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Project Little princes

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Rennes, Nantes y París (France)

Entity

Their good practice consists of

Petits Princes (Little Princes) is an initiative run by **JEM**, which organises weekly activities with migrant children through youth volunteering to build relationships based on trust and provide ongoing support. Activities include educational support, sports, cultural and recreational outings, environmental activities and meetings with families. The initiative relies on a stable team of volunteers and collaborates with a reception centre, and activities can also take place in the children's homes.

What need does it address?

The social isolation of children living in Rennes (France), the need to create trusting relationships and spaces for social interaction, and the importance of supporting families and raising volunteers' awareness of the realities of migration.

How it develops

The intervention begins with meetings with families to agree on expectations and establish a relationship of trust. The children's interests are then explored, and activities are adapted to their needs. Prior coordination with families and volunteers helps define responsibilities. To ensure continuity, small teams are formed, each with a designated coordinator, and regular coordination meetings are held.

Results and impact

Petits Princes offers children opportunities to discover the world while developing knowledge and more resilient social skills. It also provides families with support, a space to ask questions and opportunities to strengthen their parenting skills.
The continuity of volunteer involvement is a distinctive strength of the initiative.

Assessment and learning

Evaluation is based primarily on ongoing, direct communication with the children, their families and the volunteers. Conversations take place before and after activities, joint meetings are held at least twice a year, and feedback and suggestions are collected to adapt the activities. Incorporating participants' views helps identify what works well and what needs to change, ensuring a flexible approach that responds to their actual needs. The initiative stands out for placing participation, trust and sustained relationships between families and volunteers at the heart of its work.

Resources

Volunteer testimonials

Further information

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