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### GAEL GARCÍA BERNAL MEETS WITH THE MIGRANT POPULATION OF GENEVA



**Gael García Bernal** responded to the International Film Festival and Forum on Human Rights (FIFDH)'s invitation to come meet with the migrant people of a groupe home in Geneva. Already strongly committed to the subject of migration on the American continent (*Desierto*, *Who is Dayani Cristal*), the Mexican actor met with asylum seekers from Syria, Afghanistan and Eritrea. Deeply upset by the tragedies that have befallen these people who have fled war and misery, Gael García Bernal wanted to provide them with a moment of escape with the screening of *Carnets de voyage*. During the discussion that followed, he was deeply moved by his exchanges with the young Syrians, who recognised in the film a little of their own arduous journey to Europe.

**An actor and filmmaker of international fame, Gael García Bernal** is also the co-founder of Mexico's nomadic Festival Ambulante (<http://ambulante.com.mx/en/festival>). During this intimate encounter, he displayed profound humility and generosity.

This beautiful discussion ended with a genuine feast, specially prepared by the home's residents.

This event fits within the FIFDH's Extramural program, which notably collaborated with several group homes of the Hospice Général, with the support of the Bureau de l'intégration des étrangers. These screenings, followed by meetings and apéritifs, proved opportunities for exchange between migrant people and Geneva residents. Though they live close by, opportunities to meet in a friendly setting are rare. One last event will take place on Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm at the Foyer d'Anières with the screening of *Nice People*, in the context of the Week Against Racism.

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