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## **Statement** by the European Family Group Conference Network in response to the refugee crises in Europe

Forty-five delegates from 16 European countries met for their annual FGC Network meeting in Cardiff on the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> of October 2015.

We recognize the serious refugee crisis and the challenge of meeting the needs of this highly vulnerable population and the impact on communities and services in Europe.

We know that communities if brought together and given the right information, are very capable of finding their own solutions to their challenges, which enables them to be more in control over their own lives.

Collectively we have substantial experience of enabling families and communities to meet together, discuss what is going on with the objective of making a plan and be active in finding solutions and strategies to complex problems.

We in our countries will strive for more restorative approaches in this matter and would like to offer our experience and knowledge to help address these challenging situations.

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