

Project title: GET TOGETHER for inclusion and rights of refugee youth!

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Link to relevant internet pages: <https://bezgranica.hr/>

Project summary:

Young refugees in Croatia face numerous challenges in integrating into the community and lack adequate support through integration policies. At the same time, the local community demonstrates low levels of civic engagement and a need for education in human rights. This project aims to develop civic awareness, solidarity, and knowledge of human rights within the local community in the context of migration and refuge, while also fostering the social inclusion of young refugees through a social mentoring program.

The project is based on a volunteer program where local volunteers are trained and become mentors to young refugees, strengthening the competencies of both groups regarding the human rights of young refugees. The methodology builds on an existing program and introduces an innovative model of inclusion through the activation of local citizens as volunteers working with young refugees. This model serves as an alternative to traditional integration methods, which are often not tailored to the needs of this specific group.

The main outcome of the project will be the development of a methodology that will be made publicly available and shared with other organizations and stakeholders, ensuring the program's sustainability beyond its completion. The results will also be applicable to other target groups, such as youth in alternative care, and to other local communities beyond Croatia, as EU countries face similar challenges in integrating young refugees into society.