





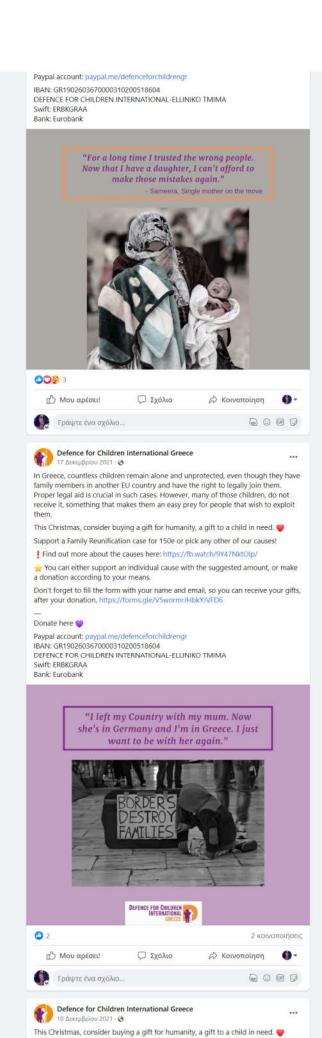
"I lost both my parents during a conflict in my town.
I fled my country and went through a lot of suffering.
In Greece, I lived on the streets for several months.
Now I live in a shelter but I am still recovering from all those traumas."

-Hakim, 17 years old



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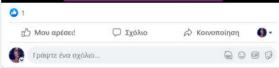
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On the occasion of the upcoming Justice and Home Affairs Council meeting, we would like to share with you a joint statement issued by DCI-GR and 21 other leading human rights groups. It urges the EU institutions and Member States to use existing responsibility sharing mechanisms, including voluntary relocation and family reunion procedures, to ease tensions at various borders and bring children and families to safety at the onset of winter.

Read more: https://bit.ly/33eKWZL







Do you know who qualifies to be recognized as a beneficiary of international protection?

Learn the basics regarding international refugee law and asylum procedures. Ideal for professionals and students who already work or desire to work with asylum seekers and refugees.

When?

- €13 December ₹5 16.00-19.00
- Where? Online
- . The training will also be recorded and available to watch at a later time, for those who will not be able to attend it live!

Participation is secured upon:

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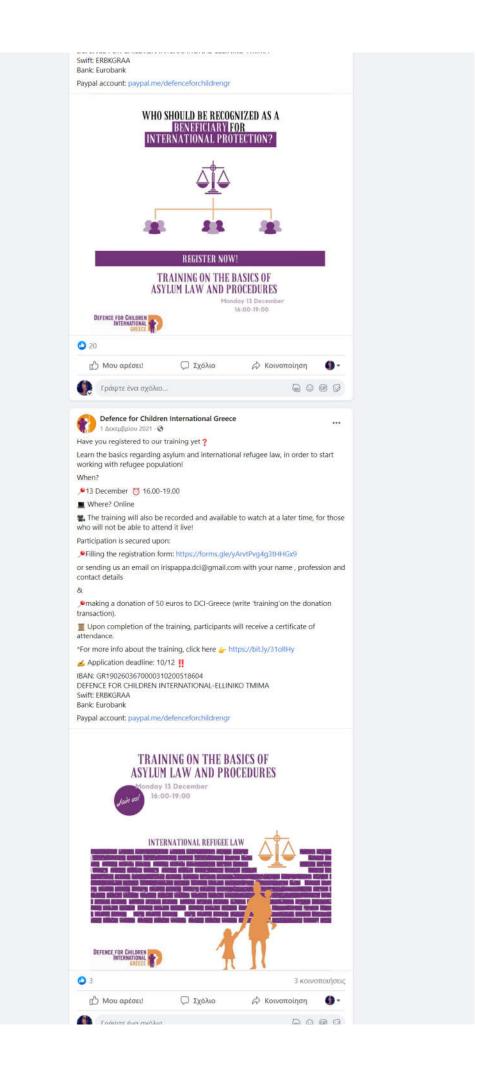
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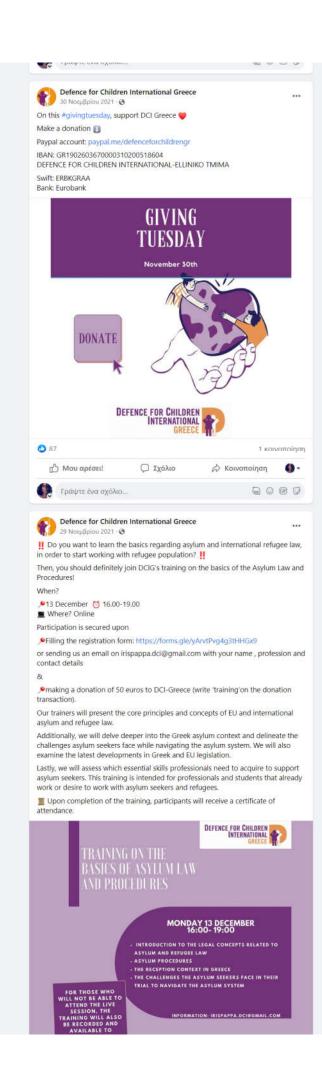
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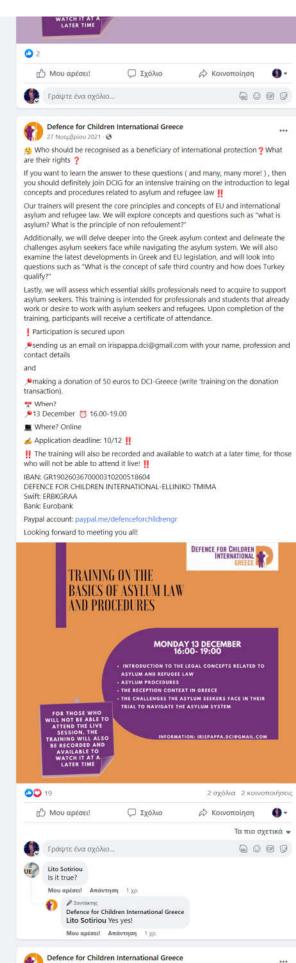
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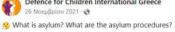
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If you want to learn the answer to this question (and much, much more!), then you should definitely join DCIG for an intensive training on the introduction to legal concepts and procedures related to asylum and refugee law !!

Our trainers will present the core principles and concepts of EU and international asylum and refugee law. We will explore concepts and questions such as "what is asylum? What is the principle of non refoulement? and who should be recognised as a beneficiary of international protection?"

Additionally, we will delve deeper into the Greek asylum context and delineate the challenges asylum seekers face while navigating the asylum system. We will also examine the latest developments in Greek and EU legislation, and will look into questions such as "What is the concept of safe third country and how does Turkey qualify?"

Lastly, we will assess which essential skills professionals need to acquire to support asylum seekers. This training is intended for professionals and students that already work or desire to work with asylum seekers and refugees. Upon completion of the training, participants will receive a certificate of attendance.

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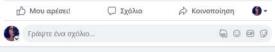
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Looking forward to meeting you all!







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Gender-based violence is the most pervasive human rights violation, but it is neither natural, nor inevitable. It can and must be prevented. All girls and women should be able to seek support when they experience violence, without risking immigration consequences.

As we celebrate International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, we are reminded that there is still a long way to go to work to make this a reality for all the person of elife.











Universal Children's day is not just a day to celebrate children for who they are, but to bring awareness to children around the globe that experience violence in forms of abuse, exploitation or discrimination, to children living on the streets, or to children immersed in armed conflict.

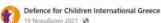
Too many children are still suffering and states fail to fulfil their obligations regarding the future generations. We need to collectively intensify our efforts in favour of Children in the world, who are the future citizens of this world.

As established by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, children have the fundamental right to express their views and have them taken seriously. Children and young people have first hand experience of the hardships and challenges that they face in their communities. They are capable of observing and assessing these issues and proposing solutions. As civil society challenges democracies to uphold justice and equality, children and young people hold the key to providing special knowledge and innovative approaches to bringing about changes in their communities and regions, and improving overall society.

Making children partners in change means holding governments accountable to a bigger and more united public, leading to a sustainable path of development. We advocate for the creation an inclusive world where every child, whatever their background or situation, has the chance to harness their talents, create a bright future that fulfils their potential and play an active role in transforming society.

Each year, November 20th reminds us that humanity must give children the best it can provide. This day reminds us of the necessity of acting in favour of the well-being of children in the whole wide world.





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The court case of 21+ humanitarian workers in Lesbos has been adjourned to be tried at higher court!

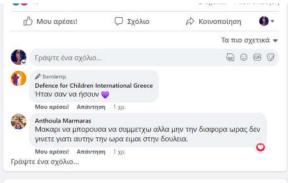
DCI Greece stands in solidarity the search and rescue volunteers, whose trial opened yesterday -and was immediately adjourned. They are facing criminal charges related to their lifesaving humanitarian work in Lesvos.

A guilty verdict, which could put them in prison for 25 years, would set a dangerous precedent of making criminals of people who support the rights of migrants and refugees across Greece and the European Union. It would lead to more deaths at sea and could see others put behind bars for human rights work.

We acknowledge that Greece has been under immense pressure since the peak of the migration crisis in 2015, but this is no excuse for clamping down on civil society. The Greek Government should be working with human rights defenders to manage the humanitarian crisis – not against them.

A guilty verdict would be a dark day for Greece, and a dark day for human rights in Europe. #DropTheCharges The provision of humanitarian assistance to people in distress should NOT be illegal DEFENCE FOR CHILDREN INTERNATIONAL O 12 1 κοινοποίηση Μου αρέσει! 🔘 Σχόλιο 🖒 Κοινοποίηση 0 -Γράψτε ένα σχόλιο... 0000 Defence for Children International Greece 18 Νοεμβρίου 2021 - 😚 We are overwhelmed by your participation and interaction yesterday at the online workshop: 'Response to institutional violence through a Children's Rights Helpdesk' in the 2021 World Congress on Justice with Children. And, as one of the participants wrote to us this morning: "My only ask is to please continue supporting this important cause. I can't tell how much I learnt today, in order to give visibility and raising children's voices to be heard in a human rights language. My take away from this session: 'children are actors of change'. Thank you' Stay tuned for more trainings! Only together we can find ways to combat the forms of institutional violence towards children on the move. \bigcirc 00 10 1 σχόλιο Μου αρέσει! 🖵 Σχόλιο 0 -🖒 Κοινοποίηση Τα πιο σχετικά 🕶 0000 Γράψτε ένα σχόλιο. βουλα παππα Μπράβο κορίτσια HIHHHH Μου αρέσει! Απάντηση 1 χρ. Defence for Children International Greece 17 Νοεμβρίου 2021 · **②** Happening now!!! Our Director, Ms Nantina Tsekeri, at the 2021 World Congress on Justice with Children.







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Things are constantly changing in the migration context. According to the new ministerial decision, asylum seekers from Afghanistan, Syria, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Somalia, have to go through an admissibility interview, that will determine if Turkey is a safe country for them and whether they can be returned there.

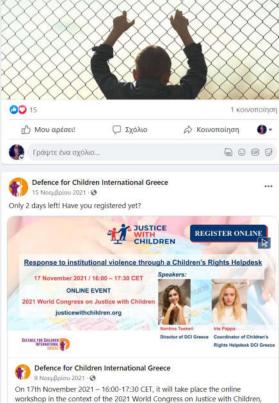
This practices discriminatory policies, within the refugee population, because it excludes children of certain ethnicities to be able to apply for asylum in Greece. This is strictly prohibited by article 2 of the CRC Convention, which is binding on all states. At the same time, it places refugee children in the middle of political games between nations and risks vulnerable minors to be returned to Turkey, a country that constantly violates International Law.

Our team in Themida project, run in collaboration with Together for Better Days, had to quickly adapt to the new reality. We started preparing to support unaccompanied children with their admissibility interview.

16 year old $S_{\rm v}$ from Syria, spent 3 months in Turkey, living in terrible conditions. Now, he was put in a position to prove that it is not in his best interest to be returned.

We legally represented the minor, and submitted a legal report to support his claim. A few weeks later, we received the good news: S. will never be returned to Turkey will go through his asylum application in Greece.

Our next steps will focus on supporting the boy with his asylum interview.



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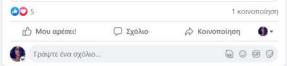
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During the workshop, Nantina and Iris will share best practices on:

- how practitioners or Organizations can bring the children on the move and the justice system into a restorative process,
- how to enhance child participation and strengthen resilience on children, and
- how to work with State Actors in order to combat institutional violence.

At the end, the expected takeaways will be for the participants to obtain a clear understanding of what Institutional Violence is and how it impacts on children on the move, develop skills to respond to crisis situations where children experience violence by bringing children and justice system closer, and realize their role and the context they work in and identify strategic ways to pave the way for restorative justice to happen.

To attend to the workshops, participants only have to register here <u>+</u> https://justicewithchildren.org



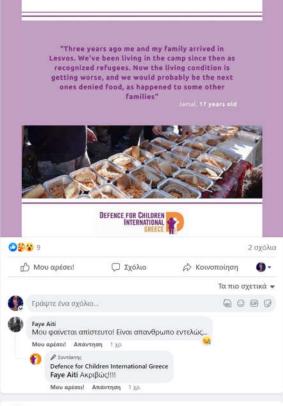


On the 1st of October, cash assistance for refugees and asylum seekers in Greece was cut, as this service transitioned from the UNHCR to the Greek government. This has left many camp residents without the ability to buy and cook their own food and many others without any resources at all.

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Food distribution has been refused to many of the camp's population, to recognised refugees, as well as displaced persons awaiting registration and those whose request for asylum has been rejected, have been completely excluded from any provision of food on the mainland. Reportedly, 25% of those left hungry are women, including pregnant women, and 40% are children.

Many organizations have come together to cover the gap in food distribution, but we are appalled by the lack of food provision by the Greek government, which de facto breaches the basic human right to adequate food.





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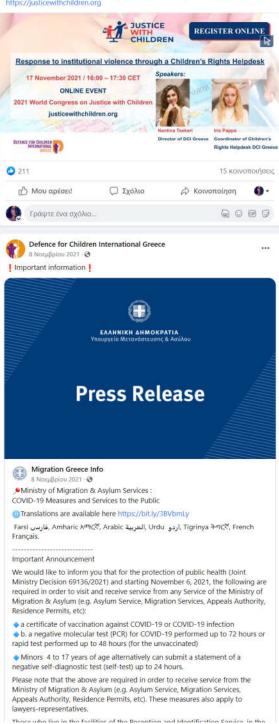
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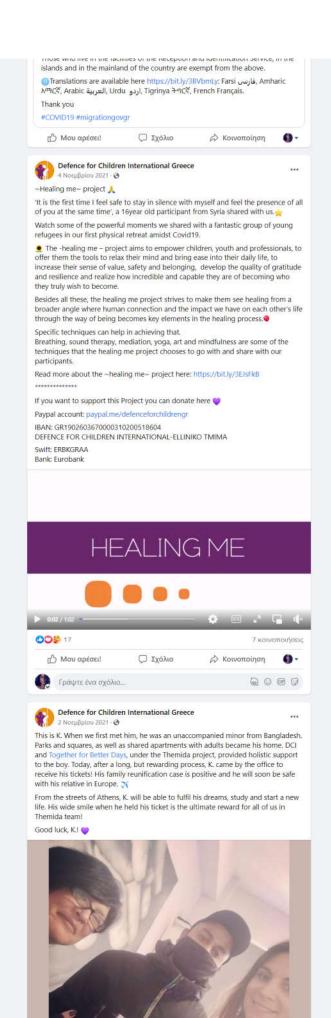
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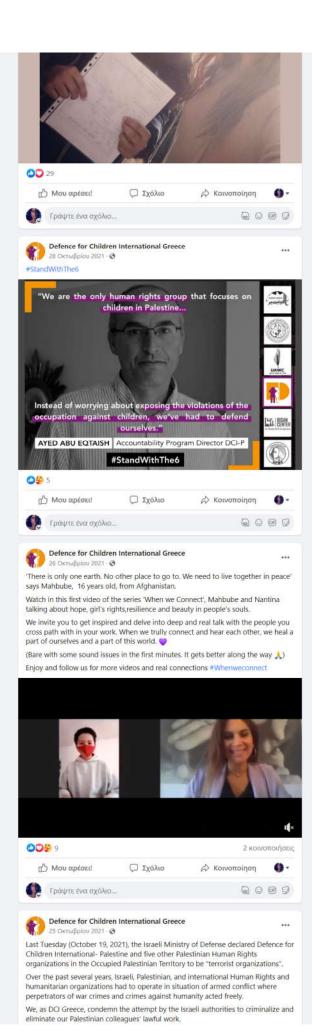
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Organizations, such as DCIP, devoted to defend and promote the Rights of Children should NOT be a target. Let's ensure to hold Israeli authorities accountable for their actions. Defending and promoting Human Rights and Child Protection is NOT an act of terrorism! We stand in solidarity with our colleagues of Defence for Children International-Palestine DEFENCE FOR CHILDREN INTERNATIONAL OO\$ 5 🖵 Σχόλιο 0-Μου αρέσει! 🖒 Κοινοποίηση Γράψτε ένα σχόλιο... 0000 Defence for Children International Greece 21 Οκτωβρίου 2021 - 🚱 We are delighted for your engagement at yesterday's training! Full of excitement, we are preparing the second part for Saturday 🍪 00 10 💭 Σχόλιο Μου αρέσει! Κοινοποίηση 60 -Γράψτε ένα σχόλιο... 0000 Defence for Children International Greece 16 Οκτωβρίου 2021 - 🚱 Thank you all for the great response we got on our training call ! 🔊 Only a few days left, so If you wish to gain certified knowledge on how to successfully support unaccompanied children on the move with their family reunification claims under Dublin III $\stackrel{\checkmark}{=}$ don't forget to join our two days training delivered by our experts! You will receive all the necessary material, theory, practical cases, checklists and tips but also, a certificate of attendance. \blacksquare Participation is secured upon filling this form: https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSem5.../viewform...

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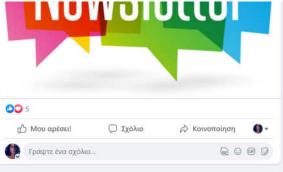












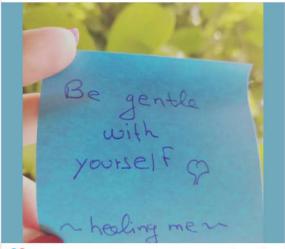


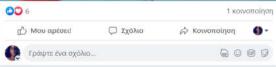
We all try to do our best every single day. **
Ourselves, as professionals, delivering hope and services into a very challenging context. You, the children we support, working on your beautiful expansion, no matter the current reality you face. Despite the great motive and effort, there are days that we do not feel good enough or that we are progressing with our goals. In these very moments, we invite you not to forget how far you have come and salute YOU for all the focus and energy put.

Taking you from here to there -whatever your destination is- takes time. But you will get there.

Till then a wee reminder to ~be gentle with yourself~

~healing me~







As this week marks the beginning of a new schoolyear and the return to class for children in Greece, we should remind ourselves that adequate education has the power to propel any student towards future success. For refugee children—whose early lives are often defined by instability of displacement—the academic, social, and environmental aspects of attending school build crucial tools supporting advancement later in life.

Yet, a recent report by Human Rights Watch found that "fewer than 1 in 7 children living in camps attended school at all last year". The lack of transportation from camps to schools, understaffing and malfunctioning of reception classes, a lack of spots available at schools and kindergartens as well as resistance by school administrations and local communities against enrolling refugee and migrant children have been the most important barriers, with the situation being particularly bad for children living in camps on the Greek Aegean Islands, where access to schools in the local communities has long been "almost non-existent" for these children.

At DCI, we believe that the measures taken by the Greek government to tackle the C19 pandemic normalized the exclusion and ghettoization of refugee and asylum-seeking children, and it is clear that Greece has continuously failed to live up to its obligation to ensure all children can access education.

We therefore urgently call upon the Greek government and the European Union to take urgent action to ensure that no child is left without schooling.







A 16 year old unaccompanied girl, mother of a 5 month old baby, victim of abuse from her 30 year old husband, reached out to us, asking for help

An individually tailored plan was developed, by involving and activating all competent authorities, to take urgent action for their protection.

However, instead of protection, she was a victim of serious institutional violence.

- Two policemen, dressed in civilian clothes, knocked on her door and ordered her to follow them. There was no interpretation, nor explanation provided to her. The girl thought she was being abducted by her husband's people.
- hospital, so they can stay there, until a state shelter was granted.

However.

- 👉 no one from the authorities was aware that a shelter was granted this morning from the competent authority of accommodation. There was no need for them to be transferred to the hospital
- 👉 the children's hospital could not anyway accommodate them, because she was over 15 years old
- 👉 their detention at the police station under 'protective custody' was decided

After monitoring the situation and coordinating the case management with all authorities, we managed to find a way for her to remain in quarantine, in a safe environment, until the procedures for the transfer to her shelter are completed.

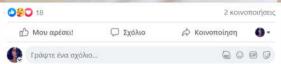
- → There would be no coordination and information shared between all competent.
- 👉 the mother and the child would not have any knowledge of all the procedures taking place on their behalf
- 👉 the police would have be searching for a shelter, duplicating the efforts already made
- 👉 the mother and the baby would have remained in 'protective custody' in a police cell for days
- ! This complicated case is a clear example that, despite the willingness of all the authorities to help, and despite their active involvement, there is serious lack of: ocoordination,
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communication. amongst all the actors forming the official protection system in Greece.

Until this reality changes, more children will be harmed by the system in place destined to protect them.

These services are delivered in the context of Themida Greece project, implemented in collaboration with Together for Better Days 🛖





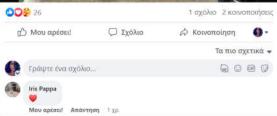


Today, a 16 year old homeless, unaccompanied child, received his ticket, to join his relative in Italy. This ticket represents more than just transportation. It's the ticket to his new life. From now on, this boy, will finally be safe again. He will be able to go to school, make friends and start a new life.

And we do all these together with logether for Better Days in operation of our common Themida Greece project which supports hollistically unaccompanied children on the move.

Good luck, S. We will never forget you!



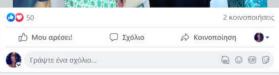




We are back and ready for yet another impactful season! Ocordinating our efforts to offer the best to the unaccompanied minors who will reach our Themida Greece team!

Themida Greece project, in partnership with Together for Better Days offers holistic child protection services to unaccompanied minors in Greece.







age of 14, had to liee Alghanistan in a desperate effort to save their life and their daughters from the Taliban's hands. Talibans earlier last week, had issued lists with the names of the families that had daughters aged above 14 years old.

Tadjikistan is one of the neighboring countries to Afghanistan. When the 80 refugees reached the borders with Tadjikistan, they claimed international protection.

In response to that, the police in charge beaten them forcibly, stole their personal items, denied them access to asylum and transferred them on 'island 266' between Tadjikisatn and Afghanistan.

The refugee population is left there without any food or water, they have been eating wood from the ground. In the night they are exposed to very cold weather conditions without any shelter. There are a few police officers guarding the island, who have been threatening the population asking them to remain silent when they ask about their future. The police told them that if they allow them to proceed with international protection they will be exposed as failing their duties

We have been highly concerned about the alleged ill treatment and torture that these people have been exposed to and the high risk of their life

! Since yesterday, together with our Offices in Geneva, we have mobilized the relevant UN Special Rapporteurs, other Stakeholders, as well as, the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Tadjikistan to the UN Office in Geneva and we are still looking forward to receive news.

Any contact with the refugees on the island is cut since yesterday midday.

In our view, this alarming situation constitutes a profoundly strong evidence of the failure of the neighboring countries to Afghanistan to offer to the people in run what they are legally and morally entitled to. Their right to seek international protection and safety in dignity.

This development advances our argument that Europe needs to do its fair share in supporting displaced people. Otherwise the neighboring countries will no longer be willing or able to host the vast majority of those displaced from Afghanistan. Furthermore, the international community as a whole needs to cooperate in creating safe passage for the Afghan refugees and holding accountable states that break their international obligations

We also highlight that all these need to be put in place immediately and before more atrocities like this occur in the next days to come. These people are refugees and they are entitled human rights under international law.

While we are working on additional strategic ways to ensure protection for these children abandoned with their families now on island 266, it is paramount to spread widely the message of the urgent need to access international protection and the creation of safe pathways for people fleeing Afghanistan.

Yesterday, the people on island 266 in their last contact with other world said that they wanted all of us to know.

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DCI Greece aims to ensure through its actions that children's voice is heard and their rights are fully respected in practice. Help us be next to the children in need by donating here 💝

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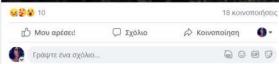
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#standwithafghanrefugees

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As an NGO working on asylum and migration and supporting unaccompanied children, as well as, families fleeing persecution in their home country, we are alarmed about the situation in Afghanistan and concerned above all about the security of the people of Afghanistan, both those within the country and thos

displaced and seeking protection in the region and beyond. During these critical times, we merge our strengths with a big network of European Organisations and we ask the following urgent response for the Europe and the EU States:

- 1) Evacuation, resettlement and other safe routes to protection for Afghans
- 2) Humanitarian assistance
- 3) Re-establish security for the people of Afghanistan
- 4) Access to asylum in Europe and ensure rapid access to fair asylum procedure; preparations should be made in Europe now

Read the full text here 👉 https://bit.ly/3gypMcH

and share with your networks and policy-makers

We need to recall EU and EU States on their moral and legal obligations towards those in need of international protection.

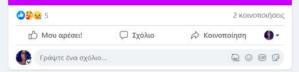


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People of Afghanistan are in imminent threat of their life.

Evacuations must extended beyond 31st of August.





Defence for Children International Greece

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And the echo of those people's call on humanity for imminent protection has reached us stronger than ever.

'My sister is hidding from the Talibans on the basement of our house. They entered the next house and kidnapped the girls' one of the texts that we have recieved from the children we supported in the past to gain asylum in Greece.

And all this while European States were scheduling return flights to Afghanistan the one after another. While Greece listed Turkey as a safe 3rd country for Afghans denying them their right to a fair asylum procedure.

At this very moment we expect that the globe won't repeat the crimes committed on EU soil with the Syrian refugee 'crisis'.

We anticipate to see in place imminent relocation schemes, prima facie refugee

We anticipate to see in place imminent relocation schemes, prima facie refugee recognition and a degnified reception context. We want to see legal and moral obligations fulfilled.

We need to experience a restoration of humanity.

From our side, our Helpdesk will be ready to support the children, single mothers and families with whom our paths will cross.

Until then we urge a fair asylum process to get back to life in Greece.

Let's make history this time all together as a whole..till this painful echo is replaced by joyful soul music.

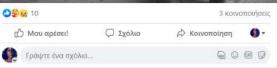




Today is the World Day against Trafficking in persons. Every year, thousands of children, women and men fall into the hands of traffickers, in their own countries and abroad. According to Article 35 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child "The government should take all measures possible to make sure that children are not abducted, sold or trafficked," Child trafficking is the act of recruiting, harboring, or transporting a child for the purpose of labor or sexual exploitation. A violation of a child's rights that harms their welfare and development.

#dont_leavethekidsalone







Thank you, thank you! I have no words to express how happy I am. I will finally have a bed and be safe'

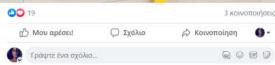
These are the words of an unaccompanied child, that was transferred today to a safe shelter for minors. He was one of the many children living rough on the streets of Athens, with no access to food, water and exposed to many dangers. 'So many people come near me and scare me at night,' is the first thing he told us. The second thing he told us was 'I haven't eaten in 3 days'.

After working on an individually tailored plan, an emergency response was scheduled, under the Themida Greece project, in collaboration with Together for Better Days. The boy received food and we started working on finding him a shelter, by informing all competent authorities. Within a week, the boy was transferred and today he will sleep relaxed and happy, after a long time.

Every child regardless of origin and legal status has the ultimate right to protection and a dignified life. These rights are envisaged in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and it constitutes binding law.

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'Today we feel that we can breathe again with our positive asylum decision! If we hadn't flew Iran back then, now we would have been sold to marry those old men our brother chose for us. We came here to live as free women and choose the life

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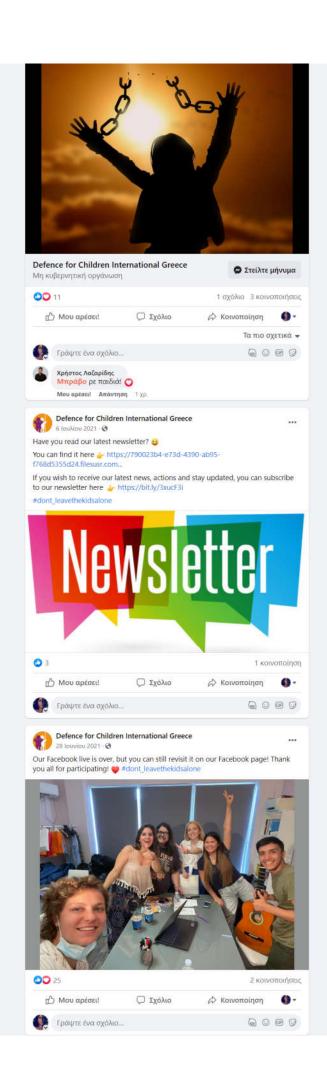
We have been legally supporting them along their asylum journey and gave big

fights to ensure this positive outcome.

We offered our services as part of our 'Themida' amazing project run in collaboration with Together for Better Days

Today, they received asylum in Greece and restorative justice happened to them and through them to all young girls and women who have to remind this world that are born free away from violence.

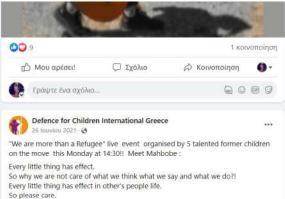
They did suffer a lot along their journey, but their resilience and success has a healing effect to this wounded part inside every woman.











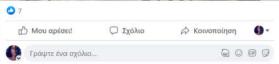
Sharing is caring as you know so share everything you have:)

We have just one earth.

Event :

https://fb.me/e/Vy5RgXad







'Thank you so much for helping me. Nobody believed I was a child, they registered me as an adult without even asking me. I am finally safe, I have a bed and peace of mind."

Last month, we were made aware of the case of an alleged minor who claimed to be a 15-year old, but who had been registered as an adult by the authorities, without prior proceeding with an age assessment, when he arrived on Lesvos. Because of this wrong age registration, he could not receive the protection he was entitled as a minor.

We immediately submitted a legal report raising doubts about his age written in his asylum card, trying to convince the authorities to order this age assessment procedure. Our intervention led to an age assessment that proved the child was indeed under 18 years old!

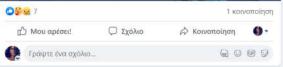
The child has since been transferred to a safe accommodation for UAMs.

!! Although this case has a happy ending, it highlights one of the big problems in Greece: the misidentification of children at the borders and the difficulty to reverse the registration. We find that officials who register new arrivals often arbitrarily record children's ages as older than the children themselves give, and this has been happening for years, seemingly without any improvement recorded.

> "They registered me as an adult without even asking me.."







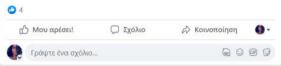


Ar Call for a Coalition of Willing EU Countries to Relocate Refugees Now On the occasion of the European Council meeting on 24-25 June

DCI GREECE, together with other organizations, in light of Portugal's Presidency of the Council of the European Union and the upcoming Council meeting on 24-25 June, calls to bring together a coalition of willing Member States to initiate a concerted effort around relocation, starting with 5.000 vulnerable people from

Read more: https://bit.ly/3gKzPMk







'I am an Afghan and have been living all my life as a refugee. I was born in Iran and treated as invisible, no documents, no school, only racism. Then, I came to Greece and nothing really changed. I want to let you know that I am a human being. CAN YOU SEE me?"

Leyla 14 year old asked us to share this message with all of you for this year's World Refugee Day.

She writes poems and dreams to become a writer.
Will EU let her live a normal life where she will be seen as someone more than a refugee?

Unfortunately, in the light of the new Ministerial Decision in Greece that deprives thousands of children like her to have a fair examination of their asylum claim for protection...Leyla's wish will fall into the cracks. She will be thrown as a ping-pong ball from one country to another, as a refugee with no rights, and a future life trapped into the concentration camps of this world.



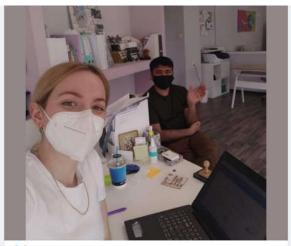


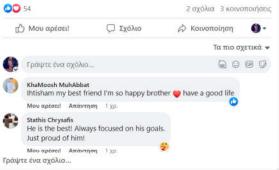
always inspiring.

He went to school and studied hard, day and night, despite the difficulties. Now he is studying to become an assistant pharmacist, and he is doing also his internship in a pharmacy! He has never forgotten us, and he comes by the office to check on

Keep going, I! We couldn't be more proud of you!









These are the moments that give us the strength to keep going. When our emergency response finally leads a child to safety and a brighter future.





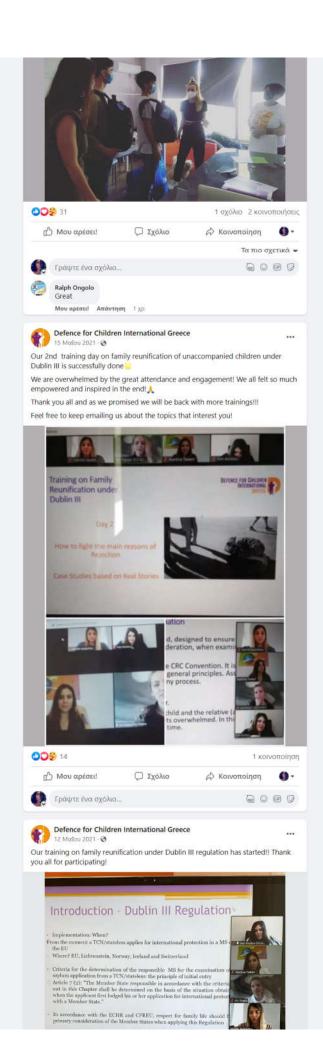
RAPID RESPONSE: CHILD PROTECTION !!

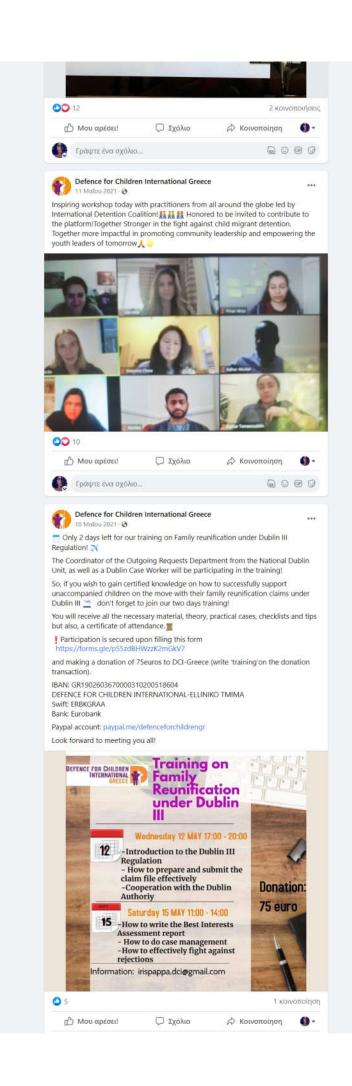
S journeyed from Bangladesh alone. He was only 16. As an unaccompanied child sleeping on the streets of Athens, S was at high risk. People around S abused him & tried to steal from him. With no food or basic necessities, S was a child in danger.

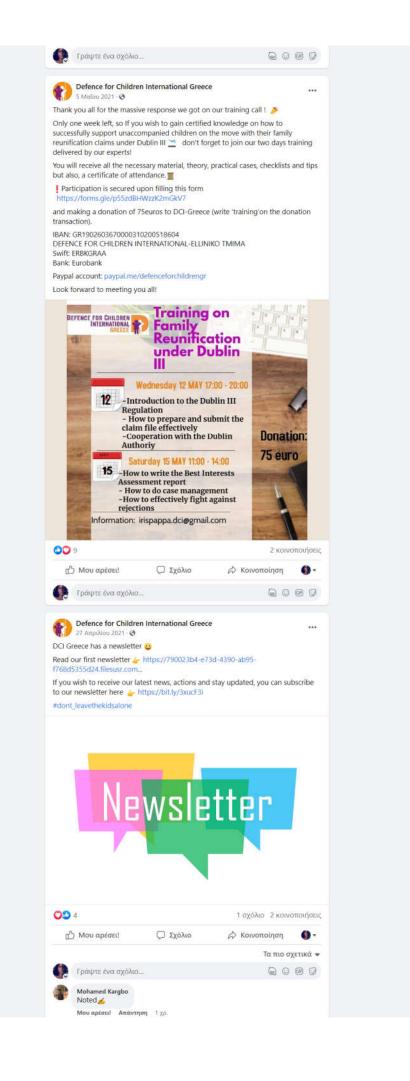
This is how Better Days & Defence for Children International Greece responded:

- 17.30: S contacts Themida Greece Helpdesk
 18.00: A Risk Assessment identifies his needs
 18.30: Rapid Response alert made to Outreach Team
 19.00: Outreach Team briefs & begins response
 20.00: S is identified & moved to an emergency safe space





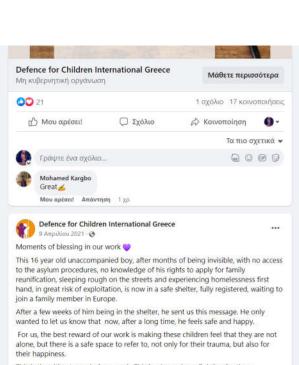












This is the ultimate goal of our work. This is why we keep fighting for them.

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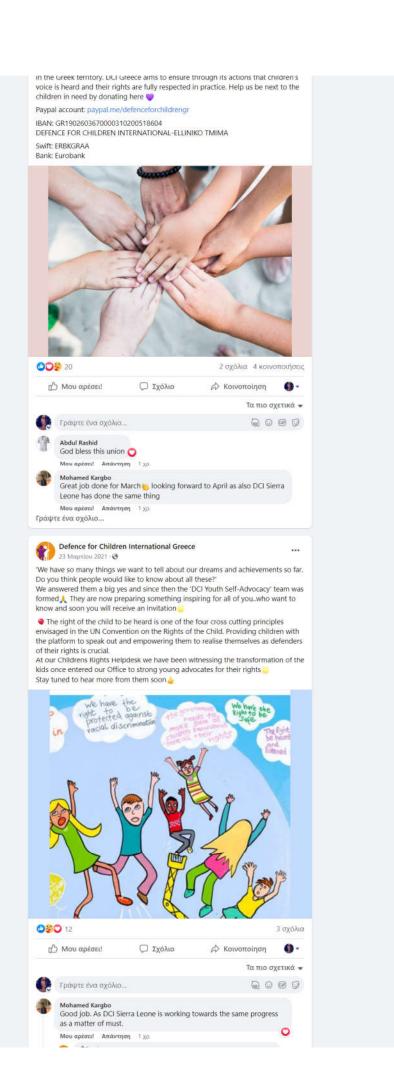




For these children, finding accommodation and accessing the official asylum system means much more than having a roof over their head and obtaining documents. It means that they are no longer invisible. They become visible again, and have lower chances to be sexually or otherwise exploited.

We need to keep working hard, until every single unaccompanied child becomes safe again.

DCI Greece is committed to securing a just and viable future for all children present





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She keeps inspiring us with her sense of resilience and dignity while she is trying to make a good life for herself in Greece.

Show your support to all women and girls that had to leave their home country and are looking for a safe place. You can donate via:

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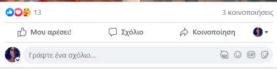
Today our Helpdesk became a safe space for these 5 siblings to play and rest while their single mother was receiving legal support and guidance on how to make a visble life for them all

At the moment, there are thousands of families who either live homeless out in the parks of Athens or trapped into dangerous for their life camps.

Each and one child has the right to dignity, safe space and embrace childhood. The Legislation that brings these kids with their families to despair must change now and come in line with the international human rights obligations that bound our country.

#dontleavethekidsalone #nofamilyleftbehind







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26 year old pregnant woman from Afghanistan, lit herself on fire in Moria2, after finding out she cannot travel to Germany, due to high risks for her pregnancy. Once she was informed about this development, she took her other children out of the tent they were residing in Moria2 and lit herself on fire. The act of this mother vividly shows us how hard the living conditions are in Moria2 and how desperate a person can be to escape this hell.

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ΔΕΛΤΙΟ ΤΥΠΟΥ ΤΗΣ DCI GREECE, σχετικά με τη σεξουαλική εκμετάλλευση των παιδιών ασυνόδευτων προσφύγων και μη.

"Η αδηφάγα εκμετάλλευση της ακραίας αυτής ευαλωτότητας των ασυνόδευτων ανηλίκων φωτίζει ένα μεγαλύτερο "κακό", την έλλειψη αποτελεσματικού συστήματος παιδικής προστασίας στη χώρα μας για ΟΛΑ τα παιδιά της. Για εκείνα που γεννήθηκαν εδώ από Έλληνες γονείς, για εκείνα που κετέφθασαν εδώ μόνα τους ζητώντας προστασία, για τα παιδιά των μειονοτήτων, για εκείνα τα παιδιά που οι γονείς τους δεν μπόρεσαν να ειναι εκεί για αυτά. Ἡ έννοια 'ασφαλής κρατικός χώρος' για να απευθυνθούν και να ακουμπήσουν την ύπαρξή τους δυστυχώς το 2021 στην Ελλάδα δεν υπάρχει. Θεωρούμε ότι αυτή είναι μια μοναδική στιγμή για να τοποθετηθούν θεμέλια προς αυτή την κατεύθυνση", δήλωσε η Διευθύντρια της DCI-Greece Τσέκερη Ναντίνα.

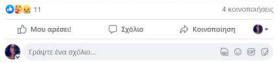




We are anticipating, along with her, a decision confirming her belief that the international community, also believes that she deserves much more than being 'sold' and enslaved into restrictions of her freedom.

Anadolu Agency







Here Leyla's story. One amongst the thousands of children surviving the Moria2

MSF told Al Jazeera they have seen children with severe depression, suicidal thoughts and that many have stopped playing.

This is where Europe and Greece decided to 'burry' these children's souls. Furter trauma could be prevented if these people were transferred to a safe place providing for healing and rehabilitation.

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#shutdownMoria2



"In 2020, child psychologists at MSF noted 50 cases of children with suicidal ideation and suicide attempts.
"I never imagined it would be this bad," said Katrin Glatz-Brubakk, a mental

health supervisor for MSF on Lesbos.

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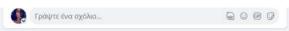
"As a child psychologist, I get very worried when children don't play at all and we see a lot of that in the camp," Glatz-Brubakk said.

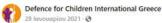
"Many of the children have experienced trauma but if they were moved to a [place with] safe and good [conditions] they would start healing from it. Now they get sicker and sicker because of the conditions they live in."



Lesbos: Child mental health crisis brews in refugee communities Concerns mount for children who have witnessed violence, a devastating ca.







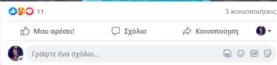
Shelter found! 🦣

H, an extremely vulnerable 15 year old boy, who was being exploited for months, will finally be transferred to a safe shelter! It was very complex and crucial case. The minor was terrified and wanted to start a new life, away from the people that were exploiting him. His new home will be outside of Athens. He wants to study and be a teacher

The case of H. is, unfortunately, not the only one.

Countless unaccompanied minors, face the harsh reality of life on the streets of Athens. Despite the great efforts from the official authorities of accommodation, many of them remain homeless and exposed to countless dangers, due to the lack of shelters.







Happy birthday, Themida Legal Intervention program!!! 🔊 🔊 🎉

It's been one year since we started this amazing journey to help as many vulnerable children as possible.

Thank you Together for Better Days for this amazing collaboration!





Together for Better Days 20 Ιανουαρίου 2021 · 🚱

"The way Themida works is awesome and the services that they provide to refugees are amazing. I'm really thankful that they helped me when I really needed them. I want to say that you guys are amazing for helping children who are hopeless and can't fight their case. They need you and are there for them." Hadi, Afghanistan, reunited with his uncle in Switzerland.

loday we are delebrating our first year or imemida legal intervention program and Better Days' fruitful collaboration with Defence t Greece. Together we have witnessed first-hand the incredible obstacles and dangers, children on the move and homeless unaccompanied minors face in Greece. Whether they are suffering the consequences of extended stays in camps, detention facilities or sleeping rough in the streets of Athens, unaccompanied children are often voiceless and invisible, easy targets for abuse and exploitation.

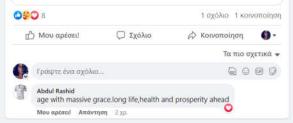
Our work aims to reunite lone children with family members in other EU countries and support children navigate the complicated process of asylum or reunification. As we dive deeper into the field of refugee legal aid we experience the systematic failure of international and EU bodies to guarantee respect for Children's Rights and penalize violations of international and EU law and negligent practises. We want to contribute to the creation of solutions that are pragmatic, impactful and can bring immediate relief to the lives of the most vulnerable children of the refugee crisis.

Since December 2019 we have performed over 116 critical legal interventions for unaccompanied children in Greece and provided legal information, psychosocial support and essential aid to more than 1000 unaccompanied children, many vulnerable families, single women and youth. Today some of these children are successfully reunited with their families or transferred to safer accommodation, but others remain unable to meet their basic needs.

This year was far from being a walk in the park, and the outbreak of the pandemic has profoundly challenged the ways in which we deliver legal services, or communicate with the children. Yet over 60% of our cases received a positive answer so far. Today Themida operates from Athens and Lesvos with the sole objective to identify and provide critical legal aid to unaccompanied asylumseeking children in distress.

Happy Birthday Themida.

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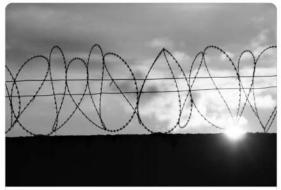


Update!!! 🔊 🔊 🏂

The minor was transferred vesterday afternoon to his new home, a safe shelter for children!!!! 🦣

We will keep supporting him through the whole asylum procedure and his family reunification case, as he wishes to be reunited with a relative in the Netherlands.

From invisible, detained and about to get deported, this child will finally have the chance to restart his life and enjoy his childhood.



Defence for Children International Greece

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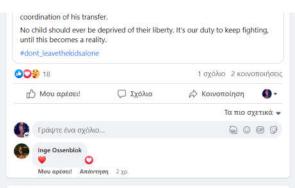
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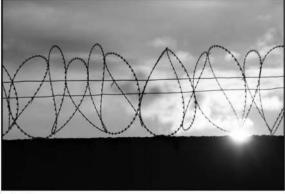
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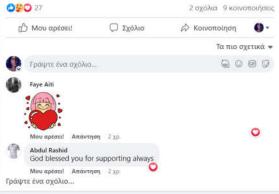
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No child should ever be deprived of their liberty. It's our duty to keep fighting, until this becomes a reality.

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Completed university degree from an accredited academic institution in Law Advanced University degree (Master's degree) in International Law or Refugee Law or Children's Rights will be considered as an asset

Experience []

- Previous experience in providing high quality of legal support and case management to unaccompanied minors or/and migrant population is a requirement Member of one of the Law Bar Associations in Greece with active permission to legally represent
- Awareness of refugees and migrants' issues

Required Qualities 📳

- Meet deadlines and implement our Protocols of Operation
- Ability to maintain composure, to work as a team member and to be flexible
- 👉 Ability to interact with a demanding public in a multicultural environment

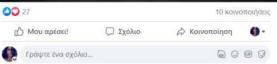
Other qualifications []

- Fluency in English is required

If you are interested to join our team, please send your CV and Cover Letter to the Coordinator of our Children's Rights Helpdesk Ms Iris Pappa at irispappa.dci@gmail.com

Application Deadline: 22/1/2021







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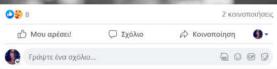
The CEDAW released its General recommendation No. 38 (2020) on trafficking in women and girls in the context of global migration.

The general recommendation deals in great extent with states obligations concerning the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, and particularly article 6, which sets states obligation "to suppress all forms of traffic in women and exploitation of prostitution of women". The Committee for the Elimination of All forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) also acknowledges trafficking in women and girls "persists due to a lack of appreciation of the gender dimensions of trafficking overall and in particular, trafficking in women and girls who are exposed to different types of exploitation, including sexual exploitation".

This general recommendation constitutes a new tool to change that reality.

Read more: https://bit.ly/38yxNLm #dont_leavethekidsalone







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Happy New Year!!!! 🛕 🌲 🌲

And happy birthday to refugee children in Greece! 1/1 is the date that the majority of refugee children are registered as born in their asylum card.

In most cases identification documents from their countries of origin are not

accepted. As a result, the age assessment procedure fails them. The birth day registered is, most of the times, 1/1.

This creates multiple problems, since children sometimes appear as adults from 1/1, even though they are not. Because of that, they are deprived of basic rights, such as access to education, access to the the family reunification procedure or a safe shelter.

There is a long way to go until children on the move can enjoy all their rights and live a dignified life. It's our duty to keep fighting for them.

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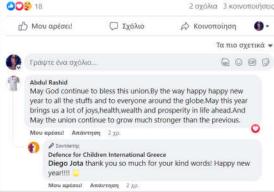
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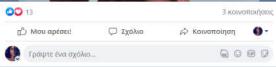
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A week ago, we were informed about the case of Amira, a 13 year old girl from Syria that is alone in Athens. We immediately met the girl and started the case management. We had to be quick and efficient, since the holidays were approaching and the girl would be left unprotected in an apartment with people she doesn't know, exposed to countless dangers.

We informed all competent authorities regarding the severity of this situation... $\Delta \epsilon i \tau \epsilon \pi \epsilon \rho i \sigma o \sigma \epsilon \rho \alpha$







In Greece, there are thousands of alone and homeless children on the move. These children remain outside of the radar of the official protection children, while being in risk of all forms of exploitation. They have no access to basic human needs, such as food, healthcare and education.

These holidays, help DCI Greece to keep supporting the most vulnerable children. By donating you allow us to keep standing by their side. ... Δ **LEITE** π **EPUSOTE** π





L was a homeless boy in the streets of Athens, struggling to survive. When he came to us, he asked for help to find a safe shelter. He mentioned his brother is in Switzerland and we informed him that he has the right to apply for family reunification. L. had no idea this was even an option, because the smugglers never

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his application got accepted! L. from sleeping on the street an... Δείτε περισσότερα





