



## No Lost Generation Silicon Valley Symposium

September 12, 2017, 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM PDT

Microsoft Technology Center, 555 California street, Suite 200, San Francisco, CA 94104

### OVERVIEW

Over one-third of Syrians and Iraqis affected by conflict are between 10 and 24 years old. These young people will build the future of the region, but they need our help to access education, earn a dignified livelihood, and rebuild their communities.

In partnership with NetHope and Microsoft, the No Lost Generation (NLG) initiative is hosting a symposium in San Francisco, CA on September 12, 2017. We have invited U.S.-based private-sector companies to partner with humanitarian agencies in creating a better future for refugee youth by activating their expertise, innovative solutions, and resources.

This event will highlight some key challenges faced by the young people living through these conflicts and the humanitarian agencies responding to the Syria and Iraq crises. These challenges will be the starting point for new cross-sector collaborations that will create solutions to help unlock the potential of the young people who want to be the architects of a peaceful and prosperous future.

### AGENDA

9:00 – 9:20am	Registration and breakfast
9:20 – 9:35am	Welcome and Opening Remarks
9:35 – 10:00am	Challenges Facing Adolescents and Youth Affected by the Crises in Syria and Iraq
10:00 – 10:20am	Private Sector Engagement: Opportunities and Examples
10:20 – 10:30am	Break
10:30 – 11:15am	Workshop: Supporting Refugee Youth
11:15 – 11:30am	Workshop Report Out
11:30 – 11:45am	Next Steps
11:45 – 12:30pm	Light Lunch and Networking

## **SPEAKERS**

### **Katy Barnett**

*No Lost Generation Advisor, UNICEF Regional Office for the Middle East and North Africa*

Katy Barnett took up the post of UNICEF's Regional Advisor for the No Lost Generation Initiative in the Middle East and North Africa in March 2016. Ms. Barnett joined UNICEF in 2009 and previously held the post of global level Coordinator for Child Protection within the Humanitarian Cluster system. Prior to that, Ms. Barnett held a series of humanitarian positions in Save the Children's headquarters in London. She has also worked with CARE, RedR UK, the British Council in various locations, including the Caucasus and Colombia. In 2001-2002, she spent a year as the lead trainer on UNHCR's interagency Reach Out project, focusing on refugee protection. Ms. Barnett has published several reports and articles on Child Protection and related themes, and coordinated the development of the Minimum Standards for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action. A national of the UK, she has degrees from Cambridge and SOAS.

### **Mark Chapple**

*Head of No Lost Generation, World Vision Regional Syria Response*

As Head of No Lost Generation, Mark co-leads the regional multi-agency NLG Working Group that coordinates and guides the NLG initiative addressing the education, protection, and youth engagement sectors serving vulnerable children affected by the Syria crisis. Mark also uses his expertise in Education in Emergencies to work with the World Vision offices across the region to design and develop their NLG programs focused on Syrian refugees, Iraqi IDPs and vulnerable host communities. Mark has twelve years' experience working in international NGOs, with technical specialization in education, children's rights, and child poverty programs. A qualified teacher, Mark taught for seven years in one of the most deprived communities in the UK, and has seen first-hand the benefits of education in addressing both financial poverty and poverty of aspiration.

### **Jane Meseck**

*Sr. Director, Global Programs and Partnerships, Microsoft Philanthropies*

Jane Meseck has had a pivotal role in transforming Microsoft's corporate giving in the last 20 years. She began as a program manager, shipping pallets of Windows to nonprofits back in the 90s; now she oversees efforts that contributed more than \$1 billion in donations, grants, and technology services last year. Jane has led the way in everything from program creation to global strategy to partnership development. Jane currently heads the Technology for Good initiative, which puts the power of transformational technology in the hands of nonprofits. She also leads the Microsoft Philanthropies effort to make a deep, lasting difference in Humanitarian Action by supporting nonprofits and communities in preparedness, response, and recovery from natural and manmade crisis.

## **Leila Topic**

### *NLG Tech Task Force Lead, NetHope*

Leila leads NLG Tech Task Force at NetHope, a consortium of 50-plus global nonprofits. Prior to NetHope Leila served as the Chief Marketing and Business Development Officer at LRNG, an edtech social enterprise committed to closing the equity gap by transforming how young people access and experience learning. She also worked at the Sama Group as the Vice President of Marketing and Partnerships supporting three programs dedicated to lifting people out of poverty through work (Samasource), education (Samaschool), and healthcare (Samahope). Before joining Sama Group, Leila spent over 13 years in tech sector, at Microsoft and Adobe. Leila's passion for the refugee cause is rooted in her life experience as a refugee from Bosnia and has manifested itself in a number of ways since Leila and her family fled Bosnia in the mid-90s. This included teaching English and art at the Bosnian Refugee School in the Nagyatad Refugee Camp.

**Young people affected by conflict:** Four young people from Syria and Iraq will share their personal stories through videos. Forcibly displaced from their homes and countries, they will speak about the many challenges they face but also about their hopes for a better future.

## **HOST ORGANIZATIONS**

**Microsoft Philanthropies** Together with our grantees, partners and employees around the world, we're working to fulfill Microsoft's mission to empower every person and every organization on the planet to achieve more.

**No Lost Generation (NLG)** is a collaborative initiative between U.N. agencies and NGOs, co-led by UNICEF, Mercy Corps, Save the Children and World Vision, focused on supporting children and youth affected by the Syria and Iraq crises.

**NLG Tech Task Force** connects private sector expertise and resources, such as technology, with the needs of refugee children and youth. We do that by facilitating cross-sector information sharing and project-based collaborations with NGOs, academic institutions, and private sector companies.

**NetHope** empowers committed organizations to change the world through the power of technology. NetHope, a consortium of 50-plus leading global nonprofits, unites with technology companies and funding partners to design, fund, implement, adapt, and scale innovative approaches to solve development, humanitarian, and conservation challenges. Together, the NetHope community strives to transform the world, building a platform of hope for those who receive aid, and those who deliver it.