

# Erasmus project: The lecture

## Introduction

In this world, some people need sometimes to immigrate to another country, because there are wars or other dangerous things in theirs. The last month, we contributed to a lecture about that. It was organized by an organization, “Le Pôle médicosocial de l’Essor”, an association: “ Audacia”, and the city hall of Mignaloux Beauvoir. All of them help migrants who are coming from Soudan. They help them with their French, their education, and they try to look for works, this way they can live a better life in France. After that, we had the opportunity to ask some questions about the migrants and their lives in Mignaloux, or about the members who help them. Then, all of us had to write an article about the lecture and our impressions.

For the Erasmus Days, Mr.Clochard, a researcher from Mignaloux, went to Victor Hugo High School in Poitiers and made a lecture about migration and especially migrants in Mignaloux. He showed his research about migration in many countries like in Cyprus, for example.

The association created in Mignaloux for the migrants is a really good thing, because it’s a mind-opening experience for everyone that came to help.

The migrants of the « jungle » of Calais were obligated to leave the shantytown. They had no place to go, so the municipal council talked about this situation and they thought they should help them. All of them agreed to welcome the migrants, but they apprehended the reaction of the inhabitants. They needed food, water, and to learn French as well. So for the beginning, they had some translators. When they arrived, they were in bad health, said the deputy mayor. Next of these events, the welcome center had to close three months after he

was created, so the migrants had to find work to earn money. It was very hard at the beginning but with the time, migrants and the inhabitants finished by getting along well. Then, the city of Mignaloux got an idea to show in the city the travel of all the migrants by staging them with settings. It's interesting to know that at the beginning, the inhabitants and the deputy mayor were not prepared to receive the migrants. Knowing that a lot of people voted for the National Front in Mignaloux. But finally, they accepted them and did a project with them to narrate their stories.

In our position, we can't see ourselves refusing helping migrants because they come from another country or because they have a black skin, and we think that we will see the life in another way.

We were really surprised and moved when we learned about the fact that everybody in Mignaloux helped, because we often hear in the medias that a lot of people don't want to welcome migrants. We're all human beings. The borders or the skin color should not be a hindrance to help.

For example, helping them learning French is very important for their integration among the population and could have brought them a new culture

In our opinion, migrants have suffered enough and have lived enough traumatizing and moving things.

In conclusion, we all agree that it was a good idea. Migrants obviously need help and we all should help them the most that we can.

Even though, when they decided to create an organization they were scared of the inhabitants' reactions. They still keep the project and the citizens reacted really well, better than they hope.

But about the lecture, we thought it was interesting but we would have liked to meet and to hear migrants' point of view.

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