.org or contact@resume.org