

## **Children's Screen Content in an Era of Forced Migration: Facilitating Arab-European Dialogue**

*Children's Global Media Summit (CGMS) Event*

*PRE-SUMMIT WORKSHOP: 4 December 2017, 10.00-16.00 including lunch  
Imagine Room, Dock House, Floor 6, BBC Media City, Salford Quays*

**Workshop Coordinators: Professor Jeanette Steemers (King's College London) and  
Professor Naomi Sakr (University of Westminster)**

The workshop addresses the topic through core CGMS themes and an interactive mix of research findings, video clips, and small-group discussions

**10:00-10:30:** Welcome and Introductions

### **10:30-11:30: SESSION ONE – Empowerment and Freedom in an Era of Forced Migration**

- What do “empowerment” and “freedom” mean for children? How are these terms interpreted in television programmes portraying children recently arrived from Syria, e.g. *Educating Greater Manchester* (Channel 4) and *New Boys in Town* (Drummer TV for CBBC)

**11:30-12:00:** Coffee/Tea

### **12:00-13:00: SESSION TWO – Empowerment and Freedom for Young Children**

- Representing children from different cultures and backgrounds in preschool media, e.g. CBeebies' *Apple Tree House* series (Three Stones Media) and *Mixed Nutz* (Big Bad Boo Studios).

**13:00-13:45:** Lunch

### **13:45-15:15 SESSION THREE – Education and Entertainment in Children's Screen Media**

- Achieving balance between education and entertainment in different genres in which migrants and refugees are represented, e.g. *Refugee* (TrueTube.co.uk/ CTVC, 2016); *Arthur* (9 Story) and the BBC's *The Big Family Cooking Showdown* (2017)
- Discussion with media organisations working with child refugees in the MENA region: Sesame Workshop and BBC Media Action

### **15:15-16:00: SESSION FOUR – Education, Entertainment, Empowerment in Practice**

- Issues of funding, regulation, and innovation. Why produce this content? E.g. *My Life: Coming to Britain* (Lizardfish TV for CBBC) and *Where in the World? Hamza - Jordan* (Evans Woolfe Media for CBeebies)
- Potential pitfalls of screen content intended to foster children's social engagement
- Wrap-up and evaluations

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