

## #22.TEAM HOPE U19

### RHEINFLANKE GGMBH

Since 2016, Germany

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#### Topic relevance

**INCLUSION / SPECIFIC FOR REFUGEES / FOOTBALL / YOUTH ORIENTED**

**Factor of success** CREATING OWNERSHIP

**Type** INITIATIVE/PROJECT

**Language** German

#### Target population

Displaced youth and young adults in Germany

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#### Synthesis of the good example

Team HOPE U19 is a part of HOPE programm, a multi orientated integration program for displaced youth and young adults in Cologne and Berlin. With the help of its national and international networks, RheinFlanke reaches up to 2,000 children and adolescents every week. An easy access to jobcoaching, care, living accomodation and open sport facilities is provided. A particular success of the project is the establishment of a youth team in the official league operation, the HOPE U19 team.

#### Highlights and outcomes

This example shows that the integration of sport is also the result of other success factors provided to the youth such as help for work or social participation. The HOPE program and the focus on sports convey important key competences such as fairness, tolerance and frustration control. The HOPE U19 team is a successful example to help young refugees to gain confidence and receive support from private and individual sponsors.

#### Context and approach

As a part of the HOPE programm, the HOPE U19 team is playing in cooperation with the traditional Cologne club Arminia 09 since the 2016 season. The team is composed by young people and young adults with a migration background and have for main objective to find by football practise a way to integrate their new home. Due to the high demand of football requests from mostly underage interested parties as well as the generally increasing number of participants in the program, RheinFlanke is also planning to build up a U17 team in the coming year.

#### Information about project/organisation's holder

RheinFlanke gGmbH was founded in Cologne in 2006 and today is the sponsor for youth work and refugee aid at several locations throughout Germany. The non-profit organization targets children and adolescents who have less access to education and training and to social participation. In addition, RheinFlanke offers holistic, needs-based support programs including a flexible combination of educational and vocational training measures as well as outreach services.