
Activities for Detained Migrants

Best Practices Proposal – I Want to Help Refugees (GPB)

Topic: Building Culture and Community

Summary:

When migrants cross border or have any issues with documentation they usually arrive at the detained foreigners' centres. There are two such centres in Latvia, one in Muceinieki near the capital Riga, other in Daugavpils, closer to the Latvia-Belarus border. Depending on the reason for which a migrant has arrived at the centre, he or she can spend anywhere from a couple of days to up to six months there. The centres are prison-type institutions, so there is not a lot of possibilities to socialize with locals and do something fun or creative. Since 2023, GPB is organizing and carrying out feel-good activities once a month at each centre. The activities include playing sports games such as football, floorball, badminton, playing board games, colouring, mandalas, jewelry making, etc. These activities are carried out by GPB employees and volunteers.

Impact & Achievements:

- Connection with migrants at early stages of integration
- Directly assist and support people who usually are in a bad shape mentally and physically
- Establishes and maintains good relationship with the State Border Guard
- improved the gym with various sports equipment and supplemented the libraries and children's corners.

Key Words:



Support

Well-Being

Inclusion

Recreation

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