

PROJECT

# "Living in a Different Culture. Refugees and migrants integration in higher education"

## Introductory Course to Portuguese Society, Culture and Language

**PORTUGAL, LISBON:**

**ISCTE-IUL University**  
A project from: Centre for Research in Anthropology (CRIA)  
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**PARTNERS:**

Refugee Associations; NGO's

**PRESENTATION:**

"Living in a Different Culture (LDC)" is an introductory course (free of charges) to Portuguese society, culture and language, aimed at facilitating the training of refugee students for higher education. Teachers work on a voluntary basis, in connection with anthropology students.

**SUPPORTED BY:**

Instituto Universitário de Lisboa (ISCTE-IUL);  
Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia (FCT)

**MEDIATORS:**

Previous students from LDC first edition that are now, already, doing their masters at ISCTE-IUL University

**MAIN ACTIVITIES:**

**1st: Training classes: sharing knowledge about Portuguese society, culture and language for refugee/migrant trainees, with university teachers and peer students**

**2nd: Strengthening the academic network: engaging with regular students and professors activities**

**3rd: Cultural visits to museums, Lisbon neighbourhoods and other key social places**

**4th: Meetings with business incubators, entrepreneurs and other professionals that may help create future life-changing opportunities**

**Outcome: 50% of the LDC trainees who expressed interest in applying to higher education are now enrolled in a degree programme.**

**Who can apply?**

Former student refugees, interested in following their studies in Portugal, in higher education.

**Candidates must have:**

refugee status formally recognized; High-school level education completed or former higher education courses achieved;  
Basic skills in English  
25 vacancies available each year  
Assigned official certificate of Portuguese language (A1)

1st Edition: **Jan/Feb 2017**

2nd edition: **May/June 2019**

Duration:

**5 weeks;**  
**4 days / week;**  
**4 hours / day**

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