



The European Diasporas Project

COLLABORATION AND SUPPORT
THROUGH A SHARED LEARNING PROJECT

A NEW NARRATIVE FOR EUROPE: A EUROPE OF DIASPORAS, AN ONGOING PROJECT.

The project "A Europe of Diasporas" was launched at a three-day conference in Paris in June 2015, followed by two more conferences in Budapest and Sofia and a presentation to the European Parliament in Brussels in May 2016 of its findings and a Charter for Diasporas. Supported by a number of organisations (mainly IUJS, AGBU, and ERGO) with extra finance from Brussels, the project started with 38 participants including equal numbers of Roma, Armenians and Jews from a wide range of countries and equal numbers of women and men.

PLACE: *Gulbenkian Hall, Iverna Gardens, Kensington, London W8 6TP*
(nearest Underground Station: High Street Kensington)

DATES: **Presentation** - Monday 6th February 2017, 7:30 - 9:30pm
Limmud - Tuesday 21st February, 6:30 - 9:30pm



A EUROPE OF
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Refreshments and nibbles provided

Ruth Barnett discusses how collaboration between Roma, Armenians and Jews can benefit these three diasporas in terms of mutual support and which can contribute greatly to mainstream communities. These three minorities, though each unique, have much in common culturally and have all survived the worst kind of stereotyping and persecution for centuries. A shared learning project is proposed on the pattern of the highly successful and now world-wide Jewish network of **Limmud** (a joint interactive series of learning events between communities). The basic aims of the project were to foster awareness, understanding and links between three 'core diaspora' and the general public, to encourage development within each diaspora, to form links between the three to enhance this and to provide solidarity to drive a positive role for diaspora.



Ruth Barnett was born in 1935 in Berlin, Germany. In 1939, aged four, Ruth and her seven-year-old brother arrived in Britain on the Kindertransport, the name of a series of rescue efforts which brought thousands of refugee Jewish children to Great Britain from Nazi Germany between 1938 and 1940. A psychotherapist by profession, she speaks today in schools about the Holocaust and seeks to highlight the fate not only of Jews but also of the hundreds of thousands of Gypsies killed by Hitler, and other minorities such as the Armenians and Assyrians which have suffered a similar fate.

Both events are free to attend, but as places are limited to a maximum of 50 attendees, please let us know if you would like to participate at either or both of these meetings by contacting:

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