

The producers of »New Life in Vienna«

information programme for refugees in Viennain five languages

Maiada Hadaia has Syrian, Bulgarian and Macedonian roots and was born in Sofia, Bulgaria in 1976. She has been living in her current hometown Vienna since the age of 6. Maiada graduated international development and political science at the University of Vienna and has been a passionate multilingual radio journalist since 1998. Additionally she has been a trainer at Radio ORANGE 94.0 for more than ten years. Currently Maiada is coordinating the radio programme »New Life in Vienna« and »Welt im Ohr« on Ö1 Campus radio. Some of the topics of her programmes include transdisciplinary science, international development, politics, migration, feminism and transculturalism.

Hamdi Abdullahi Hassan was born in 1987 in Mogadishu, Somalia and has been living in Vienna since July 2015. Hamdi graduated journalism in Mogadishu and has been working since 2006 as a reporter, presenter, programme producer and radio manager with different local radio stations in her hometown. She also worked with BBC Media Action, BBC's international development charity, as a programme producer, presenter and drama producer. In addition, Hamdi collaborated as a producer, presenter, script and article writer with radio Ergo, a humanitarian radio based in Kenya. Currently Hamdi is involved as a contributor on voluntary basis in several projects by Radio ORANGE 94.0.

Ramin Siawash was born in 1993 in Kabul, Afghanistan and has been living in Austria since November 2015. A graduate in business administration, journalism and IT computer science, Ramin Siawash has worked for seven years as a teacher, journalist and media expert as well as a human rights trainer (i.e. the Human Rights Commission of Afghanistan) in Kabul. Ramin is also the founder and president of Kara Educational Center in Afghanistan. Since his arrival to Vienna, he has participated as an Afghan journalist in the International Mayor Conference and a number of congresses and debates dedicated to the situation of refugees in Europe. Ramin Siawash is the host of two weekly radio programmes on radio ORANGE 94.0.

Souaad Sayoud was born in Algeria and has been living in Vienna for the last 24 years. She is a psychologist, journalist, writer, translator, consultant and trainer and graduated translation studies and psychology at the University of Vienna. In Algeria and Austria she worked as a TV and radio journalist and has been a radio host and producer for Radio ORANGE 94.0 for the last two years. In her programme, »Albath Al' Arabi« a broadcast in Arabic, she reports about the Arabic culture(s) in Austria.

About »New Life in Vienna«: New Life in Vienna is an information programme on Radio ORANGE 94.0 produced in the languages Arabic, Dari, Somali, English and German, that addresses newly arrived refugees in Vienna. The aim of the programme is to provide its listeners with practical tips and useful information about everyday life in Vienna. The programme's topics are mobility and language courses in Vienna, access to health care, how to live on a budget, tips on affordable accomodation and leisure activities.

Topics in the upcoming months:

1. Accommodation providers in Vienna: How and where can newly arrived refugees find accommodation and who is providing support?
2. Asylum procedure in Austria
3. Access to health care in Vienna
4. Information about free German courses in Vienna
5. Shopping options: Where to buy free and cheap goods in Vienna?
6. Leisure: Tips for free and affordable free time activities in Vienna