| Good Practice General information | |
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| Title | **H.O.P.E & BUS programs** |
| Country,  (region and municipality of implementation) | Cologne/ Dusseldorf/ Bonn, Germany |
| Organisation | Rheinflanke |
| Timeframe  (start date, end date or ongoing) |  |
| Level of implementation (local/regional/national/transnational/other) | Shelters all over Cologne. Rheinflake socialises with the people via low-threshold football courses in emergency accommodation in Cologne |
| Webpage or other online info (link) | <http://www.rheinflanke.de/h-o-p-e/> (German)  <http://ec.europa.eu/assets/eac/sport/library/documents/streetworldfootball-refugees_en.pdf> (pg. 4, English) (Germany) |
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| Brief description (max 500 characters) | Rheinflake is a youth aid specialist that ensures the participation of young people in sport continues grow. They run two programs for refugees. The first one is a football- based project called H.O.P.E., where the organization provides regular sports to refugees and the second one uses an old US school bus fitted with sports equipment to visit refugee camps.  To both of them, they provide practical help, including doctor’s visits, language classes, and internships, amongst others.  The project has established a football team, which now plays under the umbrella of Spielvereinigung Arminia 09 Koln eV in the Kreisliga D. |

| Good Practice Analytical description | |
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| Summary:  -main objectives  -challenge and goals  -activities  (max 1000 characters) | H.O.P.E:  The aim of the project is to help the participants live an independent, self- determined life integrated in society.  Participants are usually asylum seekers or refugees who strive to improve their daily life, by being actively integrated in the local society.  The project aims at providing services, such as health care, visits to the authorities, language courses and general pre- vocational educations schemes. Rheinflanke wanted to ‘answer’ to these needs so socializes with the people via low-threshold football courses in emergency accommodation settings.  In addition, the project, established a football team, which takes part in the lowest German division. The team mostly consists of refugees, but also German players and players with different backgrounds.  Through practice and matches they aim to promote social skills and communal spirit.  BUS:  The goal of this project is mainly to improve the tense atmosphere in emergency accommodation areas. By doing so, the BUS project takes pressure off of the social workers employed in these places.  In general, this project is a low- threshold project catered to refugees in emergency accommodation. Therefore, their major need is a distraction from their everyday lives and their traumatic experiences as well as reasonable leisure activities and socializing.  Since football as a sport is known all over the world, it is a great way to get people involved, that’s why the organization visits the camps equipped with footballs and goals to play small field matches. |
| Problems which aims to tackle (max 1000 characters) | H.O.P.E:  The participants build trust and the organisation gets to know them and their personal needs to be able to provide individual support.  BUS:  Improvement in social and language skills. Children, in particular, learn to abide by the rules and are able to play again, an ability they have often lost in times of war. Some participants also got involved as volunteers and lend support in instructing groups |
| Target groups (max 500 characters)  -short description of target population  -expected coverage of the programme in terms of the number of persons reached | Refugees and Asylum Seekers who live in shelters or camps. |
| Elements of innovation  (max 500 characters) OPTIONAL | Reinflanke actively supports young people in their personal development to become responsible citizens in their society. Their focus is on linking street football activities to educational opportunities.  The organization is a social services provider with the mission of creating long-term and sustainable social projects for disadvantaged young people, particularly those with migration backgrounds. |
| Results achieved  (max 1000 characters) | There is an improvement in social and language skills for the service users. The participants tend to be happier because they gain new perspectives in life in safe environments.  Thanks to the BUS project, children in particular learn to abide by the rules and are able to play again, an ability they have often lost in times of war.  Some participants also got involved as volunteers and lend support inn instructing groups. |
| How could this intervention be improved  (max 500 characters) |  |

| GP transferability | |
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| Prerequisites for the adoption / implementation of GP  (what are the specific elements or conditions that must be present to allow the implementation of the GP; Would this action work well in another European context? What local / national conditions should be met to allow the transfer?) (max 700 characters) | The specific action is fully transferable to other countries.  Projects like this offer important opportunities for young people to meet and learn from each other.  Definitely the national conditions, legislation, procedures and rights need to be taken under consideration for the development of such projects in the other countries.  In addition to that, critical elements for the successful implementation of similar projects are:   1. Clear vision, mission, purpose and objectives. 2. Administrative procedures. 3. Selection of appropriate staff. 4. Provision of comprehensive training. |
| Resources needed  (Please specify the amount of funding/financial resources used and/or the human resources required to set up and to run the practice)  (max 500 characters) | For the setup of such project, the funding should include:   1. cost of renting 2. Office infrastructure (desks, pcs, etc.) 3. staff salaries (frontline and back office) 4. translators’ salaries 5. advertisement/publicity 6. digital media cost |

To Rheinflake είναι παρέχει εξειδικευμένη βοήθεια για νέους, εξασφαλίζοντας τη συνεχή ανάπτυξη της συμμετοχής των νέων στον αθλητισμό. Έχουν δημιουργηθεί δύο προγράμματα για τους πρόσφυγες. Το πρώτο είναι ένα ποδοσφαιρικό πρόγραμμα που ονομάζεται H.O.P.E., όπου ο οργανισμός παρέχει τακτικά αθλήματα στους πρόσφυγες και το δεύτερο χρησιμοποιεί ένα παλιό σχολικό λεωφορείο των ΗΠΑ εξοπλισμένο με αθλητικό εξοπλισμό για να επισκεφθεί στρατόπεδα προσφύγων.

Και στα δυο προγράμματα, παρέχουν πρακτική βοήθεια, μεταξύ των οποίων συμπεριλαμβάνονται γιατροί, μαθήματα γλώσσας κλπ.

Το έργο έχει δημιουργήσει μια ομάδα ποδοσφαίρου, η οποία παίζει τώρα υπό την ομπρέλα Spielvereinigung Arminia 09 Koln eV στην Kreisliga D.