

To raise awareness of the Together Campaign, the United Nations
and the Government of Flanders are proud to present

L'Etranger

The screening will be followed by a panel discussion with:

Kenneth Michiels



Kenneth Michiels grew up in Sint-Genesius-Rode. He studied Film at the Royal Academy of Fine Arts (KASK) in Ghent and obtained his master's degree with Great Distinction. Kenneth finished 'L'Etranger' in 2016. Concerning the subjects of his documentaries, Kenneth tends to call upon stories that are linked to his own habitat, but that are simultaneously taboo to bystanders. He also works as a video artist for theatre house Kopergietery and as a freelancer for VRT and CANVAS. In 2012 he established his own Production House Moose & Tash, in cooperation with some like-minded people. At the moment Kenneth works on a new documentary that will be released in summer 2018.

Moussa Cissokho



Moussa Cissokho was only 14 years old when he lost his father, but nevertheless managed to work his way up and became a self-employed plumber. At the same time, he became active in his "quartier", teaching kids the most elementary rules of both football and life. In 2014, Moussa married Barbara, a Belgian woman, and they moved to Belgium. During his first year, he struggled to find a job but was able to start as the coach of the U14-team of BX Brussels. Then he found a job as a handyman, celebrated the birth of their first son and therefore had to give up his coaching at BX. However, he still plays friendly games on a weekly basis and is a loyal supporter of Club Brugge - football still dominates his life.

Ingrid Pelssers



Mrs Ingrid Pelssers works as an *Advisor International Affairs* at the Government of Flanders. She analyses international policies on the topics of Equal Opportunities and Integration in order to stimulate innovations in Flanders and Brussels. In her previous position as Emancipation Officer she was responsible for promoting diversity in the workforce of the Flemish Public Service. She has a Master's degree in Political Sciences (KU Leuven) and a Master's degree in Public Management (Antwerp Management School).

Gijs leven



As Community Coordinator Gijs leven controls the working of the community of BX Brussels. The community team covers the individual supervision of both the players and the parents and organizes activities aimed at parents, players and trainers to strengthen the community. Therefore, they constantly engage in a dialogue with other relevant stakeholders in the city, like for instance SOS Kinderdorpen, AB Concerts and the KVS. In the past, Gijs worked as senior staff member at De Ambrassade, a center for knowledge and expertise with respect to youth work and youth policy in Flanders.

Moderated by

Christophe Verhellen



Christophe Verhellen is the Communications Officer for the Benelux at United Nations Regional Information Centre (UNRIC). He started his career with the UN in 1992 working as a Communication for Development Expert for the Food and Agriculture Organisation in Uganda. In 2011, he went on to work as the Head of Public Information for the UN's Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in Afghanistan before joining the UNRIC Brussels team in 2014.

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TOGETHER - Respect, Safety and Dignity for All

“We must change the way we talk about refugees and migrants. And we must talk with them. Our words and dialogue matter. This is why today, the United Nations is launching a new campaign called: **TOGETHER – Respect, Safety and Dignity for All**. Acting together, we can respond to rising xenophobia and turn fear into hope.” **Previous UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, UN Summit for Refugees and Migrants, 19 September 2016**



What is TOGETHER?

TOGETHER is a global campaign that aims to change negative perceptions and attitudes towards refugees and migrants, and to strengthen the social contract between host countries and communities, and refugees and migrants.

All 193 Member States of the United Nations unanimously welcomed the TOGETHER campaign and committed to implementing it, when they met at the Summit for Refugees and Migrants on 19 September 2016. TOGETHER will run until 2018, when Member States are expected to adopt two Global Compacts on Refugees and Migrants.

Visit the **TOGETHER CAMPAIGN** at: together.un.org

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“To maximise opportunities we want to put a lot of effort into the staffing so that youngsters not only learn the right way to play a sport but are also supported in the social aspect of their (often complex) lives. This project has to be more than a club where its members simply kick a ball around” - *Vincent Kompany, Founder of BX Brussels*

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