| Good Practice General information | |
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| Title | **Rising You(th)** |
| Country,  (region and municipality of implementation) | Belgium |
| Organisation | Vertical Club – Belgium |
| Timeframe  (start date, end date or ongoing) | September 2015 until September 2017 |
| Level of implementation (local/regional/national/transnational/other) | National |
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| Brief description (max 500 characters) | Rising You(th), a project run by Nature and Minor Ndako, aims to create opportunities for migrants and refugees through attracting those with an interest in climbing. Refugees over the age of 14 years old are invited to come alone or bring friends, creating a multicultural integrated society within Brussels. Sessions are free to ensure that the programme is inclusive of all groups, often refugees flee war zones and as a result can be cash poor. Rising You(th) offer refugees the opportunity to train and receive a climbing qualification; Rope Access. Once qualified Rising You(th) provides employment opportunities to work at height, cleaning windows, restore electricity pylons, working in difficult to access places to name a but a few opportunities. These employment opportunities integrate the refugees as they receive employment and Belgium receives a skilled worker. |

| Good Practice Analytical description | |
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| Summary:  -main objectives  -challenge and goals  -activities  (max 1000 characters) | The main purpose is to break the isolation of young refugees and integrating them through sport.  Youths are given climbing lessons, improving skills and self-fulfillment, with the potential opportunity of employment. The organisation promotes entrepreneurship and development of young people. Rising You(th) provides a win-win situation, refugees are integrated into society through employment, increasing confidence and self-esteem whilst contributing to the economy. Using multiple organisations with different skill sets allows the programme to draw on strengths of different organisations. |
| Problems which aims to tackle (max 1000 characters) | This project aims specifically, but not exclusively, towards **disadvantaged young people**. In inclusive programmes, the project uses the richness of diversity **to create and enhance social networks** between young people with very different social or cultural backgrounds. Exclusive programs for target groups allow to **adapt the project’s approach to the very specific needs of youngsters living in public institutions**. With this **appreciative approach** we strive to make the difference for those youngsters. |
| Target groups (max 500 characters)  -short description of target population  -expected coverage of the programme in terms of the number of persons reached | Young refugees and migrants as well as other disadvantaged groups of young people. |
| Elements of innovation  (max 500 characters) OPTIONAL | Through intense trainings candidates have a guaranteed employment when all aspects are successfully completed. Since September 2015, the project held a climbing club with special attention to young refugees, called Vertical Club. There, the organisers expose that passion for heights and professional training (‘Rise Rope Access Training”) and high employment (‘Height Potentials’). The first trainings and job placements started in early 2017. They noticed from earlier projects within Nature through contacts with young refugees that youths are very undertaking and resilient, and that they are extremely motivated to do challenging jobs. Oftentimes, there are plenty of speedbumps along the way and between motivation and a job. With the ‘Rising Youth’ operation, they tap into that passion and eagerness and accompany them through a short and intense module of two months in search of a high-rise job. There are still a lot of refugees who do not immediately find a suitable job. The VDAB (the public employment service) promotes the project to this target group because it offers useful spending of people’s free time (such as climbing as a sport) through Vertical Club as well as to improve or start the integration, and to guide young refugees to a job in which they are happy and through which they can further develop themselves. |
| Results achieved  (max 1000 characters) |  |
| 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 idea that can be transferred is that sport can be used as a tool to draw people into engagement with wider reaching qualifications or to achieve social outcomes.  Adopting this philosophy qualified trainers need to be employed as well as infrastructure needs to be installed.  Young people with a migration background are invited to come along to free climbing sessions and to bring their friends. Locals have also to be invited as to create a mutual inter-exchange environment  Apart from leisure time, qualifications can also be gained as increasing self-confidence and empowerment on achieving into their lives.  This GP to be able to be transferred to other countries, needs primarily to adopt a similar idea which will match to the local conditions and ethnicity groups. Climbing is a sport activity that is becoming attractive to several age groups with different levels of mobile abilities. |
| 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) | * Human resources (trainers, coachers and admin staff) * Related Infrastructure * Strategic planning * Publicity relative to the age group you want to attract * Collaboration with other organisations to deliver entrepreneurship training |