

*"Indignation is a beginning.  
One way to get up and get under way."  
Daniel Bensaïd*

*« [...]to realize the dream confiscated from us for decades, that of  
more just and humane societies»*

Call from Arab intellectuals, February 2011

# IndignaCtion!

عيش، حرية، عدالة اجتماعية

***Together, thinking about our societies great challenges***

## **CALL FOR PARTICIPATION**

Deadline: July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012

The Centre Culturel de Rencontre Abbaye de Neumünster, Head of the Euro-Mediterranean Anna Lindh Foundation Network in Luxembourg, is organizing the « IndignaCtion! » Forum, from 10 to 12 September 2012. Supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Luxembourg and the Anna Lindh Foundation, this unique initiative aims to gather Arab Spring Activists and European *Indignados* as well as actors for change in the fields of economics, politics, culture, art, education and new media.

This event, supported by the renown Syrian cartoonist and 2011 Sakharov Prize winner Ali Farzat, Lina Ben Mhenni, Tunisian cyber-activist and 2011 Nobel Peace Prize nominee, Edgar Morin, Emeritus Director of research at CNRS, and Stéphane Hessel, French Ambassador, seeks to position itself at the crossroads between indignation, rejection of injustice and change.

### **Background and context:**

Europe and the Mediterranean region are indeed altogether affected by the dilemma of far-reaching crisis. The financial crisis has revealed the need to rethink the relationship between production and money, work and individual enrichment and equity. The limits of our biosphere and inequalities in access to employment and development require a global overhaul of the development and production schemes. Unprecedented waves of protest questioned or precipitated the fall of oppressive regimes in the Arab countries bordering the Mediterranean. The loss of legitimacy of political actors representing our democracies, while neighboring nations struggle to break their dictatorships, require from us a comprehensive stance and a new citizen desire for dialogue. Indeed the Arab uprising for dignity and freedom as well as the European marches for collective rights and social justice have something in common: a citizen's desire to take our future in hand.

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The Centre Culturel de Rencontre Abbaye de Neumünster, known for its civil commitment in art and its effort to promote debate on social and political issues through cultural encounters, aims to provide Arab and European participants with a platform for meeting, exchange and strategic thinking, enrolled in the social and cultural agenda of the next two years. This agenda announces the organisation of the first World Social Forum in the Mediterranean and the next edition of the Anna Lindh Intercultural Forum, both to be held in 2013.

### **Programme:**

In September 2012, in Luxembourg, the "IndignaCtion!" Forum will revolve around three days of exchange and debate in addition to working sessions based on the "Open Space" methodology. One day dedicated to meeting public figures from the institutional, political, economic, financial, social and cultural worlds will offer the possibility for multi-directional dialogues. Participants will also be invited to discover the social and cultural reality of Luxembourg, often obscured by the visibility of the financial world. Last but not least, the drafting of a common declaration will mark the end of the gathering, which will be brought to a close with an open-air concert.

We are confident dialogue can address real issues and challenge us regarding the future, without timidity or taboos. And we want to help these young agents of change in both North and South to think together and act together. Only the presence of a strong, well organized, aware, and open citizenship will establish the foundations of a shared future between Europe and the Mediterranean region.

### **Participants Profile:**

Some of the Forum's participants are suggested by the *Indignados* of Luxembourg, the Anna Lindh Foundation, and by activists of ALF Luxembourg Network. We are looking for diverse, qualified participants who will bring, through their personal involvement, a real dynamic and food for thought to the gathering.

Around one hundred participants will be invited to the gathering (around 25 from Arab countries, 25 from European countries, 25 from Luxembourg, as well as journalists and bloggers).

### **Travel costs:**

The organisers will cover the following costs:

- Travel costs (directly arranged by CCRN);
- Visa fees and insurance costs (up to 75€ per participant, upon presentation of receipts);
- Accommodation (in double room at the D'Coque National Centre for Sport and Culture or home-stay with local participants);
- Meals (no per diem is offered).

Participation over the whole duration of the Forum is required (arrival in Luxembourg Sunday 09/09 – departure Wednesday 12/09 evening or Thursday 13/09 morning)

### Working Language:

The official working languages of the Forum are English and French. Arabic interpretation will be provided during some of the plenary sessions.

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Venue:

The Forum will take place at:  
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28 rue Münster  
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To participate in the Forum, please send your application to [indignaction@ccrn.lu](mailto:indignaction@ccrn.lu) before July 16<sup>th</sup>

**Please include:**

- Surname and First Name
- Date of Birth
- Postal address
- Telephone number
- Profession/Position
- A short biography (250 words maximum)
- Your availability for help in the following fields during the event:
  - Translation - Interpretation / Blog Writing / Work sessions facilitation / Speaker on a specific topic

Selected participants will be notified by 23 July, 2012.

For more information, please write to [karine.bouton@ccrn.lu](mailto:karine.bouton@ccrn.lu)



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