

Movie Nights Programme – Brussels Refugee Week

DAY 1 (17/6)

Time	Movie	Background	Language	Duration
19.00 – 19.45	The New Boat	An investigative documentary that presents an eye-opening look at the impact of international industrialized fishing in West African waters and its effect on local communities at a critical point in Sierra Leone's history.	English, Krio, Temne	45 minutes
Break 19.45 – 20.00				
20.00 – 20.40	Fati's Choice	A Ghanaian mother of five survives the perilous journey to Europe in search of a better life, only to return to her village to reunite with her children, much to the disdain of family and neighbors. Steadfast in her convictions of what's best, first-time filmmaker Fatimah Dadzie tells her own unique story of determination and courage.	Hausa, Fante, Twi	42 minutes

DAY 2 (18/6)

Time	Movie	Background	Language	Duration
19:00 – 19:30	Jardines	While waiting in limbo, displaced LGBTQ+ people hoping to find asylum in the United States find support and healing with one another, as they process the heartbreak and joy of a queer family on the move.	Spanish	26 minutes

Break 19.30 – 19.50				
19:50 – 20:00	Trying to Survive (short film from Gaza)	A group of Gazan artists risked their lives to produce this short film to send a message to end the suffering in Gaza.	Arabic with English subtitles	6 minutes 53 seconds
20:00 – 21:30	20 Days in Mariupol	The film tells the story of the twenty days Chernov spent with his colleagues in the besieged city of Mariupol in February-March 2022 in the first weeks of the Russian invasion of Ukraine.	English, Ukrainian, Russian with subtitles	1 hour 35 minutes

DAY 3 (19/6)

Time	Movie	Background	Language	Duration
19.00 – 19:20	Sin País	The Mejia family, Guatemalan immigrants in California, faces deportation after years of hard work. Despite trying to stay together, parents Sam and Elida are deported from the U.S, leaving two of their children behind.	English	20 minutes
Break 19.20 – 19.40				
19.40 – 20.30	Waking Dream	The documentary weaves together the stories of six undocumented young people as they sit in limbo between deportation and a path to citizenship during the first two years of the Trump presidency.	English	52 minutes
Break 20.30 – 20.40				

20:40 – 21:30	Estamos Unidos	Hundreds of Central American migrants form a “caravan” amidst an unprecedented wave of Central American migration and Trump-era policies to halt it. They navigate the pains and joys of unity along an arduous journey across Mexico and toward the United States.	Spanish	50 minutes
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DAY 4 (20/6)

Time	Movie	Background	Language	Duration
19:00 – 19:30	L'Apatrié	When Salma, a Syrian refugee, gets her residence permit, she discovers that the Belgian authorities have withdrawn her nationality and that of her son. Salma then fights for the recognition of their lost nationality.	Arabic, French	26 minutes
Break 19.30 – 19.50				
19:50 – 20:45	Kamay To attend this film screening, please register here.	Deep in the mountains of Afghanistan, a Hazara family – a historically oppressed ethnic people – tries to uncover the truth behind the sudden death of their daughter, Zahra, who moved to Kabul to study. In this poetic and poignant film, her sister Freshta narrates countless hours on the road, administrative and technological obstacles to justice until the Taliban’s rise to power.	Persian	1 hour 46 minutes
20.45 – 20.55	Marathon	Julio Sauce, who emigrated from Ecuador to the U.S, works long hours in a kitchen to support his family. Despite never having run before, he trains up to 80 miles a week to fulfill his dream of competing in the New York Marathon.	Spanish with English subtitles	9 minutes

DAY 5 (21/6)

Time	Movie	Background	Language	Duration
19.00 – 20:15	Si Pudiera Quedarme / If I Could Stay	When undocumented Latinx mothers Jeanette and Ingrid face deportation and separation from their young children, they courageously enter local churches to find refuge from US Immigration and Customs Enforcement while keeping their families together.	Spanish	75 minutes
Break 20.15 – 20.30				
20:30 – 21:50	Gaza Ghetto: Portrait of a Palestinian Family	The first documentary film made in Gaza (1984) highlights the historical precedents that fuel the current cycles of violence and influence dreams of peace, justice and stability.	Arabic with English subtitles	1 hour 25minutes