

#8.FC LAMPEDUSA HAMBURG

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Topic relevance

FIGHTING DISCRIMINATION / SPECIFIC FOR REFUGEES / FOOTBALL

Factor of success

CREATING OWNERSHIP

Type

INITIATIVE/PROJECT

Language

English, German, Italian

Target population

Refugees living in Hamburg, Germany.

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Synthesis of the good example

FC Lampedusa Hamburg is a football club founded by the players from the Lampedusa Refugee Group in Hamburg. The West African migrants who worked for years in Libya until they had to flee from violence and war across the Mediterranean Sea to Lampedusa island in Italy. FC Lampedusa Hamburg welcomes all refugees and migrants over the age of 16, regardless of their nationality, ethnicity, religion or sexual orientation. It has a political component, and as a self-organised club it follows its own principles of making football available to everyone. FC Lampedusa does not only offer the opportunity to train and play with all immigrants, refugees and locals of Hamburg, it also gives them a space to speak up about their situation and desires. They also organise several other events to provide information about the situation and the rights of refugees in Hamburg, Germany and Europe.

Context and approach

Over 300 of the so-called 'Lampedusa Refugees' arrived in winter 2012/13 in Hamburg and were given shelter via the municipal winter emergency program. When this program ended, the people were forced to live on the streets whilst the Hamburg Senate urged them to 'return' to Italy. Eighty of these refugees were given shelter in the St. Pauli Church and were warmly welcomed into the local community with the support of the neighbourhood residents and fans of the FC St. Pauli. Here FC Lampedusa Hamburg has its roots.

Highlights and outcomes

This team is a good example of the fight against discrimination on a local level. The importance of this program also lies in their political component: FC Lampedusa does not only offer the opportunity to train and play, it also gives them a space to speak up about their situation and desires. FC Lampedusa Hamburg wants to create awareness and draw attention to the evils of European refugee policy and the situation of refugees in Hamburg, in Germany and in the wider European Community.

Information about project/organisation's holder

They are a self-organized football club, founded by players from the Lampedusa Refugee Group in Hamburg. The Coaching Crew consists of five women. For many years, these women have been involved in running the women's and girls' football department as well as in various other social projects connected to the FC St. Pauli.