

KRAAINEM FOOTBALL CLUB CONVERSATION TABLES FOR YOUNG REFUGEES

Since 2015 and for three afternoons a week, the amateur football club Royal Europa Kraainem FC, located in the north-east of Brussels, has been hosting groups of 6-10 unaccompanied young refugees seeking asylum (MENA) and staying in Fedasil centres in Woluwe Saint-Pierre and Rixensart.

These 12-18 year olds are offered conversation tables by the Club. The conversation tables are led by volunteers on a wide range of topics to facilitate their understanding and integration in the European Union and in Belgium in particular. Afterwards the youngsters participate in training sessions with the Club's youth teams, share a meal at the cafeteria, and are taken back by minibus to their Fedasil base centre.

The Club is looking for volunteers who would be willing to lead, alone or with others, a conversation table (which are held in French or English and take place on Tuesdays and Fridays between 17-18), bearing in mind that these young asylum seekers, when they go to the Club, have just arrived in Belgium from sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East, Afghanistan...

It should be noted that their academic level is often limited.

The Kraainem Club initiative is one of the European pilot projects supported by the Erasmus + programme.

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