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& critical transformation

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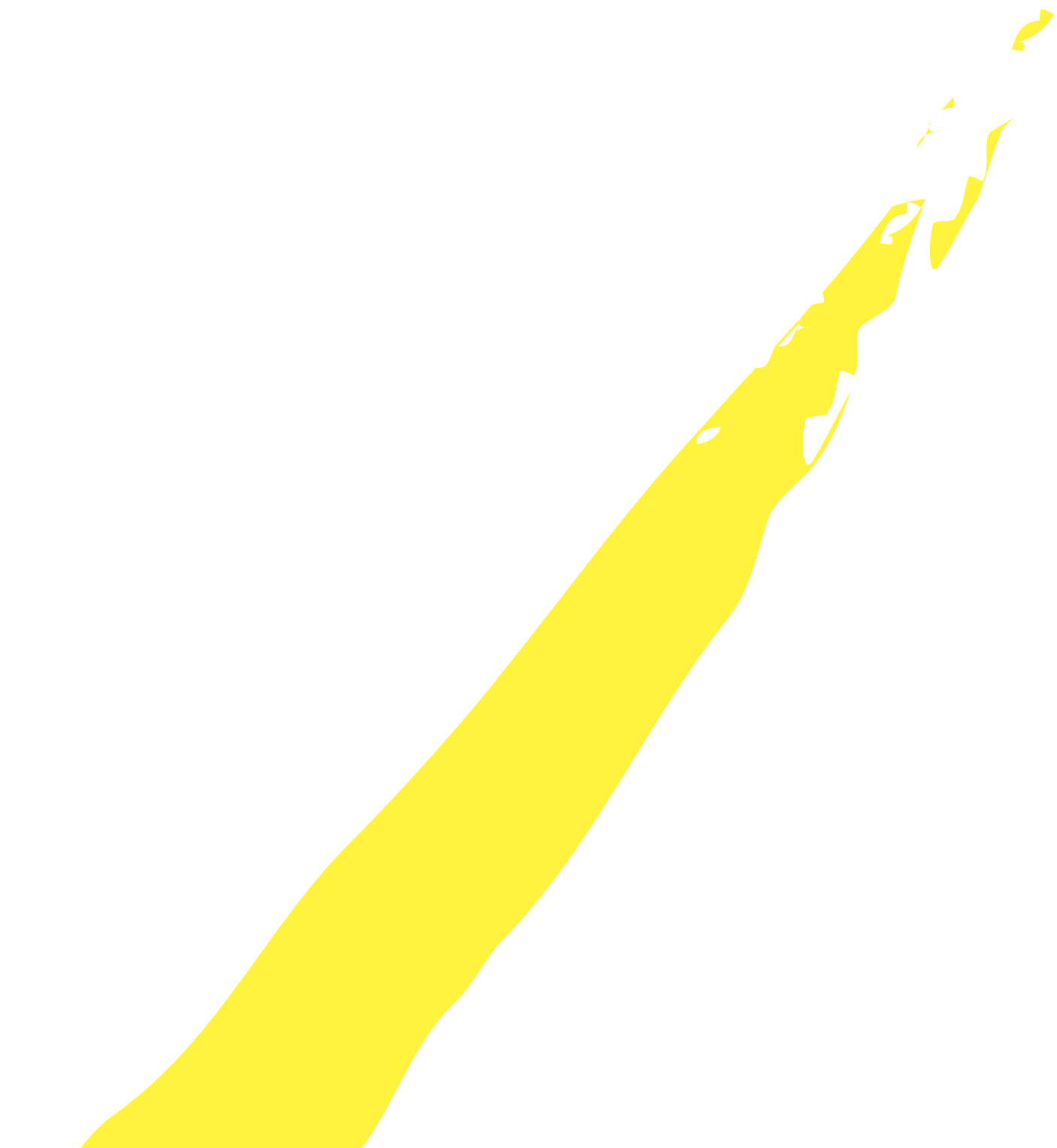
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The **rOg_agency** is a Berlin-based nonprofit (gGmbH) founded in 2013 by Susanne Bellinghausen and Stephen Kovats. Over the past ten years, the scope of projects has grown to include projects and locations in Cameroon, South Sudan, Uganda, Kenya, Gambia, Ghana and Ethiopia.

The **rOg_agency** sees it as their mission to promote innovation and entrepreneurship in order to help communities become self-sufficient and to create open access to skills and information in order to foster peacebuilding and empower people to speak out against hate speech, both online and offline.

In all programs and offices, the **rOg_agency** is committed to fostering and valuing diversity in all of its forms, promoting gender-equality, and creating an inclusive, affirming work environment.

2013 - 2023



#r0g_10

September 2023 marked a major milestone for r0g_agency as it celebrated its 10th anniversary. Founded in 2013 in Berlin, the organization has grown from coworking spaces to a hub for open culture and transformation. To mark the occasion, an online campaign was launched to highlight the decade of impact, and an in-person exhibition and garden party were hosted at the Berlin offices, bringing together friends, partners, and team members to celebrate.

<https://openculture.agency/r0g-10/>

A decade of impact through the eyes of our community

Susi & Steve

r0g_co-founders

#r0g_10 PERSONAL STORIES

... if you start something in South Sudan, you'll have to stick to it, no matter what... a decade later we are happy that South Sudan, and our great friends and partners from there still play such a central role in r0g_agency's DNA!

As part of the r0g@10 celebrations, we invited partners, friends, team members, and collaborators from around the world to share their personal stories of connection with our organization and projects over the past decade. These testimonials highlight the profound connections and shared achievements that define our journey.



Chike

PhD student & r0g board member

#r0g_10 PERSONAL STORIES

With an ear for listening to the people it serves, and an eye for spotting areas of improvement, r0g is set to continue growing - at 10 years of operation and beyond!

Jaiksana

Team Leader

#r0g_10 PERSONAL STORIES

The inspiration is that no tool and resource is small. It's about using whatever we have, tech or not, creatively to critique, intervene, or challenge borders / constraints we face.

PRECIOUS

MEDICAL STUDENT & REFUGEE FROM UKRAINE

#r0g_10 PERSONAL STORIES

I had a great encounter with the open culture agency team when I fled Kyiv due to the war.

https://openculture.agency/r0g_10-personal-stories/

r0g_projects Exhibition

On Saturday, September 23rd, we opened our doors for an interactive r0g_projects exhibition. Our office was transformed into a mini exposition showcasing our work and achievements, with colleagues on hand to answer questions. Guests explored our initiatives, mingled in the office and garden, and connected over drinks and snacks.



Garden Party: A Musical Finale to r0g@10

The r0g@10 celebrations concluded with a garden party at the r0g office garden, bringing together partners, friends, and members of our community. The event featured live performances by musicians Djang Kollins and Nymphaea, offering an evening of music and relaxation.



r0g_mission



The mission of **r0g_agency** is to promote the development of open, peaceful societies through open technology, open knowledge, and peacebuilding initiatives. But what does “open” mean? It means accessibility for everyone, free from barriers such as cost or social exclusion. For example, open knowledge ensures that information is freely available to all, regardless of their educational background. In open societies, individuals are more able to shape their lives, learning, and futures for the better. <https://openculture.agency/standwithukraine-beproactive/>

r0g_approach

For all of our projects, the **r0g_agency** partners with local, grassroots organizations in order to ensure that programs are run locally. This approach is the most culturally responsible way to bring about lasting change and a more stable peace in regions facing tumult.



r0g_focus areas



Open technology

We develop open source software, open standards, and open hardware and make these readily accessible, because we believe that open tech plays an important role in fostering the peacebuilding process, innovation, and self-reliance.

Open knowledge

Knowledge empowers people and communities by acting as the great equalizer. We create learning materials, field guides, documents, and posters that can be freely accessed, downloaded, used, and disseminated.

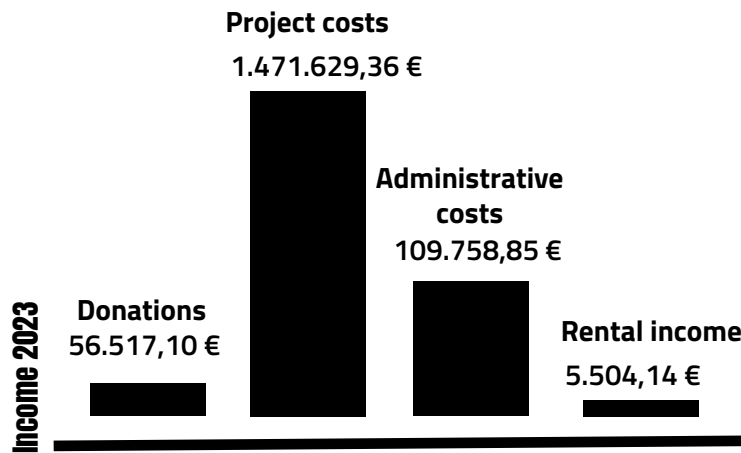
Peacebuilding

Peacebuilding is an intervention that aims to prevent or counter violent conflict through activities that address root causes of violence and foster peaceful conflict resolutions, with the goal of creating a more stable social and political environment.

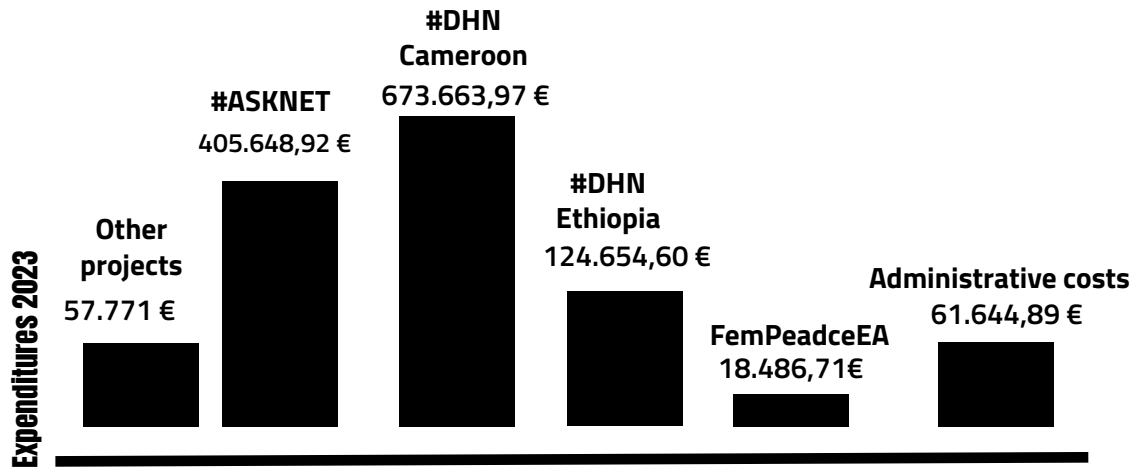
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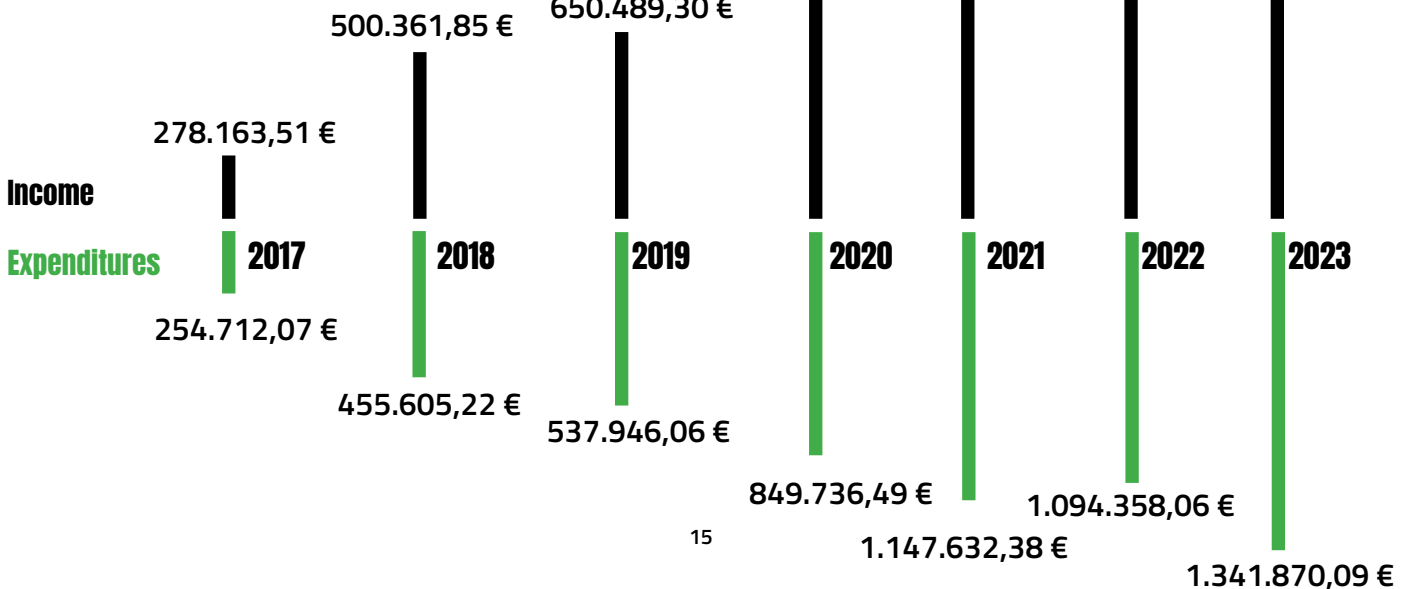


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1.341.870,09 €

Income & Expenditures, 2016-2020



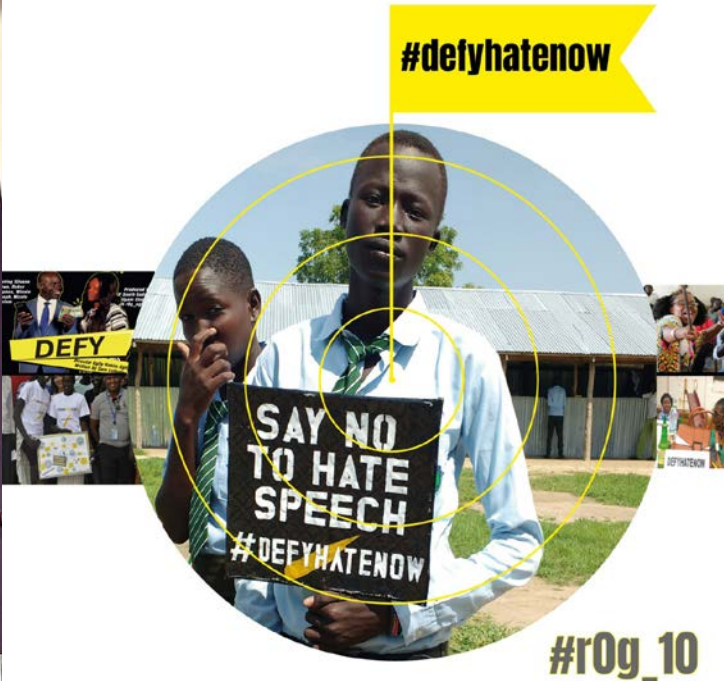
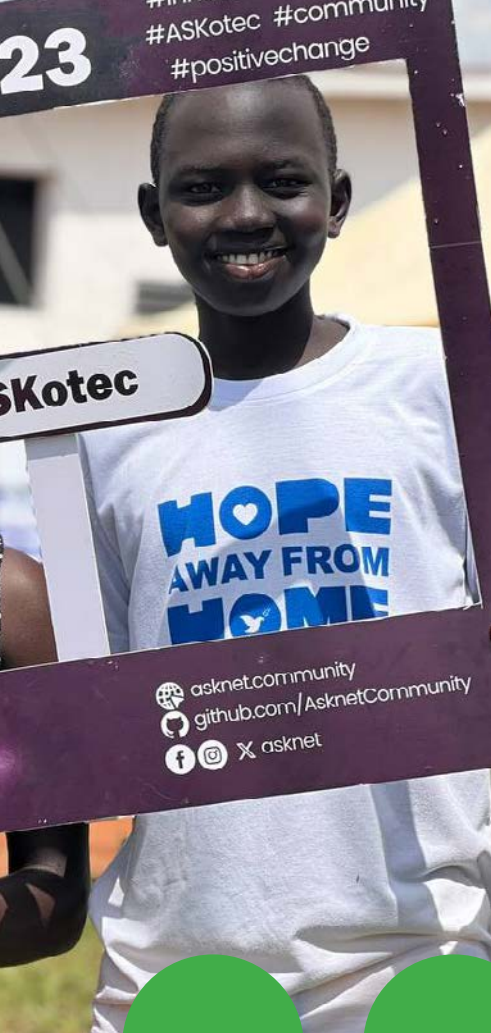


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We collaborate with local communities, networks, partner organizations, and governments in conflict-affected regions to implement programs. In 2023, the r0g_agency had four active programs: #ASKnet, #defyhatenow Cameroon, #defyhatenow Ethiopia and the #FemPeace_EA project

#ASKnet - The Access to Skills and Knowledge Network

Building on the context from which #ASKnet emerged as an initiative for improved access to information, media literacy and proactive peacebuilding since 2015, a cross-border network of peers is now evolving into an independent, self-sufficient network.

<https://asknet.community/>



#ASKnet_2023



Organizational Framework

In March 2023, the informal #ASKnet group became a legally registered consortium in South Sudan, guided by a Steering Committee. This transition set the foundation for an inclusive network of South Sudanese and youth-led media and innovation organizations.

In the summer of 2023, we welcomed four new members to the #ASKnet consortium:



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1.CECI - Community Empowerment for Creative Innovation (Koboko, Uganda)

A refugee-led organization in Yumbe, Obongi, and Koboko, Uganda, working directly with youth, women, and girls from refugee and host communities to prevent, reduce, and transform violent conflicts.

<https://asknet.community/hubs/ceci-uganda/>
<https://www.ceciuganda.org/>



2.CIC - Creative Innovation Center (Rhino Camp, Uganda)



Located in Rhino Camp, Uganda, CIC promotes peace by engaging youth through peer-to-peer learning, vocational education, and mentoring to address urgent needs and build resilience.

<https://asknet.community/hubs/CIC/>

3. Koneta Hub (Juba, South Sudan)



Located in Juba, South Sudan, Koneta Hub is a youth-led organization dedicated to developing community-driven solutions to address pressing socio-economic challenges within their society.



<https://asknet.community/hubs/koneta-hub/>
<https://konetahub.org/>

4. Ma'Mara Sakit Village (Juba, South Sudan)



Located in Juba, South Sudan, Ma'Mara Sakit Village is a feminist community amplifying voices and fostering agency through research, art, culture, and multimedia. The name 'Ma'Mara Sakit,' a South Sudanese Arabic phrase meaning 'not just a woman,' reflects its commitment to challenging stereotypes and creating opportunities for collective empowerment.

<https://asknet.community/hubs/ma-mara/>
<https://mamarasakitvillage.org/>

1. 2023 Activities

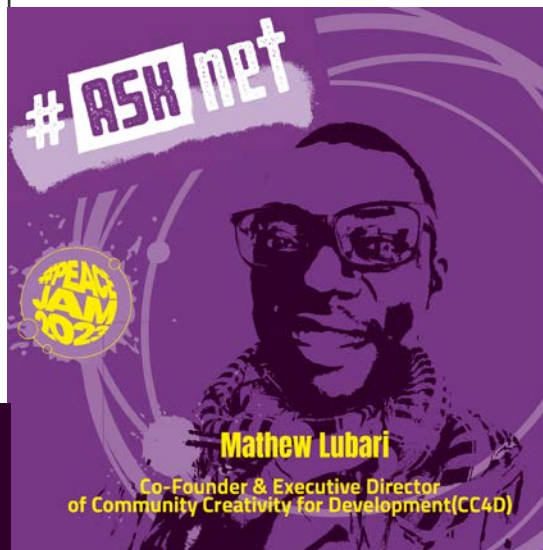


In 2023, the nine #ASKnet members tackled local challenges, empowered communities, and inspired regional innovation through over 20 training sessions, 50 events, and 30 media projects. Collaborative initiatives addressed topics like digital safety, feminist advocacy, cultural diversity, and storytelling, challenging perceptions that hinder peace and progress *podcasts on soundcloud; <https://asknetcommunity/media>*



2. Training & Resource Development

During this period, #ASKnet hosted three webinars on Creative Hacktivism and Open Educational Resources, launched campaigns for #PeaceJam and World Refugee Day, and began a collaboration with IDHPR in Nairobi. A refined #ASKtraining platform with 33 modules and 104 learning resources was also developed to streamline workshops and share content.

A dark purple rectangular graphic with white and yellow text. At the top left is the "#ASKnet" logo. To its right is the text "#ASKnet webinars". Below this, it says "Our network presents: *Creating Inclusive Spaces for Women in Tech and Media*". At the bottom, it lists "Session 1: June 22 (Thursday) 8:00 am - 9:30 CAT" and "Session 2: June 23 (Friday) 9:00 am - 10:00 am CAT".

3. #ASKSummit2023

#ASKSummit2023 took place in Adjumani, Northern Uganda, from December 5th to 7th, 2023, celebrating collaboration and innovation within the #ASKnet network. The summit brought together all the hubs in the network, strengthening existing connections and discussing upcoming projects and collaborations.

LEAD platform: <https://lead.asknet.community/>
#ASKtraining <https://training.asknet.community/>

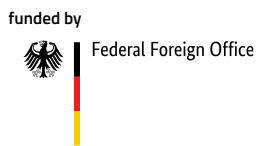


#defyhatenow





The #defyhatenow initiative addresses hate speech, disinformation, and misinformation through community-driven and data-informed solutions. By promoting trust among stakeholders and mobilizing civic action, the initiative supports citizens in countering online-induced conflicts. Focused on peace-oriented media and information literacy, #defyhatenow bridges knowledge gaps between technology users and non-users, creating a global network of online and offline peacebuilders. The initiative currently has active projects in Cameroon and Ethiopia.



#defyhatenow_Cameroon 2023

#defyhatenow Cameroon works with local communities to address online and offline conflict. In partnership with Association Civic Watch, it engages youth, community leaders, and civil society through a media and information literacy framework, bridging the technology access gap.

By creating safe spaces for dialogue, #defyhatenow Cameroon addresses the complex issues surrounding the Anglophone crisis, involving both local communities and the diaspora, and aims to empower communities to promote respectful public discourse.

Sensitization Campaign in Bangoulap Schools

A sensitization campaign in Bangoulap schools to promote the responsible use of social media. The campaign aimed to promote peace and social cohesion within both the school environment and the broader community



ASKotec



ASKotec with Google developers Student Club University of Bamenda

A working session with students on open-source hardware and hands-on practice with the ASKotec Kit and the Hyrac Box.

#AFFCameroon Cohort 8A

<https://affcameroon.defyhatenow.org/>



#defyhatenow Clubs in Secondary Schools Yaoundé by NewSetter



Digital inclusion: Embrace equity for a #HateFreeCameroon



Digital Inclusion: Embrace equity and engage together for a #HateFreeCameroon

Date & Time: March 10, 2023 - 1pm
Venue: Zoom

#DEFYHATENOW

As part of the women's day activities, **#defyhatenow** engaged women working in the technology space in sharing how they use technology to foster peace and development in their communities

For more information, visit the website at <https://defyhatenow.org/cameroon/> <https://defyhatenow.org/cameroon/peaceletters/>

#defyhatenow project in Ethiopia 2023

#defyhatenow in Ethiopia works to amplify the voices opposing conflict, aiming to make peace-focused messages resonate both within the country and across the diaspora.

The program promotes civic engagement and digital initiatives as proactive strategies to tackle hate speech and the incitement of violence online in Ethiopia. Its focus includes fostering digital initiatives for positive change, combating online hate speech, and addressing online incitement to violence.

<https://defyhatenow.org/ethiopia/>



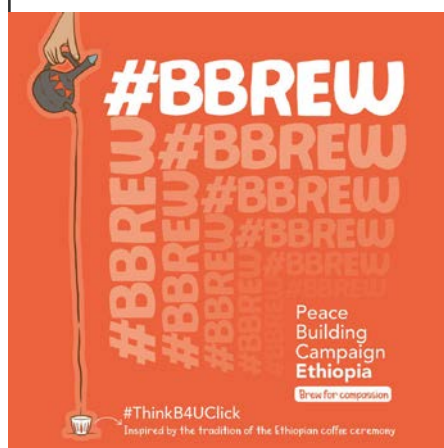
Campaigns

The campaigns focus on raising awareness about the dangers of hate speech and disinformation while promoting a culture of tolerance and inclusivity. Initiatives such as #Action4Peace, #ThinkB4UClick, #HateFreeEthiopia, and #PeaceJam emphasize online ethics, responsible digital citizenship, and civic engagement.

<https://defyhatenow.org/ethiopia/campaigns/>

#BBrew Campaign

#defyhatenow Ethiopia launched the #BBREW Campaign, inspired by Ethiopia's coffee ceremony, to promote unity and peace through responsible online interactions. Like the coffee ceremony, which fosters unity and peace, the campaign encouraged digital users to engage positively, cultivating a digital environment based on understanding and empathy.



The initiative partners with local experts to deliver training and capacity-building opportunities, empowering individuals and organizations to address hate speech and disinformation. Activities include workshops, fellowships, and mentorship programs on fact-checking, digital literacy, media literacy, and hate speech mitigation. Train-the-Trainers (ToT) programs equip individuals to transfer knowledge and build capacity at the grassroots level.

<https://defyhatenow.org/ethiopia/training-capacity-building/>

Training & capacity building

WEBINAR

Digital Literacy and Security Webinar for Women

Rehobot Ayalew
Trainer
Independent Fact Checker,
Niqi Ethiopia

Joel Talargie
Trainer
Tech Content Creator,
Digital Construct

14
DEC, 2023 | 10 am – 11:30 am EAT

#DEFYHATENOW_ETHIOPIA

POSITIVE PEACE | ETHIOPIA

Funded by the European Union

Infrastructure and resources

The initiative offers open-source tools and expertise to combat information disorder, equipping individuals with skills to identify and counter hate speech, misinformation, and disinformation. Resources include printable training materials tailored to address Ethiopia's online challenges, available in select local languages, and access to a network of fact-checking experts who provide guidance and verification support.

<https://defyhatenow.org/ethiopia/infrastructure-and-resources/>



FemPeaceEA (East Africa Feminist Peace Network) 2023



In 2023, rOg_agency launched the East Africa Feminist Peace Network -FemPeaceEA, initiated by an African feminist, Blen Gebrehiwot Desta. The FemPeaceEA project is funded by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

The project aims to strengthen the capacity of women-led and youth-led grassroots feminist organizations in Ethiopia, Kenya, South Sudan, and Uganda. FemPeaceEA supports the collaborations and coalitions between grassroots feminist organizations across borders to collectively shape and build gender-responsive, inclusive, and transformative feminist sustainable peace.





IV. r0g_curated events

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DJ Leburu

#JamNO Rassismus

JAMMING - SESSION AGAINST RACISM

as part of the activity
weeks against racism

in Charlottenburg- Wilmersdorf

date: **March 24th 2023**

time: 6pm-9pm

Ort: OPEN CULTURE OFFICE
Knobelsdorffstr.22 / 14059 Berlin- Charlottenburg

Throughout the year, the **rOg_agency** hosts events to highlight our work, bring in local experts, and connect with our local community. In 2023, we hosted the following events:

JamNO Rassismus; A jamming session against Racism!

JamNOrassismus; A jamming session against Racism!

In March, a jam session was held at the rOg_agency office as part of Berlin's week against racism. The open-mic event at the Open Culture Space in Charlottenburg invited participants to create music, dance, or perform poetry, speaking out against racism and promoting unity through creative expression.

<https://openculture.agency/jamnorrassismus-a-jamming-session-against-racism/>



#OCFC - open culture - feminist Cafe

Feminist Resistance Beyond Borders For Freedom Peace & Justice
June 9, 2023 6pm - 8pm

The Open Culture Feminist Café on June 9th, 2023, focused on *"Feminist Resistance Beyond Borders for Freedom, Peace, and Justice"*. The event highlighted feminist activists addressing the exclusion of women in peace processes, the impact of militarization, and human rights abuses in Sudan, Libya, and Tigray. Discussions centered on feminist approaches to peacebuilding and dismantling systems of patriarchy, militarization, and colonialism.

<https://openculture.agency/feminist-resistance-beyond-borders-for-freedom-peace-and-justice-ocfc/>



In 2023, #PeaceJam was held on June 18th, aligning with the International Day of Countering Hate Speech, a shift from the previous September 21st date. This change aimed to strengthen efforts against discrimination, xenophobia, and hate speech. The theme for #PeaceJam2023 was "Online Safe Spaces for Digital Security," with discussions on echo chambers, misinformation, digital privacy, and empowering marginalized communities.

#peacejam2023:



<https://defyhatenow.org/peacejam2023/>

**Women Game-Changers in Digital Arts -
Featuring Nina Czegledy
September 18, 2023 6pm - 8pm**

On September 18th, 2023, the Open Culture Feminist Café hosted Nina Czegledy, a Toronto-based artist and curator, for a discussion on *Women Game-Changers in Digital Arts: Shifted Paradigms Between East and West*. Nina shared her experiences with film and media-based art, exploring the role of women in digital arts and reflecting on her journey from growing up behind the Iron Curtain to the post-Cold War era.

<https://openculture.agency/women-game-changers-in-the-digital-arts/>



#OCFC - open culture - feminist Cafe

Cameroon Diaspora Dialogues Discussion - #defyhatenow

In September, #defyhatenow hosted the first #DiasporaDialogues event titled Conflict Transformation in Cameroon: Possibilities and Potentials within the Diaspora. The discussion explored the role of the Cameroonian diaspora, particularly through social media, in influencing the conflict and identified opportunities for collaboration on conflict transformation.

#defyhatenow
CAMEROON DIASPORA DIALOGUES
Panel Discussion Series
Saturday 24th of February online discussion
2pm WAT Cameroon

Dr Monique Kwachou
is a Cameroonian writer, youth worker, researcher and practitioner of gender and education for development. Her work generally involves the theory and application of African-feminist thought, critical pedagogy, and youth advocacy.

Wlor Hanson Nchanji
has 13 years of experience in journalism and four years in conflict management and negotiation. He is currently the Executive Editor of an online print media, Cameroon News Agency, and a seasonal Consultant at UNDP.

Mores Garvey Gninghaye
currently holds the position of Information Systems Auditor at Mazars. Mores dedicates his resources to the Cameroon Cultural and Digital Days, an event he founded to promote youth empowerment and culture through digital tools.

Sintia Lemegne
is an Independent Researcher with a solid background in Social Sciences and International Relations, focusing among others fields in Migration, conflict, development, Multiculturalism analysis.

Tangang Andrew Tangang
is a Research Fellow and Senior Policy Analyst at eBASE Africa where he manages 2 research projects. He is a PhD candidate at the University of Birmingham's Institute of Local Government Studies.

Funded by
#DEFYHATENOW | IJG | Association of Women | CNA | Federal Foreign Office

<https://openculture.agency/cameroon-diaspora-dialogues-panel-discussion/>




V. r0g_event participation 2023



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10 YEARS OF BUILD PEACE



In 2023, members of the **r0g_agency** and its programs gave presentations at conferences, workshops, and professional seminars.



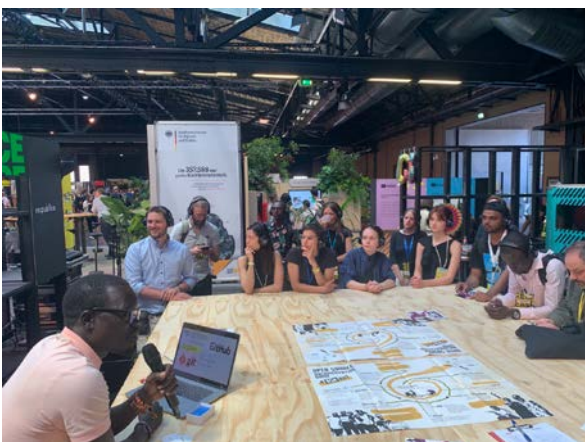
“Participation Goes International”

“Participation Goes International” workshop hosted at the Robert Bosch Stiftung Berlin, facilitated by R-Seat.

A team from r0g_agency participated in the February 2023 workshop hosted by Robert Bosch Stiftung titled “Participation Goes International.” The workshop focused on the vital role refugees and migrants can play in decision-making bodies within international refugee forums, aiming to promote their meaningful and sustainable participation at all levels.

From June 5th to 7th, r0g_agency team members took part in re:publica 2023 at Arena Berlin. The team contributed to the panel discussion, “South-South Maker Dialogue: Using Open Tech and Media Innovation to Counter Conflict and Violent Extremism,” and hosted a workshop in the makerspaces section to showcase #ROSHOP, the Responsive Open Source Modular Housing Prototype. The workshop attracted key stakeholders, including German Vice-Chancellor and Federal Minister of Climate Action, Robert Habeck.

r0g_agency at re:publica 2023



#BuildPeace2023 Nairobi/ Kenya

The 2023 Build Peace conference brought together peacebuilders from around the world in Nairobi, Kenya, to discuss digital peacebuilding and the effective use of technologies in conflict transformation. **rOg_** agency team members partnered with the Dangerous Speech Project to lead a workshop on identifying and countering dangerous speech in Kenya.



<https://howtobuildpeace.org/archives/build-peace-2023/>



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MEDIA PRODUCTION 2013-2023

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#ASH/net



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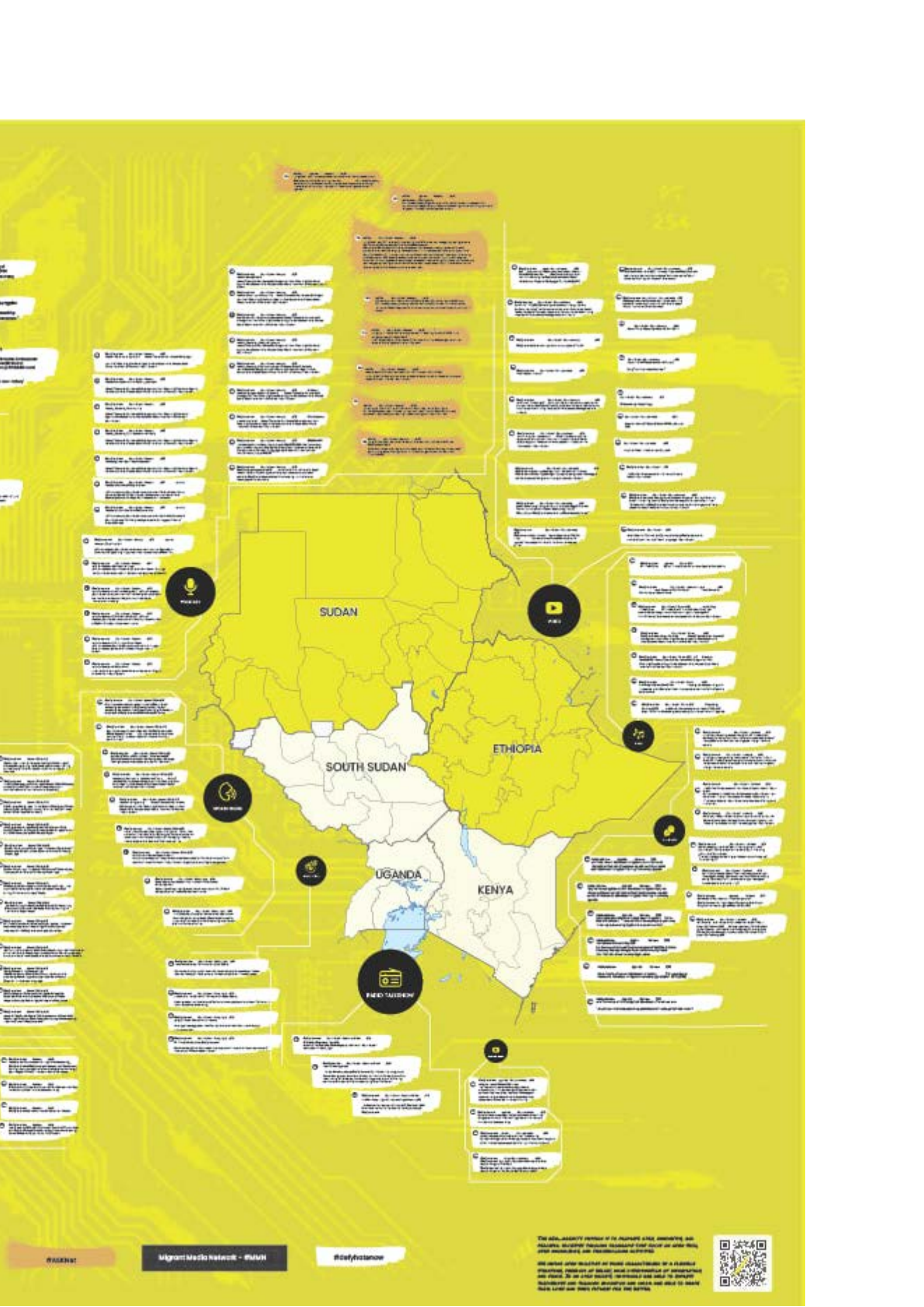


GERMANY



CAMEROON





#OpenCultureNow
CAMEROUN PROJECT 2019 - 2022

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Feminist Resistance Beyond Borders for Freedom, Peace and Justice
Open culture feminist café

LIVE EVENT
held in English
JUNE 9th
6:00 - 8:00 PM
(doors open 5:30 pm)

Open Culture Space
Knobelsdorffstr. 22
14059 Berlin

Learn Taghrib
Abdalla Enayeli
Journalist and political activist, DarFur/ Sudan

Sanaat Yousof
activist, digital creator, model, and medical consultant - Tigray, Community Germany

Aziz Ambassa
Eritrean diaspora-born psychologist and scholar - Alliance Solidarity with Berhaneh in Libya

Discussion led by Shokoufeh Mostafaei
Feminist, queer, transnationalist, and anti-colonial Marxist - "Alliance of Internationalist Expressions"

FEMINIST CAFÉ WITH NINA CZEGLÉDY
ARTIST - CURATOR - EDUCATOR

Open culture feminist café

LIVE EVENT
held in English

Women Game-Changers in Digital Arts
Shifted Paradigms between East and West

Monday, September 18th
6:00 - 8:00 pm (doors open 5:30 pm)
Presentation followed by discussion

Open Culture Space
Knobelsdorffstr. 22
14059 Berlin

#r0g_10

#IndependenceDay

It's time to celebrate!

2013-2023
#r0g_10

Saturday, September 23rd

2013 - 1st Open Culture Space Berlin
2014 - 2nd Open Culture Space Berlin
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2018 - 6th Open Culture Space Berlin
2019 - 7th Open Culture Space Berlin
2020 - 8th Open Culture Space Berlin
2021 - 9th Open Culture Space Berlin
2022 - 10th Open Culture Space Berlin

2023 - 11th Open Culture Space Berlin

Come join us for an evening garden party
Open Culture Space
Knobelsdorffstr. 22
14059 Berlin

JAMMING - SESSION GEGEN RASSISMUS

Zu den Aktionswochen gegen Rassismus
Charlottenburg - Wilmersdorf
Music, Poetry, Story, Dancing

Datum: Freitag 24. März 2023
Zeit: 18.00 Uhr - 21.00 Uhr
Ort: OPEN OFFICE
Knobelsdorffstr. 22
14059 Berlin - Charlottenburg

#OpenCultureNow
#WGR23 #MischelKochen #KIOGegenRassismus

Alle sind herzlich willkommen/ Eintritt frei

2. r0g_memories



3. r0g_newsletter

We as the **r0g_agency** send out regular newsletters in order to share updates about our work and events.



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r0g_newsletter: spring 2023

March 30, 2023



Dear friends,

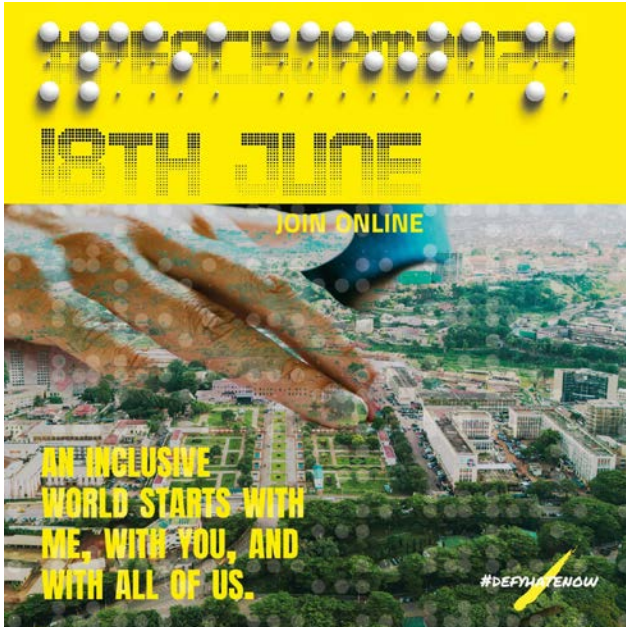
For our first newsletter of 2023, we have written about two topics that have been of interest to us in the past months.

Enjoy reading – and as always, do reach out with any questions, comments, or collaborations.

And be sure to follow us on social media to stay up-to-date on upcoming events and news. Links to our various platforms can be found below.

sign up here: <https://openculture.agency/>

4. r0g_social media



<https://www.facebook.com/opencultureagency/>
<https://x.com/intertwilight>
https://www.instagram.com/open_culture_agency/
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCItWt9b8GG07LKdmnQGhqvg>
<https://www.linkedin.com/company/r0g-agency-for-open-culture-and-critical-transformation/>
<https://github.com/opencultureagency>

5. r0g_interactive installation



Interactive Media Wall: Showcasing a Decade of Transformative Media Impact by Dan King'ori.

An Arduino-powered media art installation that visualizes r0g Agency's media productions across seven countries from 2013 to 2023. The interactive map highlights projects including:

- Migrant Media Network - **#MMN** (The Gambia, Ghana, Germany)
- **#defyhatenow** (Cameroon, South Sudan, Kenya)
- Access to Skills & Knowledge network - **#ASKnet** (South Sudan, Uganda, Kenya)

The installation offers an immersive experience to engage with a diverse array of content, including radio talk shows, podcasts, music, spoken word performances, jingles, and interviews.

Users can operate the media wall via remote control or toggle switches mounted on the installation itself. By toggling a switch, one can directly listen to specific media productions. The installation functions entirely offline, requiring only a power connection.

For instance, you can jam to '**#ThinkB4Uclick**' Spoken Word by Mac Alunge produced by **#defyhatenow Cameroon** 2021, or tune in to the LetsTalk Podcast featuring Yine Yenki from GoGirls ICT by **#defyhatenow South Sudan** 2018. Additionally, you can listen to a radio talk show on Dela Radio in the Volta Region Ghana, where **#MMN** Local Coordinator James Javerence discusses "Positive Alternatives at Home" in 2022. You may also enjoy Bashir Jay on the **#ASKNet** South Sudan Podcast, addressing the role of media in community transformation in 2023 and much more.

As part of the r0g @ 10 years celebration in 2023, this interactive media collection demonstrates the power of open-source technology and thoughtful design in illustrating a decade of transformative media impact on various communities.

6. defyhatenow annual report & peaceletter

As part of the #defyhatenow initiative we produce an annual activity report and a monthly peaceletter. For more information please visit:

1. annual report: <https://defyhatenow.org/annual-reports/>

2. peaceletter: <https://defyhatenow.org/cameroon/peaceletters/>



7. #ASKotec: Access to Skills and Knowledge open tech emergency case

The **#ASKotec** is a mobile training kit designed to empower communities by providing the tools and resources needed to teach Open Tech and Open Source Hardware skills. It enables users to innovate, educate, and repair items, offering access to vital knowledge in areas where tools and materials are often scarce. The kit is a key resource in the **#ASKnet** and **#defyhatenow** initiatives. In 2023, Timm Wille, the initiator of **#ASKotec**, collaborated with rOg intern Jordana Pasquale to redesign the kit's modularity, addressing diverse needs and aiming for a more practical, portable size. To ensure everything fits neatly and remains easily accessible, they developed stencils for each tool. These improvements were informed by insights gathered during the implementation of **#ASKotec** within the **#ASKnet** and **#defyhatenow** projects, ensuring the kit remains relevant and effective for its users.

For more information please look here:

<https://askotec.openculture.agency/>

<https://github.com/op>







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VIII. r0g_board

r0g is happy to announce that three new board members joined the r0g_agency board in 2023:



Chikezirim Nwoke

Chikezirim is a Vanier Scholar and youth development strategist based in Ottawa, Canada, where he is completing a PhD in Anthropology with a specialization in Political Economy.

He has held research fellowships at Brown University and the University of Edinburgh. He has also worked and collaborated with organizations based in Africa, Europe, and North America on projects that take a critical approach to empowerment.

He continues to look for ways to apply the richness of academic theories to everyday life contexts - particularly within the African continent and its diaspora.



Dr. John Fass

John is a UK-based artist, designer, and teacher with years of experience in user centered design and currently works as a design consultant for the World Health Organization.

We are looking forward to the expertise and ideas he will bring to our future board meetings.

Learn more about John:

<https://openculture.agency/strategic-advisory-board/>



Kudzai Maraire Mubaiwa

Kudzai is an economic development specialist and managing consultant of InvestorSaint, a financial and digital literacy company. She's also cofounder / strategy lead of iZone Hub, a Zimbabwean innovation hub that serves makers, innovators, creatives and small business owners.

She currently splits her time between Nairobi, Harare and Cape Town, and her current focus is digital economy initiatives, solutions and services.

VIII. r0g_partners

AA / GFFO - German Federal Foreign Office (Germany)
Rain Forest Center for Policy (Cameroon)
Andariya (Sudan / South Sudan / Uganda)
ASAU - Azrieli School of Architecture & Urbanism (Canada)
Association Civic Watch (Cameroon)
ATAKAHUB (#ASKnet - South Sudan)
BENGO / Engagement Global gGmbH (Germany)
BMZ - Bundesministerium für wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklung (Germany)
CC4D - Community Creativity for Development (#ASKnet - Uganda)
CECI - Community Empowerment for Creative Innovation (#ASKnet - Uganda)
CIC - Creative Innovation Center (#ASKnet - Uganda)
DarSudan e.V.
DEFYHATENOW South Sudan (South Sudan)
Disruption Network Lab e.V. (Germany)
EU - European Union
FoME - Forum Medien und Entwicklung (Germany)
gig - global innovation gathering e.V. (Germany)
GoGirlsICT (#ASKnet - South Sudan)
HiveColab (Uganda)
icebauhaus e.V. (Germany)
JUNUBOS (#ASKnet - South Sudan)
Koneta Hub (#ASKnet - South Sudan)
Konnetktiv Kollektiv GmbH (Germany)
Ma'Mara Sakit (#ASKnet - South Sudan)
OFF Biennale (Hungary)
Open Source Ecology Germany e.V. (Germany)
Partnerschaft für Demokratie (Germany)
PlattformAfrica (#ASKnet - Uganda)
YEF - Youth Empowerment Foundation (#ASKnet - Uganda)

#defyhatenow CAMEROON 2023 partners

Cameroon Association of Media Professionals- CAMP
Cameroon Community Media Network- CCMN
Civic Lens
Common Action for Gender Development- COMAGEND
#237 Check
D2R Transformers
Dance 4 Development
Draufsicht Cameroon

Eduk-Media
Insight 244
Johnson Ebigwe Production
Leap Girl Africa
Local Youth Corner Cameroon- LOYOC
LYANB
Meta
Ministry of Communication/Mincom
Ministry of Youth and Civic Education- MINJEC
Minsante/ Ministry of Health Cameroon
Moki Charity Cameroon- MOCHCAM
Mother of Hope Cameroon- MOHCAM
National Commission for The Promotion of Bilingualism and Multiculturalism-NCPBM
Fulbe Students Development Association- FUSDA
Rainforest Center for Policy Research- RCPR
Reach Out Cameroon
Sisters Speak 237
Smart Click Africa
Straw Academy-SAC
Student and Youth Empowerment Forum- SYEF
Syndicat National Des Journalistes Du Cameroun/ Cameroon Journalists Trade Union
Sustainable Action for The Emancipation of Vulnerable People- SAEVP
The Guardian Post Daily
The Society for the Promotion of Initiative in Sustainable Development and
Union De Presse Francophone- UPF
VisArt Culture
Warefare-SOPISDEW
Women in Communication- WIN
Women Peace Builders Network- WOPEN
Young African Women Congress- YAWC NETWORK



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<https://openculture.agency/initiative-transparente-zivilgesellschaft/>



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