## PROJECT "YOUTH FOR UFMs INTEGRATION"

## → The social context is a barrier to the integration of UFMs

When an UFM flees his/her country and arrives in a foreign country, he/she doesn't know how the society works and has difficulty integrating into it. One of the first barriers is language, then education, housing and many others. This is why our association and other organisations, foundations and associations from all over Europe help them to remove these barriers so that they have all the tools they need for a successful integration into society.

Unfortunately, UFMs are not the only ones responsible for the difficulties of integration. Too often, these difficulties are primarily the result of social exclusion. They are victims of prejudice, discrimination and racism, which are obstacles they are powerless to overcome. The solution to fair and equal integration is to break down prejudices, prevent racism and teach respect for others.

## → Raising awareness among young people against racism and help UFMs to find their place in society

We believe that young people can be the driving force behind the integration of MIEs, they can help them find a place in society by discovering their history, accepting them by their side and considering them as friends and not as enemies.

Our goal is to speak with the German students, to inform them, to educate them against the prejudices that UMFs may suffer when they arrive in Germany. We highlight openness and tolerance, regardless of one's history, background, condition or beliefs.

Since 2019, twice a year, we've been organizing a raising-awareness day, a day in a "Gymnasium" (equivalent of high school in the UK) of Munich or its surroundings in order to present the initiative of our association and to organise exchanges between German students and UFMs.

This project represents a unifying moment between young people from different backgrounds and helps the UFMs to integrate into a group of young people of their own age with whom they can keep a friendship.

## → How is this day organized?

Our action takes place in the following way:

- 1. Brief presentation of the association, its actions, its objectives and the members motivations.
- 2. Testimonies of the association's UFMs. They can talk about their origins, their background, their experience so far in Germany, their difficulties to integrate, the obstacles they face etc.
- 3. Time for exchange between the German students, the UFMs and the members of the association. The students can ask questions, give their opinion on the situation, offer solutions to help the UFMs to integrate...
- 4. Group activities: sports, games, artistic and cultural workshops...

You are a student in highschool and want to participate in our project  $\rightarrow$  Talk about it to the headmaster or teachers of your school!

You are interested in our project and would like to host us for a day in your school? Please contact us at +49 1234 567890 or info@hubi.de