

#16. THE BIKE PROJECT

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Since 2013, United Kingdom

www.thebikeproject.co.uk

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Topic relevance

PLAYING TOGETHER / SPECIFIC FOR REFUGEES / INCLUSION / GETTING OPPORTUNITIES / BIKE

Factor of success **CREATING OWNERSHIP**

Type INITIATIVE/PROJECT

Language English

Target population

Refugees and asylum seekers in London. Local inhabitants interested to share their knowledge about bike.

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Synthesis of the good example

The Bike Project is a local initiative running by volunteers who help refugees to have their own bike, learn how to fix it and avoiding them expensive transports fares in London, United Kingdom.

Highlights and outcomes

This example will help you to see how a local community has been created to help newcomers in a city by taking into consideration money values and how a tool like bike provides more than fares matters. It is a link between the community by sharing knowledge. Inspirational chronicles from these encounters collected on the website.

Context and approach

The Bike Project initiative was born from an assessment: London is an expensive city where over 13.500 asylums seekers or refugees flee each year and more than 27.500 bikes are abandoned in the same time. One abandoned bike can save €36 per week on bus fares. If bikes are collected and given to those in a need, it could help accessing daily life activities and necessities (food, banks, legal advice, healthcare, education and much more) while saving money. The Bike Project is built on donations. Most of the bikes are fixed up then donated to refugees or asylum seekers. Some of the bikes received are sold in a special shop, to help fund the work. The project also invites local inhabitants to join workshops to teach mechanics and participating to a mutual assistance community. The organisation is also providing lessons by volunteers for fixing a bike or cycle training for refugee women. It has for objective to be a community of mutual aid.

Information about project/organisation's holder

The Bike Project is a community of refugees, mechanics and volunteers located in London. Established in 2013, the mission is to take second-hand bikes, fix them up and then give them for free to refugees.