

Agents of Change

Brochure





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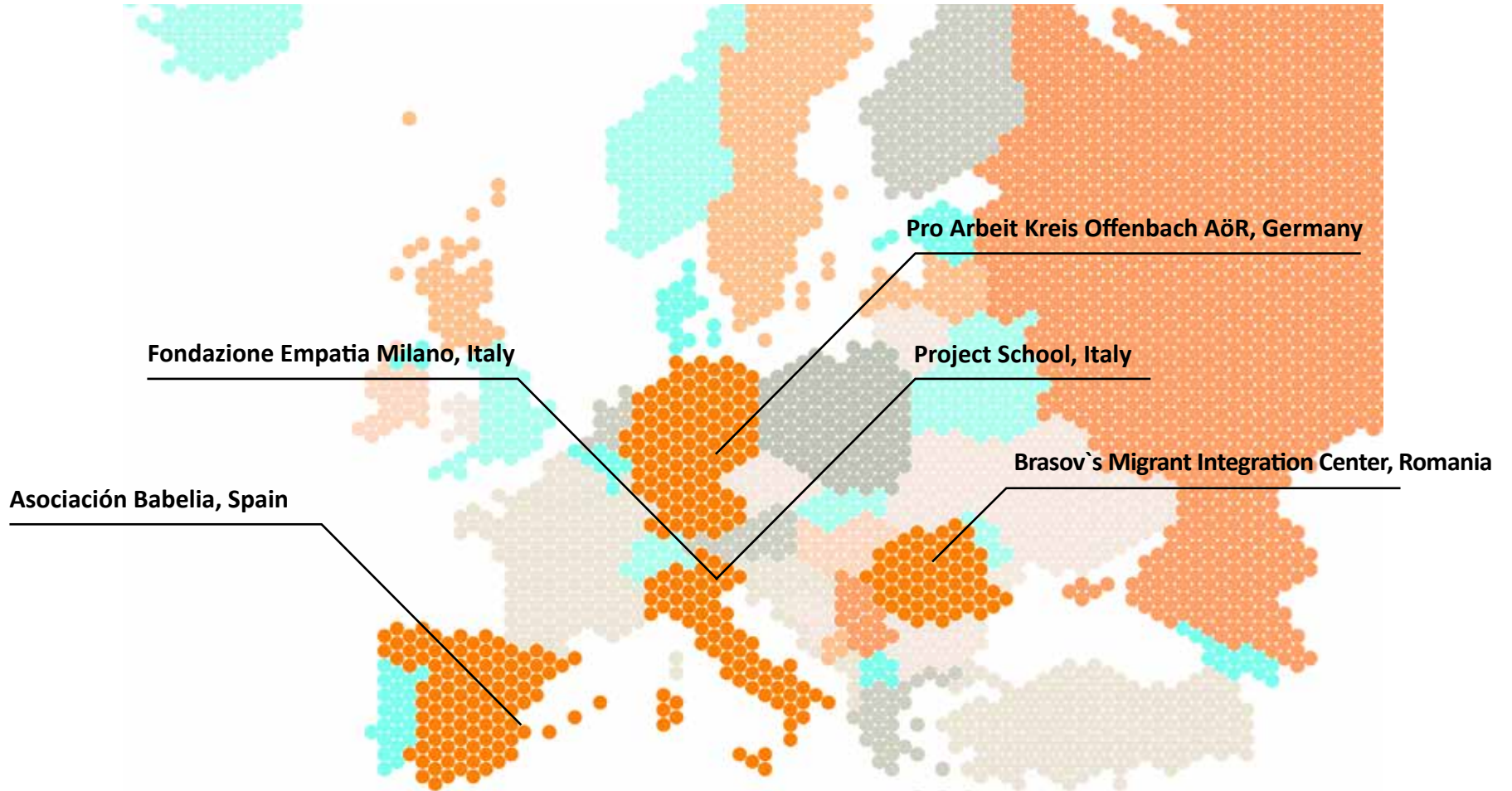


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Partners





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PROJECT SCHOOL (PS) www.projectschooleu

aims to increase the quality of initiatives and projects with a social impact by working on everyone's skills. PS will lead the design and implementation of WP4: Inclusion. In particular, it will use its methodology for supporting agents of change and local stakeholders in the design and implementation of engagement strategies which can bring a real added value and impact in the communities they are tested. Further to WP4, PS will support the partners in the design and delivery of all project activities.



FEM FONDAZIONE EMPATIA MILANO www.fondazioneempatiamilano.com

gathers various expertise/members in the areas of social and cultural affairs (i.e. psychologists, social researchers, media experts, artists). FEM develops and undertakes innovative cultural activities that encourage dialogue and attention towards people with fragilities such as mental disease, immigration, etc. Within the EMPATHY project FEM will coordinate WP 3 on Integration, and will participate in and develop various project activities in the local context of Milano.



PRO ARBEIT - KREIS OFFENBACH - (AÖR) <https://www.proarbeit-kreis-of.de/>

is a public institution and acting as a job centre in the County of Offenbach (Hesse, Germany) since 2005. Their legal mandate is to support people in social need. Pro Arbeit main tasks are to grant benefits to secure the livelihood of the beneficiaries and to accompany their integration into the labour market so that they can permanently support themselves from their own resources. As a project coordinator, Pro Arbeit will be mainly responsible for project management, will promote the project's EU added value and will ensure the overall project's progress and implementation.





Partners



BRASOV'S MIGRANT INTEGRATION CENTER www.migrantbrasov.ro

has become a model for other NGOs in Romania acting in the field of migrant integration through its tradition in teaching Romanian language to migrants, offering innovative cultural accommodation sessions, multicultural festivals, educational and recreational activities and information and counselling services.

In this project Migrant Integration Center in Brasov contribute with Brasov experience in delivering orientation and integration services to people with migration background. The novelty of this project is that Brasov Center will create an integration program for migrant youth designed together with young migrants and young Romanians altogether.



ASOCIACIÓN BABELIA www.asociacionbabelia.org

is a non-profit organization with an expertise in the field of immigration and interculturality. Its vision is to contribute to the enrichment of our multicultural society by promoting intercultural coexistence, social cohesion and equal opportunities.

Babelia's commitment to multiculturalism and social justice will be put at EMPATHY's disposal by developing activities focused on capacity building in order to support the inclusion of newly arrived migrants in good quality education.



Summary of the orientation

As the first phase of the capacity-building measures under the empathy project, an orientation phase was designed and implemented. This involved a series of activities aimed at providing newcomers in particular with important information for their smooth integration into German society. It also aimed to create a platform for locals and newcomers to get to know each other, interact and exchange ideas, and to provide an opportunity for project staff to recruit participants as „agents of change“ for the project.

The orientation programme conducted by Pro Arbeit was launched with a public event entitled „The Journey of Empathy“. The event was widely attended by the public and included a number of activities, including a presentation about the project, a theatre performance on empathy followed by a discussion with the audience, and a musical performance on diversity by the project’s patron. The event aimed to create a platform to promote the project to the public and to attract young participants to the project. At the events, mainly young people actively participated in the different activities. The interest of the participants after the programme was overwhelming, so that two youth organisations (WISA and the Youth Parliament, Dietzenbach) actively participated.



Summary of the orientation

WISA is an organisation composed of newly arrived migrants (about 42 members on Facebook) from the Middle East and Africa, while the Youth Parliament is composed of locals from Dietzenbach and the surrounding area. The members of these youth groups are between 16 and 27 years old.

Together with these two groups and other participants, the orientation phase was conducted with regular meetings and various activities every fortnight. These activities include visits to the cinema, a film and discussion about Anne Frank and the Second World War, a discussion with a victim about conflict and disability, a discussion about developing a document for the newcomers and fun games.

Finally, the various participants in our regular events expressed their interest in being involved in the project as „agents of change“, which led to their inclusion in the project. As proposed in the project proposal, there are 20 „agents of change“, consisting of 10 newcomers and 10 locals. Preparations for the next phase of the project are well advanced.



Quote

„Much better than condemning racism is to nip it in the bud. The cornerstones for this are provided by us, each and every one of us. That’s why I’m all the more pleased to be able to share my experiences and views with those involved in the European project „EMPATHY“ and to accompany them.“

Ilyas Mokhlis, patron of the project at local level (Germany).



Ilyas Mokhlis, Photo: Daniel Lisbona

Find out more about Ilyas
in his interview:



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International Academy, Milano

Project school hosted an important feature of the Project termed as the International Academy in Milan, Italy. The event, which lasted 3 days, created the platform for the Project's Agents of Change (10 from each partner, 40 in total), partner staffs and External Advisory Board members to meet each other, exchange knowledge regarding the project's activities and outputs. They also developed and shared a sense of belonging to the project, which could contribute to increase their commitment and motivation even beyond the project's duration.

The event comprised of sessions that simulated possible engagement and pilot activities that the local agents of change will implement in the last part of the project (The Inclusion phase). With the support of the Project School experts, the project partners, the External Advisory Board members as well as the Agents of Change, participants built capacities on how to creatively design and manage the delivery of the local engagement plans and eventually spread the Empathy Revolution.





Agents of Change

The EMPATHY Project aims at changing the negative perceptions about migrants and improving the processes of their social and economic integration. To address these, the project sought to equip all stakeholders and people involved in the project with the requisite capacities, understanding and collaboration which will be employed in the pursuit of attitudes and actions to prevent and combat racism, xenophobia, intolerance and any form of violence against “otherness”. In this regard, the project’s primaryily targetted young people especially, as drivers of the project’s activities. These young people comprise of both newly arrived migrants and local youths between the ages of 16-30 years old. The project had a two-sided effects directed at the youth, theses are; through the empowerment of the newly arrived young migrants with regards to their possibilities, capacities, and rights among others in their new environment and by enabling the local youths on the other hand to gain hands-on information and understanding regarding the plights of migrants in the process. Thus, the project brough together these two groups and provided a platfrom for mutual exchange of ideas and perspectives between migrant youths and locals.



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During these processes, 20 (Per partner) of these youth 10 migrants and 10 locals were selected based on their commitment and motivation to voluntarily serve as the project's Agents of Change. The role of the Agents of change is generally to lead and drive the project activities with the support of the project staff and other stakeholders involved in the project. Specifically, the Agents of Change played the following roles among others:

- participate in a basic orientation programme that will allow for a first transfer of knowledge and network building.
- Under the guidance of Project partners, co-designed a training programme. listing key topics, modalities and targeted skills and capacities to be enhanced and tested through an integration capacity building programme delivered through open workshops where both partners' staff and external experts participated.
- They Participated in the international academy in Milan where 10 Agents of Change from all partners met at the European level to build their capacities and broaden their networks.
- Supervised by partners, the Agents of Change worked and developed a plan, including the vision to be pursued, and chose the specific actions to deliver as well as identified partners and defining audience and media to use for channelling messages which will lead to the achievement of the project's objectives.
- The young Agents of Change are implementing local engagement activities to spread an Empathy Revolution in their communities which will lead to the achievement of the aims of the project.

This Brochure present to you the Agents of Change from all partners involved in the project.



Abdoulah Madi Camara

Asociación Babelia, Spain

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Edad: **24 años**

Bagaje Cultural: **UK**

Lugar de residencia: **Pego, España**

Age: **24 years old**

Cultural Background: **UK**

Place of residence: **Pego, Spain**



„Nacido y criado en Londres, Inglaterra, actualmente estoy viviendo en Pego, Alicante, donde trabajo como auxiliar de conversación en un colegio público. Ayudar a mis alumnos a mejorar sus competencias lingüísticas en inglés es una experiencia muy enriquecedora a la que se suma mi esfuerzo por aprender el español y el valenciano, los cuales nunca antes había estudiado. El proyecto Empathy parece ser el vehículo perfecto para una persona como yo, a la que le encanta enseñar, aprender y generar cambio. Como alguien que ha experimentado prejuicios en repetidas ocasiones debido a factores que no puedo controlar, creo firmemente que compartir experiencias personales puede contribuir a la educación de los y las jóvenes sobre los efectos negativos que los prejuicios tienen en el conjunto de la sociedad y por qué éstos son intolerables.“

"Born and raised in London, England, I currently find myself living and working in Pego, Alicante, as a language assistant. It has been a very enriching experience helping my students improve their proficiency in the English language, whilst simultaneously learning Spanish and Valencian, having arrived unable to speak either.

The Empathy project appears to be the perfect vehicle for a person such as myself, who adores teaching, learning and creating change. As someone who has experienced prejudice many times in my life based on factors beyond my control, I believe that sharing personal experiences can help to educate youths on the effects that prejudice has on society as a whole and why it is intolerable."



Agustina Kesselman

Asociación Babelia, Spain

Agustina Kesselman

Edad: **22 años**

Bagaje Cultural: **España**

Lugar de residencia: **España**

Age: **22 years old**

Cultural Background: **Spain**

Place of residence: **Spain**



„Soy una persona muy responsable, puntual, organizada y limpia. Me gusta trabajar en equipo y tengo gran facilidad para aprender. Fue durante el proyecto “Músicos por la Salud”, en el que participé como artista invitada en el Hospital de la Vila Joiosa, donde más claramente me sentí atraída por la posibilidad que me ofrece la música para influir positivamente en las generaciones venideras.

Empathy me ofreció una plataforma desde la cual aportar mi punto de vista no sólo como músico, sino también como experta en idiomas. La transversalidad del proyecto cubre un amplio espectro de las necesidades de la población migrante. Adicionalmente, estaré encantada de que Empathy alcance al mayor número de personas gracias a mi conocimiento políglota. “

“I consider myself a very responsible, punctual, organized and tidy person. I like working in a team and I have great ability to learn. It was during the „Musicians for Health“ project, in which I participated as a guest artist at the Hospital de la Vila Joiosa, where I was most clearly attracted by the possibility that music offers to influence future generations in a positive way.

Empathy offered me a platform from which I can share my point of view not only as a musician, but also as a language expert. The transversality of the project covers a wide spectrum of the needs of the migrant population. Moreover, I will be delighted to chip in so Empathy can reach the largest number of people thanks to my multilingual knowledge”



Alejandro García Cutillas

Asociación Babelia, Spain

Alejandro García Cutillas

Edad: **30 años**

Bagaje Cultural: **España**

Lugar de residencia: **Novelda, España**

Age: **30 years old**

Cultural Background: **Spain**

Place of residence: **Novelda, Spain**



„En la actualidad estoy matriculado en el Grado de Estudios Árabes e Islámicos en la Universidad de Alicante. Me matriculé en este grado por mi interés en el pasado andalusí de la península ibérica. Esta parte de la historia suele ser ignorada y creo que su aprendizaje puede ayudar a conectar con la población árabe y musulmana. Además, en el grado, también se imparten lecciones de historia contemporánea del mundo árabe, por lo que creo que estos estudios complementan lo aprendido en el curso de Empathy ya que ofrecen un gran conocimiento cultural y de lenguas. El proyecto Empathy me parece de gran importancia, ya que comparto sus ideales de solidaridad e igualdad: buscamos mejorar la situación de los migrantes y crear una sociedad libre de odio e intolerancia. En este proyecto he podido aprender mucho sobre la situación de la población migrante en España y el racismo institucional, además de amplios conocimientos del ámbito legal. Me gustaría continuar con este aprendizaje para ayudar a la sociedad en la manera que pueda. Gracias a este proyecto he podido conocer a otras personas que también buscan una mejor sociedad y me gustaría seguir trabajando con gente que comparta estos objetivos.“

"I am currently studying Arab and Islamic Studies at the University of Alicante. I enrolled in this degree because of my interest in the Al-Andalusí past of the Iberian Peninsula. This part of History is often ignored and I believe that a good knowledge of it can help us to connect with the Arab and Muslim population. In addition, the degree also offers lessons in contemporary History of the Arab world. These studies complement what we learned in the Empathy course, since they offer a great cultural and language knowledge. The Empathy project seems to me of great importance, since I share its ideals of solidarity and equality: we seek to improve the situation of migrants and create a society free of hatred and intolerance. In this project I have been able to learn a lot about the situation of the migrant population in Spain and its institutional racism, in addition to gaining extensive knowledge of immigration laws. I would like to continue learning so I could help society in any way that I can. Thanks to this project I have been able to meet other people who are also in pursuit of a better society and I would like to continue working with those who share these goals."



Alicia Sanchis García

Asociación Babelia, Spain

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Edad: **22 años**

Bagaje Cultural: **España**

Lugar de residencia: **Alicante, España**

Age: **22 years old**

Cultural Background: **Spain**

Place of residence: **Alicante, Spain**



„Soy una persona con gran capacidad de trabajo, tanto de forma individual como en equipo. Me considero respetuosa, tolerante, empática y resolutiva, sobre todo en situaciones adversas. Además destaco por tener un carácter formal, pero extrovertido que me facilita la comunicación y el entendimiento con las personas. Es un honor para mí ser agente de cambio e igualdad porque Empathy me ofrece la oportunidad de estar al tanto de los nuevos progresos y novedades en mi área de especialidad mientras mantengo el contacto directo con la realidad en un entorno multicultural.“

"I am a person with great ability to work both as an individual and as a team member. I consider myself a respectful, tolerant, empathetic and decisive person, especially in adverse situations. I am a formal but also outgoing person, which facilitates interaction and communication with others. Being an agent of change makes me proud because Empathy gives me the opportunity to keep abreast of new developments and innovations in my area of expertise while I maintain a direct contact with reality in an intercultural environment."



Cristina Asencio Serrano

Asociación Babelia, Spain

Cristina Asencio Serrano

Edad: **26 años**

Bagaje Cultural: **España**

Lugar de residencia: **Alicante, España**

Age: **26 years old**

Cultural Background: **Spain**

Place of residence: **Alicante, Spain**



„Mi nombre es Cristina Asencio, graduada en Filología Hispánica por la Universidad de Granada. A pesar de que actualmente estoy cursando un doctorado en literatura cubana mediante un contrato laboral en la Universidad de Alicante, la enseñanza del español como lengua extranjera siempre ha estado presente tanto en mi formación como en mi experiencia laboral. Tras asistir a las jornadas de Mediación Intercultural he podido comprobar la importancia de la empatía, de la paciencia, del conocimiento de la lengua, las culturas, el derecho y la legislación para afrontar los posibles conflictos interculturales, así como la necesidad de la figura del mediador como agente de cambio de nuestra realidad local. Por todo eso, me gustaría poder seguir participando en este proyecto europeo que busca crear una sociedad mejor e involucrar a sus jóvenes, depositar en ellos la confianza para mejorar el futuro e impulsarlos para que la pluralidad adquiera el grado de riqueza y no el de división en este mundo global.“

" My name is Cristina Asencio, and I completed a degree in Spanish language and literature at the University of Granada. Although I am currently studying for a PhD in Cuban literature at the University of Alicante, the teaching of Spanish as a foreign language has always been present both during my training and in my work experience. After attending the training course on Intercultural Mediation I have been able to corroborate the importance of the empathy, the patience, the language and culture, the law and the legislation to handle possible intercultural conflicts, as well as the important role an intercultural mediator plays as an agent of change in our local reality. For this reason, I would like to be able to continue participating in this European project that seeks to create a better society and involve its young people, placing in them the trust to improve our future and to encourage them so that diversity could be seen as an asset and not as a division in this global world."



Hani Ouchefoune

Asociación Babelia, Spain

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Edad: **26 años**

Bagaje Cultural: **España**

Lugar de residencia: **Alicante, España**

Age: **26 years old**

Cultural Background: **Spain**

Place of residence: **Alicante, Spain**



„Me llamo Hani soy arquitecto y actualmente estoy cursando un máster en desarrollo local e innovación territorial en la Universidad de Alicante. Soy voluntario de Cruz Roja Española y formo parte del Voluntariado Lingüístico, el cual se encuentra enmarcado en el proyecto de dinamización del Servicio de Lenguas de la Universidad de Alicante. Cuando me hablaron sobre el proyecto Empathy y sobre la posibilidad de convertirme en un agente de cambio, enseguida di el paso adelante. Empathy es un gran proyecto centrado en el fomento de una sociedad libre de racismo y discriminación y estoy seguro de que podría encajar en el equipo gracias a mi propia pasión por la diversidad por un lado y a la visión del proyecto por otro. Creo que convertirnos en agentes de cambio puede ser una experiencia enriquecedora para todas las personas que lo forman y, por lo tanto, podría influir positivamente en nuestras vidas.“

"My name is Hani, I am an architect and I am currently studying a master's degree in local development and territorial innovation at the University of Alicante. I am a volunteer of the Spanish Red Cross and I am part of the Linguistic Volunteering, which is part of the revitalization project of the Language Service of the University of Alicante. When they told me about the Empathy project and the possibility of becoming a change agent, I immediately took the step forward. Empathy is a great project focused on fostering a society free of racism and discrimination and I am sure that I could fit in the team thanks to my own passion for diversity on the one hand and the vision of the project on the other. I believe that becoming agents of change can be an enriching experience for all the people who form it and, therefore, could positively influence our lives."



Svetlana Klimova

Asociación Babelia, Spain

Svetlana Klimova

Edad: **35 años**

Bagaje Cultural: **Rusia**

Lugar de residencia: **Alicante, España**

Age: **35 years old**

Cultural Background: **Russia**

Place of residence: **Alicante, Spain**



„Crecí en un entorno completamente monolingüe y monocultural donde nadie ni siquiera tenía pasaporte, ni hablaba otro idioma. Una vez que descubrí la existencia de otros países e idiomas, quedé absolutamente cautivada. Esto me llevó a estudiar lingüística en la universidad y encendió mi pasión por la interculturalidad, lo que me ha llevado a vivir y trabajar en cinco países: Rusia, Estados Unidos, Suecia, China y España. Dentro de mi experiencia personal y profesional y como formadora de idiomas, he llegado a la conclusión de que el uso adecuado de una lengua extranjera resulta más complicado si no se tiene en cuenta la competencia intercultural, que es un tema que siempre me ha apasionado. Es lo que me ha llevado recientemente a formarme y obtener el certificado de formador intercultural. Desafortunadamente, la comunicación intercultural no siempre está llena de momentos positivos y yo misma he vivido tales experiencias donde la falta de empatía y la ignorancia afectaron la comunicación. Participando en el proyecto Empathy me gustaría contribuir al desarrollo de la convivencia y comunicación intercultural eficaz en la sociedad donde vivo.“

"I grew up in a completely monolingual and monocultural environment where no one even had a passport, nor did they speak any other language. Once I discovered the existence of other countries and languages, I was absolutely captivated. As a result, I studied linguistics at the university which ignited my passion for interculturality and has subsequently led me to live and work in five different countries: Russia, the United States, Sweden, China and Spain. In my personal and professional experience as a language teacher, I have come to the conclusion that the proper use of a foreign language is more complicated if intercultural competence is not taken into account, which is a topic that has always fascinated me. It is what has recently led me to complete a training course and obtain the certificate of intercultural trainer. Unfortunately, intercultural communication is not always full of positive moments and I myself have lived such experiences where lack of empathy and ignorance affected communication. By participating in the Empathy project, I would like to contribute to the coexistence and effective intercultural communication in the society I live in."



Mar Pàmies Martínez

Asociación Babelia, Spain

Mar Pàmies Martínez

Edad: **18 años**

Bagaje Cultural: **España**

Lugar de residencia: **Valencia, España**

Age: **18 years old**

Cultural Background: **Spain**

Place of residence: **Valencia, Spain**



„Me llamo Mar Pàmies Martínez y soy de Alicante, aunque estudio Filosofía en la Universidad de Valencia. Me gusta mucho el arte, reflexionar y conocer a gente nueva. Siempre me ha interesado el intercambio cultural, viajar y conocer a gente de otros lugares con los que pueda aprender y aceptar lo diferente a mí. Me interesa formar parte del proyecto Empathy porque me parece realmente interesante e importante trabajar ciertos valores con el fin de hacer espacios cada vez más inclusivos y abiertos a la diversidad. Creo que estas experiencias me pueden aportar muchas cosas y que yo también puedo contribuir a los objetivos.“

"My name is Mar Pàmies Martínez and I am from Alicante, although I am currently studying Philosophy at the University of Valencia. I love art and I like thinking about life and meeting new people. I have always been interested in cultural exchange, traveling and meeting people from other countries which, in my opinion, enables you to understand and accept what is different about others. My interest in being part of the Empathy project has to do with the added value of creating inclusive meeting points where diversity is at its core. I believe that this type of experience can influence our lives positively and that, in addition, I could contribute to the achievement of the projects goals."



María Canales Corbí

Asociación Babelia, Spain

María Canales Corbí

Edad: **21 años**

Bagaje Cultural: **España**

Lugar de residencia: **Alicante, España**

Age: **21 years old**

Cultural Background: **Spain**

Place of residence: **Alicante, Spain**



„Mi nombre es María y actualmente estoy cursando el grado de Traducción e Interpretación en la Universidad de Alicante. Las lenguas con las que trabajo y que tengo consolidadas son el inglés, el francés y el español, aunque he empezado a aprender chino y también me gustaría aprender alemán. Me interesan todas las áreas relacionadas con la traducción y la interpretación, con la enseñanza de lenguas y con la corrección. Estoy dispuesta a aprender de cualquier experiencia y de cualquier ámbito. Me interesa mucho la inclusión social y defiendo la importancia que tiene su fomento en nuestra sociedad, ya que es la base de todo cambio. Como futuro agente de cambio, creo firmemente que el idioma es una herramienta social indispensable, algo que va mucho más allá de la gramática o el vocabulario.“

"My name is María and I am currently studying Translation and Interpreting at the University of Alicante. The languages that I work with are English, French and Spanish, although I have started to learn Chinese and I would also like to learn German. I am interested in all areas related to translation and interpretation, language teaching and proofreading. I am eager to learn new skills and competences. I am very interested in social inclusion and I defend the importance of its promotion within our society, since it is the basis of all change. As a future agent of change, I firmly believe that language is an indispensable social tool, something that goes far beyond grammar or vocabulary."



María Camila Jiménez Gómez

Asociación Babelia, Spain

María Camila Jiménez Gómez

Edad: **28 años**

Age: **28 years old**

Bagaje Cultural: **España**

Cultural Background: **Spain**

Lugar de residencia: **Alicante, España**

Place of residence: **Alicante, Spain**



„Desde que estudié mi carrera en psicología he tenido clara mi vocación social, por lo cual a continuación estudié un máster en cooperación internacional y mediación intercultural. Posteriormente he seguido ligada al mundo del voluntariado, los servicios a nivel social y de juventud de mi comunidad. Al ver el proyecto Empathy mi interés ha sido claro, ya que va en la línea de lo que estoy haciendo acerca del desarrollo y la implementación de proyectos educativos para la juventud. Creo que podría darme la oportunidad de aprender más sobre los temas tratados en el proyecto así como de poner en práctica toda mi experiencia y de poder desarrollarme más en este ámbito.“

"Having completed my studies in psychology, I soon pursued my passion for social work which led me to enrolling for a master's degree in international cooperation and intercultural mediation. Subsequently, I have continued to volunteer in projects focused on social and youth services in my community. I personally find the Empathy project interesting, since it is in line with the development and implementation of educational projects aimed at youth in which I am involved. I believe it could give me the opportunity to learn more about the topics covered in the project and it will enable me to put all my experience into practice, thus improving my skills in this area."



Maxi Sandra Molina Juan

Asociación Babelia, Spain

Maxi Sandra Molina Juan

Edad: **26 años**

Bagaje Cultural: **España**

Lugar de residencia: **Alicante, España**

Age: **26 years old**

Cultural Background: **Spain**

Place of residence: **Alicante, Spain**



„Maxi o Sandra Molina Juan, también conocido como SandraMJ en internet, es un hombre trans español con más de 8 años de experiencia trabajando en distintas industrias artísticas. Hoy día su trabajo se centra en ser Director Creativo, Director de Doblaje y Director de Arte de una amplia cantidad de juegos indies, entre los que se encuentra su propio juego, The Hayseed Knight. Sin embargo, cuenta entre su experiencia con trabajos como Escritor, Traductor, Editor, Artista 2D y una larga lista de créditos como Colorista de Cómics ya retirado para empresas de la talla de Blizzard, DC Comics y Dark Horse entre muchas otras.

“Creo que construir un mundo justo es el deber de cada persona, y que cada granito de arena que ponemos como aliados hacia ese ideal, tanto a nivel individual como colectivo, va formando una fuerza capaz de exponer y cambiar las injusticias a las que nos enfrentamos en nuestro día a día. La motivación de Empathy de crear una sociedad que sea consciente de la situación en la que se encuentra la población migrante, más allá de los prejuicios y el desconocimiento, me parece una causa de vital importancia a la que quiero dedicar mi esfuerzo”.

"Maxi or Sandra Molina Juan, also known as SandraMJ on the Internet, is a Spanish trans man with more than 8 years of experience working across different artistic industries. Currently their work focuses on being Creative Director, Voice Director and Art Director for a wide range of indie games, including their own game, The Hayseed Knight. Moreover, their professional experience includes working as a Writer, Translator, Editor, 2D Artist and a long list of credits as a comic book colorist, having worked for companies such as Blizzard, DC Comics and Dark Horse among others.

"I believe that building a just world is a responsibility of each person, and we can all do our bit, both as individuals and as a group, to expose and fight injustice that we face in our day to day life. Empathy's main objective to raise awareness of the situation the migrant population lives in, beyond prejudice and ignorance, seems to me a cause of vital importance to which I want to dedicate my effort"."



Mohamed El Aimani

Asociación Babelia, Spain

Mohamed El Aimani

Edad: **37 años**

Bagaje Cultural: **Marruecos**

Lugar de residencia: **Alicante, España**

Age: **37 years old**

Cultural Background: **Marocco**

Place of residence: **Alicante, Spain**



„Mi nombre es Mohamed El Aimani y soy de origen marroquí. Estuve viviendo en Chile durante diez años aproximadamente: siete como inmigrante y tres como chileno. Llegué a la ciudad de Alicante con mi familia por decisión personal y a día de hoy me considero chileno inmigrante. Mi motivación para participar en el proyecto Empathy es continuar formándome como mediador intercultural. Desde que llegué a la ciudad he colaborado con diferentes organizaciones y he estado ayudando a personas inmigrantes como yo que tenían dificultades con el idioma. Les he acompañado en todos los procesos de integración en la comunidad y les he ayudado con la burocracia, lo que me ha producido grandes satisfacciones tanto personales como emocionales. Espero cumplir con este nuevo desafío para ampliar mi formación y poder así ayudar a otros.“

"My name is Mohamed El Aimani and I am of Moroccan origin. I was living in Chile for approximately ten years: seven as an immigrant and three as a Chilean. I decided to come to the city of Alicante with my family and today I consider myself a Chilean immigrant. My motivation for participating in the Empathy project is to continue my training as an intercultural mediator. Since I came to the city I have collaborated with different organizations and I have been helping immigrant people like me who had difficulties with the language. I have accompanied them in all the integration processes in the community and I have helped them with the bureaucracy, which has given me great personal and emotional satisfaction. I hope to accomplish this new challenge in order to expand my training and thus be able to help others."



Natalia Blas Hernández

Asociación Babelia, Spain

Natalia Blas Hernández

Edad: **31 años**

Bagaje Cultural: **España**

Lugar de residencia: **Alicante, España**

Age: **31 years old**

Cultural Background: **Spain**

Place of residence: **Alicante, Spain**



„Mi interés para participar en el proyecto nace de la necesidad personal y también a nivel general de afianzar y reforzar la diversidad entre culturas. Creo que proyectos como Empathy impulsan y promueven la tolerancia, el respeto mutuo y la convivencia pacífica en una comunidad diversa.

Para mí sería un honor formar parte de esta iniciativa y creo que mis conocimientos tanto en Mediación Intercultural como en Cultura y Civilizaciones, así como también mi experiencia en contacto con diversas culturas e idiomas podrían ser de su interés y para el proyecto en sí.“

"My interest in getting on board with the project stems from a personal perspective but also from the existing need to strengthen and reinforce diversity between cultures. I believe that projects like Empathy encourage and promote tolerance, mutual respect and peaceful coexistence in a diverse community.

It would be an honor for me to be part of this initiative as I believe that my knowledge in both Intercultural Mediation and Culture and Civilizations, including my experience in different cultures and languages could be of interest to your organization and for the project itself."



Oleksandra Pedchenko Turchenko

Asociación Babelia, Spain

Oleksandra Pedchenko Turchenko

Edad: **21 años**

Age: **21 years old**

Bagaje Cultural: **Ucrania**

Cultural Background: **Ukraine**

Lugar de residencia: **Alicante, España**

Place of residence: **Alicante, Spain**



„Mi nombre es Sacha. Soy una estudiante del doble grado de Turismo y Administración de Empresas en la Universidad de Alicante. Soy una chica de 21 años que vino desde Ucrania a España con dos años a vivir en Alicante. Hablo ucraniano, español, inglés y un nivel básico de ruso. Soy una persona con muchas ganas de aprender, poder tener la oportunidad de escuchar a otras personas y sobre todo concienciarme de este sentimiento, la empatía. Me caracterizo como una persona ambiciosa, optimista y trabajadora. Por eso, escribo esta carta. Quiero aprender y me gustaría formar parte de este proyecto. Sería un placer poder combinar mis estudios con esta experiencia y sobre todo adquirir nuevos fundamentos para crecer personalmente y ayudar a otras personas.“

"My name is Sacha. I am currently studying for a double bachelor's degree in Tourism and Business Management at the University of Alicante. I am a 21-year-old girl who came from Ukraine to Spain at the age of two. I speak Ukrainian, Spanish, English, and I have a basic knowledge of Russian. I am willing to learn and I am looking forward to listening to other people and contributing to raising awareness about the importance of empathy. I am an ambitious, optimistic and hard-working person. I am therefore writing this letter. I want to learn, and I would like to join this project. It would be an honor for me to combine my studies with this experience and especially to be able to acquire new knowledge for growing personally and helping other people."



Samir Bianchi

Asociación Babelia, Spain

Samir Bianchi

Edad: **19 años**

Bagaje Cultural: **España**

Lugar de residencia: **Alicante, España**

Age: **19 years old**

Cultural Background: **Spain**

Place of residence: **Alicante, Spain**



„Me llamo Samir y me involucré en el proyecto Empathy desde el principio. Aunque siempre me he considerado una persona en formación continua, la naturaleza del proyecto me hace pensar que podría sumar a él mi motivación y, quizá, contribuir con alguna de las lenguas que hablo. Para mí es toda una suerte haber nacido en una familia mixta (mi madre es colombiana y mi padre, italiano). Dentro de mis limitaciones, me veo a mí mismo como una persona con una gran capacidad de adaptación, optimización, versatilidad y facilidad para trabajar a la vez en varias tareas. Mis dotes comunicativas son más que óptimas tanto con los miembros de mi equipo de trabajo como con personas externas al mismo.“

"My name is Samir and I was involved in the Empathy project from the beginning. Although I have always considered myself a person in need to complete my learning process, the nature of the project makes me think that I could add my motivation to it and, perhaps, contribute with one of the languages I speak. I consider myself very lucky for having been born into a mixed family (my mother is Colombian and my father, Italian). Within my limitations, I see myself as a person with a great capacity of adaptation, optimization-oriented, versatile and able to multitask. My communication skills are more than optimal with both the members of my work team and with people outside of it."



Ana Bello Moralesko

Asociación Babelia, Spain

Ana Bello Morales

Edad: **42 años**

Bagaje Cultural: **Colombia**

Lugar de residencia: **Alicante, España**

Age: **42 years old**

Cultural Background: **Colombia**

Place of residence: **Alicante, Spain**



„Mi nombre es Ana Bello Morales, una persona con muchas inquietudes y ganas de trabajar por hacer de este un mundo más tolerante. Precisamente la búsqueda de mecanismos para lograr este objetivo me ha llevado a especializarme en el tratamiento de temas sociales. Conocimientos que intento trasladar cada día a mi “pequeña parcela” (Mi ámbito personal y laboral). No creo en las casualidades, por eso estoy convencida de que mi llegada a Empathy hace parte de esa búsqueda constante por encontrarme y encontrar a otras personas en el camino que conduce hacia la construcción de una sociedad más justa. Un camino que seguramente será más fácil de recorrer con el compromiso y la colaboración de todos/as. Muchas gracias a Babelia y a Empathy por permitirme hacer parte de este proyecto colectivo, y a través de él seguir enriqueciendo mi proyecto personal.“

"My name is Ana Bello Morales and I am a curious and hard-working person who is willing to contribute to promoting tolerance in our communities. With this objective in mind, I try to continuously transfer the knowledge I acquired in social science into my daily and personal life. I do not believe in coincidence and I am convinced that getting on board with the Empathy project is part of my constant search to meet other individuals who are committed to promoting an equal society, a goal that is easier to achieve with the collaboration and cooperation of all. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the association Babelia and the Empathy project for giving me the opportunity to form part of this collective project which enables me to continue focusing on my personal growth and development."



Sory Camara

Asociación Babelia, Spain

Sory Camara

Edad: **22 años**

Bagaje Cultural: **República de Guinea**

Lugar de residencia: **Alicante, España**

Age: **22 years old**

Cultural Background: **Republic of Guinea**

Place of residence: **Alicante, Spain**



„Soy una persona que nunca se cansa de aprender y me apasiona la traducción. Trabajo con idiomas como el castellano, el francés, el maninka y el bambaran. Mi otra pasión es el fútbol. Empathy es un gran proyecto que ofrece formación en mediación intercultural para poder luchar contra el racismo y la xenofobia que es lo que me motivó a unirme a este proyecto. Espero también ampliar mis conocimientos con el fin de alcanzar los objetivos que me permitan ir formándome como traductor, lo que, deseo, me ofrezca la posibilidad de trabajar con asociaciones como Babelia en un futuro.“

"I am always willing to learn and I am passionate about translation. I work with languages such as Spanish, French, Maninka and Bambaran. My other passion is football. Empathy is a great project that offers training in intercultural mediation, and enables us to fight against racism and xenophobia, which is the reason why I joined this project. I also hope to expand my knowledge in order to achieve the objectives that will allow me to eventually become a translator. I hope it will offer me the possibility of working with associations such as Babelia in the future."



Stefania Bianchi

Asociación Babelia, Spain

Stefania Bianchi

Edad: **17 años**

Bagaje Cultural: **España**

Lugar de residencia: **Alicante, España**

Age: **17 years old**

Cultural Background: **Spain**

Place of residence: **Alicante, Spain**



„De padre italiano y madre colombiana, nací en Alicante donde vivo en la actualidad. Soy una persona puntual y responsable que tiene mucha inquietud por aprender idiomas. Me gusta el baile, la natación y la naturaleza. Me considero una persona empática, comprometida y trabajadora, con ganas de aportar dentro de nuestra sociedad multicultural todo mi esfuerzo y ganas de mejorar personal y positivamente dentro de este grupo de agentes de cambio.“

"To an Italian father and a Colombian mother, I was born in Alicante where I live today. I consider myself a punctual and responsible person who enjoys learning languages. I like dancing, swimming and I enjoy nature walks. I am an empathetic, committed and hard-working person, willing to contribute all my efforts to our multicultural society and to improve personally and positively as a member of this group of agents of change."



Tania Martín Merino

Asociación Babelia, Spain

Tania Martín Merino

Edad: **22 años**

Bagaje Cultural: **España**

Lugar de residencia: **Lyon, Francia**

Age: **22 years old**

Cultural Background: **Spain**

Place of residence: **Lyon, France**



„Mi nombre es Tania Martín Merino y he estudiado Traducción e Interpretación en la Universidad de Alicante. Una de las razones por las que elegí estos estudios fue mi amor por la diversidad lingüística y cultural. Actualmente, estoy haciendo un doble máster en Lyon, para seguir en la misma línea. Cuando me enteré del proyecto Empathy y del curso de mediación intercultural que ofrecieron, no dudé ni un momento en apuntarme. Durante el curso, me di cuenta de que ya no tengo miedo de hablar en público y pude reafirmar que queda mucho por hacer para alcanzar la tolerancia. Por ello, y para poder actuar a favor de la diversidad y destruir prejuicios, me gustaría ser agente de cambio de Empathy. Este proyecto es una gran oportunidad para contribuir a la lucha contra la ignorancia: demostrar que a pesar de las diferencias que puedan existir entre unas culturas y otras, somos personas que merecemos las mismas oportunidades; un trato igual y digno. Porque la empatía y el respeto son el motor del mundo.“

"My name is Tania Martín Merino and I have studied Translation and Interpreting at the University of Alicante. One of the reasons I chose these studies was my passion for linguistic and cultural diversity. Currently, I am studying a double master's degree in Lyon to continue in the same line of work. When I found out about the Empathy project and the intercultural mediation course they offered, I didn't hesitate to join in. During the course, I realized that I am no longer afraid to speak in public and I was able to reaffirm that there is a lot to do to foster tolerance. For this reason, and in order to act in favor of diversity and to be able to fight prejudices, I would like to become an agent of change. Empathy is a great opportunity for us to contribute to the fight against ignorance: to show that despite the differences that may exist between the cultures, we all deserve the same opportunities; an equal and dignified treatment. Because empathy and respect are the driving force of all change."



Tata Djil Merhba

Asociación Babelia, Spain

Tata Djil Merhba

Edad: **23 años**

Bagaje Cultural: **España**

Lugar de residencia: **Alicante, España**

Age: **23 years old**

Cultural Background: **Spain**

Place of residence: **Alicante, Spain**



„Soy Tata, tengo 23 años. He estudiado traducción e interpretación en la Universidad de Alicante, y actualmente soy profesora de español para extranjeros. Como inmigrante me gusta apoyar las causas y proyectos que defienden las necesidades y derechos básicos humanos. Creo que ser escuchado y entendido es una necesidad muy importante, y que empatizar con los demás es una forma increíble de romper las barreras del desconocimiento y de conocerte a ti mismo. Brindar ayuda a los demás nos hace mejores, ayuda a nuestra sociedad. Hacer sentir a las personas que no están solas, que sentimos lo que sienten y lo entendemos, que nos ponemos en sus lugares y que las dificultades no son eternas. Empathy Project me ha dado la oportunidad de aprender sobre la interculturalidad, la empatía y la mediación intercultural. He sido capaz de tratar con personas en situaciones vulnerables gracias a la formación del proyecto. Sería un honor para mí seguir participando en el proyecto, dar más de mí y aprender más. Es, sin duda, una oportunidad maravillosa para visibilizar las causas que nos unen, construir y estar en un entorno lleno de diferencias enriquecedoras con personas tolerantes y respetuosas.“

"My name is Tata and I am 23 years old. I have studied translation and interpreting at the University of Alicante, and I currently work as a teacher of Spanish for foreigners. As an immigrant I like to support causes and projects that defend basic human needs and rights. I believe that being heard and understood is a very important need, and that empathizing with others is an incredible way to break down the barriers of ignorance and Introspection. Helping others makes us better; making people feel that they are not alone, that we feel what they feel and we understand it, that we put ourselves in their shoes and that the problems are not everlasting is what helps our society. The Empathy Project has given me the opportunity to learn about interculturality, empathy and intercultural mediation. I have been able to deal with people in vulnerable situations thanks to the training I received. It would be an honor for me to continue participating in the project, to give my best and to continue learning. It is, without a doubt, an excellent opportunity to make visible the causes that bring us together; to be a part and to contribute to the fostering of a diverse society that makes us a better version of ourselves working with people who are tolerant and respectful."



Kenji Natividad

Asociación Babelia, Spain

Kenji Natividad

Edad: **22 años**

Bagaje Cultural: **UK**

Lugar de residencia: **Pego**

Age: **22 years old**

Cultural Background: **UK**

Place of residence: **Pego**



„Me llamo Kenji y soy estudiante de tercer año de francés y español en la Universidad de Nottingham Trent. En la actualidad, estoy realizando un año de prácticas en España, donde trabajo como auxiliar de conversación en un colegio público de Pego, Alicante. He trabajado como técnico de juventud para Bayanihan Leicestershire, que es una organización sin ánimo de lucro que pretende fomentar la cultura filipina. Cuando me hablaron sobre el proyecto Empathy y sobre la posibilidad de convertirme en un agente de cambio, enseguida di el paso adelante. Empathy es un gran proyecto centrado en el fomento de una sociedad libre de racismo y discriminación y estoy seguro de que podría encajar en el equipo gracias a mi propia pasión por la diversidad por un lado y a la visión del proyecto por otro. Creo que convertirnos en agentes de cambio puede ser una experiencia enriquecedora para todas las personas que lo forman y, por lo tanto, podría influir positivamente en nuestras vidas.“

"My name is Kenji and I am a 3rd year French and Spanish student at Nottingham Trent University currently undergoing a year abroad placement as part of my degree. Through the British Council, I am an English Language Assistant in a primary school setting for the academic year, based in the Alicante region in Spain. I have been volunteering as a youth counsellor for Bayanihan Leicestershire which is a non-profit organisation for the Filipinos of Leicester to come together and celebrate Filipino culture whilst promoting this through different mediums. When I was told about the Empathy project and the opportunity of becoming an agent of change, I jumped at the chance. Empathy is a great project centered around fostering a society free of racism and discrimination and I am positive that I would be a natural fit in the team thanks to my own passion for diversity and the project's vision. I believe that becoming an agent to change can enrich the lives of both young migrants and locals and therefore influence our lives positively."



Alicia Velasco Pintanell

Asociación Babelia, Spain

Alicia Velasco Pintanell

Edad: **34 años**

Bagaje Cultural: **España**

Lugar de residencia: **Alicante, España**

Age: **34 years old**

Cultural Background: **Spain**

Place of residence: **Alicante, Spain**



„Soy una persona comprometida con la transformación social y cuento con amplia experiencia tanto en intervención directa como en administración de proyectos, coordinación de equipos y gestión de situaciones de emergencia. Resolutiva y dinámica, en los últimos años, he consolidado mi carrera profesional en el campo de la atención integral a personas migrantes, refugiadas y solicitantes de protección internacional, desde diversas áreas de intervención, lo que me ha permitido adquirir un profundo conocimiento del sistema de asilo y de la ley de extranjería. Con formación específica y experiencia en género, mediación de conflictos e intervención comunitaria, cuento con un perfil heterogéneo que me permite desempeñar funciones de responsabilidad en numerosos campos adscritos a lo social.“

"I am committed to social transformation and I have extensive experience in direct intervention as well as in project management, team coordination and emergency situation management. Being a resolute and dynamic person, I have consolidated recently my professional career in the field of comprehensive care for migrants, refugees and international protection applicants which has allowed me to acquire a deep knowledge of the regulation of the asylum system and immigration law. Due to my specific training and experience in gender, conflict mediation and community intervention I have a heterogeneous profile that allows me to perform functions of responsibility related to social intervention."



Zineb Merzouk

Asociación Babelia, Spain

Zineb Merzouk

Edad: **44 años**

Bagaje Cultural: **Argelia**

Lugar de residencia: **Alicante, España**

Age: **44 years old**

Cultural Background: **Argelia**

Place of residence: **Alicante, Spain**



„Me llamo Zineb Merzouk y soy argelina. En mi vida y en el ejercicio de mi profesión de periodista, he tenido que luchar contra la intolerancia y muchas injusticias por el mero hecho de ser mujer. Tras una tragedia personal, dejé mi país por España. Un país que amo de corazón, pero cuyo idioma aún no domino. Hoy, todavía tengo que afrontar diferentes formas de discriminación y exclusión, por ser extranjera. Unirme al proyecto Empathy me pareció lo natural, porque defiende convicciones en las que creo sinceramente y porque quiero ayudar a cambiar mentalidades a nivel local. El otro, el extranjero, el diferente, el desconocido puede ser de gran riqueza si se acepta tal como es. Y si le damos una oportunidad...”

"My name is Zineb Merzouk and I am from Algeria. In my life and in the practice of my profession as a journalist, I have had to fight against intolerance and many injustices for the mere fact of being a woman. After a personal tragedy, I left my country and came to Spain, a country which I adore at heart, but whose language I have not yet mastered. Today, I still have to face different forms of discrimination and exclusion, for being a foreigner. Joining the Empathy project seemed natural to me, because it defends convictions in which I sincerely believe and because I want to help change mentality at the local level. The other, the foreigner, the different, the unknown can be of great value if accepted as they are. And if we give them a chance ..."



Jahidith Bermúdez León

Asociación Babelia, Spain

Jahidith Bermúdez León

Edad: **52 años**

Bagaje Cultural: **Colombia**

Lugar de residencia: **Alicante, España**

Age: **52 years old**

Cultural Background: **Colombia**

Place of residence: **Alicante, Spain**



„Como profesional en la limpieza con más de 10 años de experiencia en empresas líderes en el sector, y como migrante en dos países europeos durante largos períodos de tiempo, estoy más que convencida que, si bien han sido muy pocas las ocasiones en las que me he sentido discriminada por mi condición de extranjera, todavía vivimos en un continente lleno de personas acogedoras y tremendamente abiertas a nuevas ideas y culturas. Me uno a Empathy para intentar mantener esta tendencia y para combatir actividades xenófobas o racistas, las cuales estoy convencida de que proceden más de la ignorancia que de la maldad.“

"As a professional in cleaning services with more than 10 years of experience in leading companies in the sector, and as a migrant in two European countries for long periods of time, I am more than convinced that, although there have been very few occasions in which I felt discriminated because of my condition as a foreigner, we still live in a continent full of welcoming people who are tremendously open to new ideas and cultures. I joined Empathy in order to maintain this trend and to combat xenophobic or racist attitudes, which, I am convinced, are more a product of ignorance than evil."



Badea Ștefania-Ioana

Brasov's Migrant Integration Center, Romania

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Vârsta: **20 ani**

Țara de origine: **România**

Acum locuiesc în: **Brașov, România**

Age: **20 years old**

Cultural Background: **Romania**

Place of residence: **Brașov, Romania**



"Sunt onorat/onorată să fiu parte din acest proiect pentru că îmi place să interacționez cu oameni și culturi diferite. Consider că discriminarea și rasismul ar trebui eradicate, deoarece acestea duc la afectarea emoțională a mai multor indivizi și la diferențe de oportunități, atât în domeniul educațional, cât și în cel profesional. Pentru depășirea acestora, este necesar ca societatea să abordeze o atitudine constructivă și empatică pentru sprijinirea persoanelor discriminate, atât prin măsuri legislative, cât și prin educație. De obicei, schimbările sunt dictate de vocile tinerilor, motiv pentru care îmi face plăcere să particip în acest proiect!"

"It is an honor to be part of the project because I do enjoy interacting with different people and cultures. To my mind, discrimination and rasism should be eradicated, as they lead to the emotional damage of many individuals and to differences in opportunities in both the educational and the proffesional field. In order to overcome them, it it necessary for the society to approach a constructive and empathic attitude in order to support discriminated people, both through legislative measures and through education. Usually, changes are dictated by the voices of young people, which is why I enjoy participating in this project!"



HENRI Rose Gerlie

Brasov's Migrant Integration Center, Romania

HENRI Rose Gerlie

Vârsta: **20 ani**

Țara de origine: **Haiti**

Acum locuiesc în: **Brașov, România**

Age: **20 years old**

Cultural Background: **Haiti**

Place of residence: **Brașov, Romania**



"A părăsi țara natală pentru a petrece câțiva ani în altă țară este o experiență foarte interesantă, dar și foarte înfricoșătoare. A părăsi lumea copilăriei, o lume confortabilă și sigură, pentru a face față necunoscutului este cu adevărat înfricoșător. Este o schimbare de viață care nu este ușoară. Așa că găsirea sprijinului în aceste momente este absolut necesară și asta oferă Proiectul Empatie. Acest proiect ne oferă posibilitatea de a ne integra, de a face parte dintr-o comunitate și de a ne implica. De aceea va fi o onoare pentru mine să fac parte din acest proiect."

"Leaving one's home country to spend several years in another country is a very exciting but also very scary experience. Leaving the world of childhood, a comfortable and secure world, to face the unknown is really scary. It is a life change that is not easy. So finding support in these moments is absolutely necessary and that is what the Empathy Project offers. This project offers us the possibility to integrate, to be part of a community and to get involved. That's why it will be an honor for me to be a part of this project."



Ștefania Păun

Brasov's Migrant Integration Center, Romania

Ștefania Păun

Vârstă: **22 ani**

Țara de origine: **România**

Acum locuiesc în: **Brașov, România**

Age: **22 years old**

Cultural Background: **Romania**

Place of residence: **Brașov, Romania**



"Sunt onorat/onorată să fiu parte din acest proiect pentru că întotdeauna mi-am dorit să-i ajut pe cei ce sunt văzuți diferit. Încă din prima zi în care am aflat de șansa de a fi parte dintr-un astfel de proiect, am fost foarte încântată și am acceptat cu sufletul deschis oportunitatea. Am fost cu atât mai mult acaparată de această idee deoarece este vorba despre tinerii ce nu sunt ușor acceptați, poate chiar sunt dați la o parte de restul societății noastre, tocmai pentru că sunt diferiți în ochii acesteia. Proiectul Empathy este o șansă foarte mare pentru mine de a-mi face prieteni noi, de a comunica mai mult, de a cunoaște noi mentalități și noi opinii și de a învăța ce înseamnă cu adevărat empatia."

"I am honored to be a part of this project because I have always wanted to help those that are seen different. From the first day I found out about the chance to be part of such a project, I was very excited and accepted the opportunity with all my heart. I was even more taken aback by this idea because it is about young people who are not easily accepted, maybe they are even sidelined by the rest of our society, precisely because they are different in its eyes. The Empathy project is a great opportunity for me to make new friends, to communicate more, to know new mentalities and new opinions and to learn what empathy really means."



Stoica Ana-Maria

Brasov's Migrant Integration Center, Romania

Stoica Ana-Maria

Vârsta: **20 de ani**

Țara de origine: **România**

Acum locuiesc în: **Brașov, România**

Age: **20 years old**

Cultural Background: **Romania**

Place of residence: **Brasov, Romania**



"Sunt onorată să fiu parte din acest proiect pentru că este o experiență nouă care mă ajută să cunosc oameni de pe tot globul, sa le cunosc cultura si obiceiurile, totodată ajutându-mă să-mi dezvolt abilitățile de comunicare."

"I am honored to be part of this project because it is a new experience that helps me to meet people from all over the globe, to know their culture and customs, while also helping me to develop my communication skills."



Kaddour Ali

Brasov's Migrant Integration Center, Romania

Kaddour Ali

Vârsta: **21 ani**

Țara de origine: **România**

Acum locuiesc în: **România**

Age: **21 years old**

Cultural Background: **Romania**

Place of residence: **Romania**



"Este o onoare să fac parte din acest proiect pentru că este foarte interesant să ajutăm străinii să se integreze și să se simtă mai bine în România. De asemenea, aș vrea să particip la diferite activități care să răspândească empatia dintre nou-veniți și migranți!"

"It is an honor to be part of the project because it's very interesting to help the foreigners to integrate and to make them feel more comfortable in Romania. Also I would like to participate in different activities that spread the empathy between the new-comers and the migrants!"



Alexandru Andreea

Brasov's Migrant Integration Center, Romania

Alexandru Andreea

Vârsta: **19 ani**

Țara de origine: **România**

Acum locuiesc în: **Brașov, România**

Age: **19 years old**

Cultural Background: **Romania**

Place of residence: **Brașov, Romania**



"Sunt onorată să fiu parte din acest proiect pentru că este primul proiect de acest gen și știu că mă va ajuta să mă dezvolt din punct de vedere al comunicării cu alte persoane, dar și să cunosc oameni minunați. Mă bucur să pot contribui și la integrarea celor care vin din alte țări!"

"I am honored to be a part of this project because it is the first project of its kind and I know that it will help me to develop in terms of communication with other people, but also to meet wonderful people. I would be happy to contribute to the integration of those who come from other countries!"



Ciurchil-Giurgiu Andreea

Brasov's Migrant Integration Center, Romania

Ciurchil-Giurgiu Andreea

Vârsta: **20 ani**

Țara de origine: **România**

Acum locuiesc în: **Brașov, România**

Age: **20 years old**

Cultural Background: **Romania**

Place of residence: **Brașov, Romania**



"Sunt onorată să fiu parte din acest proiect pentru că este o oportunitate de a descoperi culturi noi dar și de a-mi dezvolta abilitățile în comunicare. De asemenea, este o ocazie de a descoperi obiceiuri diferite și de a face schimb de cunoștințe. În plus, voi putea aprofunda prin conversații limba engleză într-un mod plăcut, legând prietenii și descoperind informații interesante despre alte țări și culturi. De asemenea niciodată nu mi-au plăcut discriminările și latura oamenilor în care aceștia nu se acceptă unii pe alții, dorind să văd mai multă armonie între noi indiferent de unde provenim și ce cultură avem."

"I am honored to be part of this project because it is an opportunity to discover new cultures but also to develop my communication skills. It is also an opportunity to discover different habits and to exchange knowledge. In addition, I will be able to deepen my conversations in English in a pleasant way, making friends and discovering interesting information about other countries and cultures. I also never liked discrimination and the side of people in which they do not accept each other, wanting to see more harmony between us no matter where we come from, and what culture we have."



Dănculea Bianca Elena

Brasov's Migrant Integration Center, Romania

Dănculea Bianca Elena

Vârsta: **23 ani**

Țara de origine: **România**

Acum locuiesc în: **Brașov, România**

Age: **23 years old**

Cultural Background: **Romania**

Place of residence: **Brașov, Romania**



"Sunt foarte onorată să fac parte din proiect, deoarece îmi oferă șansa de a lua măsuri împotriva discriminării, xenofobiei și rasismului. Viața îți oferă multe oportunități, inclusive pe cea de a lăsa în urmă fapte bune. Proiectul Empathy, așa cum sugerează și numele, are ca scop de a răspândi bunătatea din noi și de a face o trecere către partea mai bună a umanității. Când știu cât de multă discriminare există și mai ales față de străini, vreau să pot face cât stă în puterile mele pentru a o diminua."

"I am really honored to be part of the project, as it gives me the chance to take action against discrimination, xenophobia, and racism. Life offers you many opportunities, including leaving behind good deeds. The Empathy project, as its name suggests, is to spread the goodness within us and to make a shift to the better side of humanity. When I know how much discrimination there is and especially against foreigners, I want to be able to do as much as I can to diminish them."



Elena Piticea

Brasov's Migrant Integration Center, Romania

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Vârsta: **22 ani**

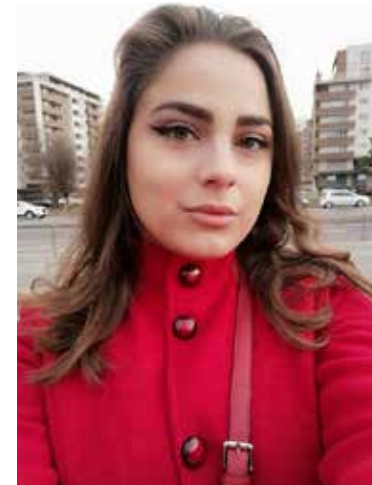
Țara de origine: **România**

Acum locuiesc în: **Brașov, România**

Age: **22 years old**

Cultural Background: **Romania**

Place of residence: **Brașov, Romania**



"Sunt onorat/onorată să fiu parte din acest proiect pentru că îmi face o adevărată plăcere să mă aflu în grupuri internaționale, pline de diversitate și respect. A te împrieteni cu oameni de pe tot globul este un sentiment minunat și chiar apreciez momentele de distracție alături de ei, petrecute în cadrul activităților."

"It is an honor to be part of the project because I trully enjoy being in an international group, filled with diversity and respect. Getting to know people from all across the world is an amazing feeling and I appreciate having the chance to have fun with them during the activities."



HENRI Rose Kerlie

Brasov's Migrant Integration Center, Romania

HENRI Rose Kerlie

Vârsta: **20 ani**

Țara de origine: **Haiti**

Acum locuiesc în: **România**

Age: **20 years old**

Cultural Background: **Haiti**

Place of residence: **Romania**



"Este o onoare să fac parte din proiect pentru că îmi va permite să sprijin tinerii de vârsta mea, să fac noi cunoștințe și astfel să mă integrez mai ușor. De mică am fost mereu interesată de activitățile care urmăresc să-i ajute pe tineri să-i integreze, să-și lărgescă modurile de a gândi și de a acționa. Acest proiect este pentru mine ocazia de a continua, este și ocazia de a dobândi experiențe noi."

"It is an honour to be part of the project because it will allow me to support young people of my age, make new acquaintances and thus integrate more easily. From a young age I have always been interested in activities that aim to help young people to integrate, to broaden their ways of thinking and acting. This project is for me the opportunity to continue, it is also the opportunity to acquire new experiences."



Anastasia Apostol

Brasov's Migrant Integration Center, Romania

Anastasia Apostol

Vârsta: **22 ani**

Țara de origine: **Republica Moldova**

Acum locuiesc în: **Brașov, România**

Age: **22 years old**

Cultural Background: **Republic of Moldova**

Place of residence: **Brasov, Romania**



"Sunt onorată să fac parte din acest proiect pentru că atunci când ți se oferă oportunitatea de a face o schimbare și de a schimba echilibrul lucrurilor în bine, nu știu ce te poate face mai mândru și mai onorat că ai contribuit și tu. Mă inspiră faptul că toți suntem trecători și că într-o zi ne uităm în spatele nostru pentru a vedea ce urme am lăsat, vreau să văd că am putut să cârmuiesc evenimentele din viața cuiva în bine, că am oferit zâmbete, încurajări și sprijin celor cărora nu mai văd o șansă. Dar mai presus de toate, să aducă puțină lumină în sufletele acelor oameni și să facă și ei la fel, să privească în spatele lor și să zâmbească că și ei la rândul lor, au schimbat puțin lumea către bine."

"I am honored to be part of this project because when you are given the opportunity to make a change and shift the balance of things for the better, I don't know what can make you more proud and honored to have contributed as well. I am inspired by the fact that we are all transient and that one day we look behind us to see what traces we have left, I want to see that I was able to steer the events of someone's life for the better, that I offered smiles, encouragements and support to those who didn't see a chance anymore. But above all, to bring a little light into the souls of those people and for them to do the same, to look behind them and smile that they have also changed the world a little for the better."



Gustavo Falconi

Brasov's Migrant Integration Center, Romania

Gustavo Falconi

Vârsta: **19 ani**

Țara de origine: **Venezuela**

Acum locuiesc în: **Brașov, România**

Age: **19 years old**

Cultural Background: **Venezuela**

Place of residence: **Brașov, Romania**



"Sunt onorat să fac parte din proiect pentru că pe lângă faptul că îmi oferă ocazia de a întâlni mai mulți oameni și de a ajuta o cauză bună, mă ajută foarte mult pentru dezvoltarea mea personală."

"I am honored to be part of the project because apart from giving me an opportunity to meet more people and help a good cause, it helps me a lot for my personal growth."



Karl Adens Barthold

Brasov's Migrant Integration Center, Romania

Karl Adens Barthold

Vârsta: **19 ani**

Țara de origine: **Haiti**

Acum locuiesc în: **Brașov, România**

Age: **18 years old**

Cultural Background: **Haiti**

Place of residence: **Brașov, Romania**



"A fi un agent al schimbării înseamnă foarte mult pentru mine. De fapt, aș avea ocazia să particip la procesul de schimbare în cadrul tinerilor internaționali și va fi, de asemenea, o modalitate de a promova acceptarea de sine, diferențele de religie, orientarea sexuală și nu numai. A avea posibilitatea de a lucra ca voluntar la Proiectul Empatie ar fi o oportunitate atât de mare pentru mine. Adică, aș vrea să ajut alți străini (studenți) să se integreze și să-i ajut cu orice problemă s-ar putea întâlni în viața de zi cu zi în România. Și, de asemenea, ar dori să participe la proiectarea și elaborarea unui program de structură pentru tinerii adulți care locuiesc în România sau în Europa, deoarece și eu sunt un adult tânăr, așa că tind mai mult să le înțeleg nevoile și să găsesc soluția potrivită pentru ajuta-i. Între timp, ar fi perfect pentru mine, deoarece mi-aș putea îmbunătăți abilitățile de conducere și de management de proiect."

"Being an Agent of Change means a lot for me. In facts, I would have the opportunity to participate in the process of change within the international youngs and it will also be a way to promote self-acceptance, differences throughout religion, sex orientation and more. Having the possibility to work as a volunteer at the Empathy Project would be such a great opportunity for me. I mean, I would like to help other foreigners (students) to integrate and to help them with whatever problem they could encounter in their daily lives in Romania. And also, it would like to participate in a design and elaboration of a structure program for the young adults living in Romania or in Europe, because I am also a young adult so I tend more to understand their needs and to find the appropriate solution to help them. Meanwhile, it'd be perfect for me because I could improve my leadership and my project management skills."



Leyana Ghnaimat

Brasov's Migrant Integration Center, Romania

Leyana Ghnaimat

Vârsta: **20 ani**

Țara de origine: **Iordania**

Acum locuiesc în: **Brașov, România**

Age: **20 years old**

Cultural Background: **Jordan**

Place of residence: **Brașov, Romania**



"Sunt onorată să fiu parte din acest proiect pentru că este o oportunitate uimitoare de a învăța cum să mă exprim și să întâlnesc oameni noi din diferite țări și culturi. Fiind și eu dintr-o țară diferită doresc să ajut și pe alții pentru a se integra și a le fi ușor!"

"It is an honor to be part of the project because it's an amazing opportunity to learn how express myself and to meet new people from different countries and cultures. Being from a different country, I also want to help others to integrate and be easy!"



Mihel Lina

Brasov's Migrant Integration Center, Romania

Mihel Lina

Vârsta: **21 ani**

Țara de origine: **Ucraina**

Acum locuiesc în: **Brașov, România**

Age: **21 years old**

Cultural Background: **Ukraine**

Place of residence: **Brașov, Romania**



"Sunt onorată să fiu parte din acest proiect pentru că avem ocazia să influențăm conștientizarea oamenilor și să oferim o perspectivă diferită asupra a ceea ce înseamnă să fii din categorii vulnerabile, precum și să ne implicăm, ca tineri, în inițiative de solidaritate și practici pentru a mobiliza și a inspira oamenii să își unească forțele pentru a contribui la binele comun al societății."

"It is an honor to be part of the project because we have the possibility to influence and to raise awareness among people and to give another perspective into what it means to be from vulnerable categories, but also to engage us as youth into solidarity initiatives and practices, to mobilize and inspire, to join forces in order to contribute to the common good of society."



Alexandru Petcu

Brasov's Migrant Integration Center, Romania

Alexandru Petcu

Vârsta: **32 ani**

Țara de origine: **România**

Acum locuiesc în: **Brașov, România**

Age: **32 years old**

Cultural Background: **Romania**

Place of residence: **Brașov, Romania**



"Sunt onorat să fiu parte din acest proiect pentru că îmi oferă posibilitatea să comunic cu diferiți oameni și să îmi lărgesc orizonturile. Întotdeauna m-am implicat în aspectele egate de discriminare și rasism, mereu ajungând la concluzia că schimbarea mentalității este soluția, însă contează modul în care este realizată această schimbare. De aceea consider că Proiectul Empathy abordează acest obstacol într-un mod pozitiv și potrivit."

"I am honored to be a part of this project because it gives me the opportunity to communicate with different people and broaden my horizons. I have always been involved in issues related to discrimination and racism, I always come to the conclusion that changing the mentality is the solution, but it matters how this change is made. That is why I believe that the Empathy Project addresses this obstacle in a positive and appropriate way."



Ahmad Zobair Surosh

Brasov's Migrant Integration Center, Romania

Ahmad Zobair Surosh

Vârsta: **21 ani**

Țara de origine: **Afghanistan**

Acum locuiesc în: **Brașov, România**

Age: **21 years old**

Cultural Background: **Afghanistan**

Place of residence: **Brașov, Romania**



"Sunt onorat să fiu parte din acest proiect pentru că pot fi chipul uman al schimbării. Într-o organizație, am fost întotdeauna membrul care există ca parte a unei rețele de schimbare și a făcut noile inițiative mai identificabile. Prin contextualizarea schimbării pentru alții, atunci când o schimbare este încorporată, în acest fel este mai probabil să se implice fiecare."

"It is an honor to be part of the project because I can be the human face of change. In an organization, I have always been the member who exists as part of a change network and made new initiatives more relatable. By contextualising change for others, when a change is embedded, this way everyone is more likely to engage."



Laura Susana Llerena Cruz

Brasov's Migrant Integration Center, Romania

Laura Susana Llerena Cruz

Vârsta: **26 ani**

Țara de origine: **Ecuador**

Acum locuiesc în: **România**

Age: **26 years old**

Cultural Background: **Ecuador**

Place of residence: **Romania**



"Sunt mândru să fiu un agent al schimbării, deoarece îmi pot spori cunoștințele și îmi pot îmbunătăți limba engleză și pot învăța câteva limbi noi. Mi-ar plăcea să fiu Agent of Change pentru a-mi face noi prieteni și pentru a obține experiențe frumoase. Pentru mine va fi o experiență perfectă pentru că îmi place să împărtășesc timpul și aventurile cu oamenii. Cu acest gen de proiecte, putem lucra împreună și facem multe activități sociale."

"I am proud to be an Agent of Change because I can increase my knowledge and I can improve my English and learn some new languages. I would like to be Agent of Change for making new friends and getting nice experiences. For me, it will be a perfect experience because I like to share time and adventures with people. With this kind of projects, we can work together and make many social activities."



Nader Al Doos

Brasov's Migrant Integration Center, Romania

Nader Al Doos

Vârsta: **33 ani**

Țara de origine: **Siria**

Acum locuiesc în: **Brașov, România**

Age: **33 years old**

Cultural Background: **Siria**

Place of residence: **Brașov, Romania**



"Este o onoare pentru mine să fac parte din proiect, să particip la răspândirea importanței empatiei în lumea noastră, să lupt pentru egalitate și acceptarea celorlalți."

"It is an honor for me to part of the project, to participate in spreading the importance of empathy in our world, to fight for equality and acceptance of others."



Yaseen Saeed Ali

Brasov's Migrant Integration Center, Romania

Yaseen Saeed Ali

Vârstă: **27 ani**

Țara de origine: **Yemen**

Acum locuiesc în: **România**

Age: **27 years old**

Cultural Background: **Yemen**

Place of residence: **Romania**



"Sunt onorat/onorată să fiu parte din acest proiect pentru că ținta mea este să fiu o parte activă a societății românești, să cunosc o nouă cultură, să lucrez cu ceilalți și să-mi fac prieteni noi, indiferent de locul, sex, formă, culoare și mediu, în timp ce îmi dezvolt noi abilități de comunicare și ies din zona mea de confort. Vreau să fac parte din echipa ta pentru că vreau să lupt împotriva rasismului și xenofobiei împotriva străinilor în toate țările. Cred că empatia mea ar ușura lucrurile în lucrul cu tot felul de oameni. Sunt un bun ascultător și sunt dispus să dezvolt noi abilități în lucrul cu alții."

"It is an honor to be part of the project because my target is to be an active part of Romanian society, meet a new culture work with others, and makes new friends regardless of where, sex, shape, color, and background while I develop new skills in communication and get out of my comfort zone. I want to be part of your team because I want to fight against racism and xenophobia against foreigners in all countries. I think that my empathy would make things easier in working with all kinds of people. I am a good listener and I am willing to develop new skills in working with others."



Mohammad Yazan Amireh

Pro Arbeit Kreis Offenbach, Germany

Mohammad Yazan Amireh

Alter: **20 Jahre**

Kultureller Hintergrund: **Syrien**

Wohnort: **Deutschland**

Age: **20 years old**

Cultural Background: **Syria**

Place of residence: **Germany**



„Ich bin stolz darauf, dass ich ein AoC bin, weil ich dadurch die Möglichkeit habe, viele Dinge in der Gesellschaft zu kontrollieren und ihre Sichtweise auf einige Dinge zu ändern. Ich fühle mich frei, meine Meinung zu sagen und auszudrücken, was ich über andere Dinge denke und fühle.“

"Being an AoC makes me proud, because it allows me to control many things in society and change their view of some things, I couldn't imagine doing this on my own. I feel myself as I feel free to speak up and express what I think and feel about other things."

كوني عامل تغيير يجعلني فخوراً لأنه يتيح لي التحكم في أشياء كثيرة في المجتمع وتغيير نظرتهم عن بعض الامور، لم أستطع تخيل أنني أفعل ذلك بمفردتي. أشعر بنفسي كما أشعر بالحرية في التحدث والتعبير عما أفكر به وأشعر به حيال أشياء أخرى.



Sadek Amiri

Pro Arbeit Kreis Offenbach, Germany

Sadek Amiri

Alter: **21 Jahre**

Kultureller Hintergrund: **Syrien**

Wohnort: **Deutschland**

Age: **21 years old**

Cultural Background: **Syria**

Place of residence: **Germany**



„Ich bin stolz darauf, ein Agent of Change zu sein, weil ich viele Dinge im Leben verändern möchte.“

"I am proud to be an Agent of Change because I want to change lot of things in life."

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Raafat Mustafa

Pro Arbeit Kreis Offenbach, Germany

Raafat Mustafa

Alter: **19 Jahre**

Kultureller Hintergrund: **Syrien**

Wohnort: **Deutschland**

Age: **19 years old**

Cultural Background: **Syria**

Place of residence: **Germany**



„Es ist eine Ehre, an dem Projekt teilzunehmen, denn ich habe mich weiterentwickelt und bin selbstbewusster geworden.“

"It is an honour to be part of the project because I have developed and become more confident."



Mohamad Nour Haji

Pro Arbeit Kreis Offenbach, Germany

Mohamad Nour Haji

Alter: **26 Jahre**

Kultureller Hintergrund: **Syrien**

Wohnort: **Deutschland**

Age: **26 years old**

Cultural Background: **Syria**

Place of residence: **Germany**



„Es ist eine Ehre, Teil des Projekts zu sein, weil ich mehr über wichtige Themen in der Gesellschaft lernen kann und in der Lage bin, eine Menge von Jugendlichen kennenzulernen, die es mir gleichtun.“

"It is an honour to be part of the project because I can learn more about important issues in society and I am able to meet a lot of young people who are like me."



Amra Mustafi

Pro Arbeit Kreis Offenbach, Germany

Amra Mustafi

Alter: **18 Jahre**

Kultureller Hintergrund:

Kosovo, Bosnien & Herzegowina

Wohnort: **Deutschland**

Age: **18 years old**

Cultural Background:

Kosovo, Bosnia & Herzegovina

Place of residence: **Germany**



„Es ist eine Ehre Teil dieses Projektes zu sein, denn es ist einfacher die Welt mit anderen Menschen zu verbessern, als es allein zu tun.“

"It is an honour to be part of the project because improving the world with other people is easier than doing it by yourself."



Carmela Meziani

Pro Arbeit Kreis Offenbach, Germany

Carmela Meziani

Alter: **17 Jahre**

Age: **17 years old**

Kultureller Hintergrund: **Italien/Marokko** Cultural Background: **Italy/Marocco**

Wohnort: **Deutschland**

Place of residence: **Germany**



„Es ist eine Ehre, Teil des Projekts zu sein, weil ich mehr über wichtige Themen in der Gesellschaft lernen kann und in der Lage bin, eine Menge von Jugendlichen kennenzulernen, die es mir gleichtun.“

"It is an honour to be part of the project because I have and can learn a lot from different people from all over the world. Being an agent of change means learning and processing new information and using it to change important things."



Mahmoud Haji

Pro Arbeit Kreis Offenbach, Germany

Mahmoud Haji

Alter: **24 Jahre**

Kultureller Hintergrund: **Syrien**

Wohnort: **Deutschland**

Age: **24 years old**

Cultural Background: **Syria**

Place of residence: **Germany**



„Es ist eine Ehre, Teil des Projekts zu sein, denn ich habe mich weiterentwickelt und viel gelernt.“

"It's an honour to be part of the project because I've developed myself and learned a lot."



Chaymaa Azeggaghe

Pro Arbeit Kreis Offenbach, Germany

Chaymaa Azeggaghe

Alter: **16 Jahre**

Kultureller Hintergrund: **Marokko**

Wohnort: **Dietzenbach, Deutschland**

Age: **16 years old**

Cultural Background: **Marocco**

Place of residence: **Germany**



„Ein Agent of Change zu sein, macht mich stolz, weil ich es liebe, mich für wichtige Themen zu engagieren, aber auch, weil ich viele Menschen beeinflussen kann.“

"Being an agent of change makes me proud because I love advocating for important issues, but also because I can influence many people."



Dana Rückert

Pro Arbeit Kreis Offenbach, Germany

Dana Rückert

Alter: **16 Jahre**

Kultureller Hintergrund: **Deutschland**

Wohnort: **Deutschland**

Age: **16 years old**

Cultural Background: **Germany**

Place of residence: **Germany**



„Ich bin dankbar, dass ich an einem so großartigen Projekt mit einer solchen Bedeutung für unsere Gesellschaft mitwirken kann.“

"I am grateful to be involved in such a great project with such importance for our society."



Serena Iqbal

Pro Arbeit Kreis Offenbach, Germany

Serena Iqbal

Alter: **18 Jahre**

Age: **18 years old**

Kultureller Hintergrund: **Indien/Pakistan** Cultural Background: **India/Pakistan**

Wohnort: **Dietzenbach, Deutschland** Place of residence: **Germany**



„Ein Agent of Change zu sein, macht mich stolz, denn ich kann etwas verändern und neue Leute kennenlernen.“

"Being an agent of change makes me proud because I can make a difference and meet new people."



Anastasija Sejic

Pro Arbeit Kreis Offenbach, Germany

Anastasija Sejic

Alter: **16 Jahre**

Kultureller Hintergrund: **Serbia**

Wohnort: **Deutschland**

Age: **16 years old**

Cultural Background: **Serbien**

Place of residence: **Germany**



„Es ist eine Ehre, Teil des Projekts zu sein, denn ich kann mit anderen Menschen etwas verändern und unsere Zukunft gestalten.“

"It is an honour to be part of the project because I can make a difference with other people and shape our future."



Jamila Ettahri

Pro Arbeit Kreis Offenbach, Germany

Jamila Ettahri

Alter: **17 Jahre**

Kultureller Hintergrund: **Marokko**

Wohnort: **Deutschland**

Age: **17 years old**

Cultural Background: **Marocco**

Place of residence: **Germany**



„Es ist eine Ehre ein Agent of Change und Teil dieses Projektes zu sein, weil Empathie eine Eigenschaft ist, die jeder besitzen sollte und Veränderung etwas (ist), dass die Welt dringend braucht!“

"It is an honour to be an Agent of Change and part of the project because empathy is a quality everyone should own and change is something the world really needs!"



Fathma Mahdi

Pro Arbeit Kreis Offenbach, Germany

Fathma Mahdi

Alter: **17 Jahre**

Kultureller Hintergrund: **Irak**

Wohnort: **Dietzenbach, Deutschland**

Age: **17 years old**

Cultural Background: **Iraq**

Place of residence: **Germany**



„Als Agent of Change habe ich die Möglichkeit, die Dinge aus einer anderen Perspektive zu sehen und zu verstehen, und ich kann Menschen mit meiner Erfahrung helfen.“

"Being an Agent of Change give me the opportunity to understand and see things in another view and I can help people with my experience."



Veronica Guidotti

Fondazione Empatia Milano, Italy

Veronica Guidotti

Età: **24 anni**

Background culturale: **Italia**

Luogo di residenza: **Milano, Italia**

Age: **24 years old**

Cultural Background: **Italy**

Place of residence: **Milan, Italy**



„Mi piace essere parte di questo progetto perché mi permette di essere protagonista attiva nel mondo reale e poter scoprire una possibilità di convivenza conveniente e arricchente.“

"I like being part of this project because it allows me to be an active protagonist in the real world and to be able to discover a possibility of convenient and enriching coexistence."



Ginevra Taccagni

Fondazione Empatia Milano, Italy

Ginevra Taccagni

Età: **22 anni**

Background culturale: **Italia**

Luogo di residenza: **Desio, Italia**

Age: **22 years old**

Cultural Background: **Italy**

Place of residence: **Desio, Italy**



„Mi piace essere parte di questo progetto perché vorrei conoscere il più possibile il mondo che mi circonda: essere una cittadina del mondo significa scoprire i piccoli dettagli che fanno di ogni cultura, di ogni persona, ciò che davvero sono... e realizzare che proprio questi ci rendono realmente uguali.“

"I like to be part of the project because I would like to know as much as I can about the world I live in: being a citizen of the world means to discover the small details that make every culture, every person, who they really are... and to realize that these very small differences make us truly equal."



Karina Higa

Fondazione Empatia Milano, Italy

Karina Higa

Età: **37 anni**

Background culturale: **Brasil**

Luogo di residenza: **Milano, Italia**

Age: **37 years old**

Cultural Background: **Brasil**

Place of residence: **Milan, Italy**



„Penso che le persone abbiamo molte più cose in comune che differenze.“

"I think that people have more in common than differences."



Laura Canella

Fondazione Empatia Milano, Italy

Laura Canella

Età: **27 anni**

Background culturale: **Italia**

Luogo di residenza: **Milano, Italia**

Age: **27 years old**

Cultural Background: **Italy**

Place of residence: **Milan, Italy**



„Come persona, nonché agente di cambiamento, sento che è importante lavorare insieme per l’inclusione e il rispetto delle diversità.“

„As person - and agent of change - I feel it’s to work together for inclusion and respect of diversity.“



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Età: **33 anni**

Background culturale: **Albania**

Luogo di residenza: **Milano, Italia**

Age: **33 years old**

Cultural Background: **Albania**

Place of residence: **Milan, Italy**



„Being an AoC makes me proud because I learn from the experience of the others and this help me to be more emphatic. Agent of Change makes me proud to give my experience which may help someone else. It is an honor to be part of the project because I’m learning and helping other people.“

„Essere un Agente di cambiamento mi rende orgogliosa perché imparo dalle esperienze altrui, e questo mi rende più empatica. Inoltre sono orgogliosa all’idea che la mia esperienza possa aiutare qualcun altro. E’ un onore essere parte del progetto perché sto imparando e nello stesso tempo do una mano agli altri.“



Francesca Tamburini

Fondazione Empatia Milano, Italy

Francesca Tamburini

Età: **25 anni**

Background culturale: **Italia**

Luogo di residenza: **Milano, Italia**

Age: **25 years old**

Cultural Background: **Italy**

Place of residence: **Milan, Italy**



„Amo l’empatia perché mi piace incontrare le persone e condividere esperienze, per realizzare iniziative collettive utili per il mondo.“

„I love empathy because it’s a quality of every human being and it can bring people together to do collective things for the world.“



Samuel Tsegai

Fondazione Empatia Milano, Italy

Samuel Tsegai

Età: **35 anni**

Background culturale: **Eritrea**

Luogo di residenza: **Milano, Italia**

Age: **35 years old**

Cultural Background: **Eritrea**

Place of residence: **Germany**



„Voglio essere un agente di cambiamento semplicemente perché voglio aiutare le persone. Credo che „essere umani” sia ciò che basta per aiutare altri esseri umani. Si tratta di condividere le emozioni e le esperienze di un'altra persona immaginando come sarebbe trovarsi nella sua stessa situazione: ecco, cercherò di contribuire a tutto questo.“

„I want to be a change agent simply because I want to help people. because I believe that „being human is enough to help human beings.” to share another person’s feelings or experiences by imagining and comprehending what it would be like to be in that person’s situation Eventually, I’ll be able to contribute.“



Vittoria Capozzo

Fondazione Empatia Milano, Italy

Vittoria Capozzo

Età: **17 anni**

Background culturale: **Italia**

Luogo di residenza: **Milano, Italia**

Age: **17 years old**

Cultural Background: **Italia**

Place of residence: **Milan, Italy**



„Mi piace essere parte di questo progetto perché penso mi possa aiutare a capire cose che prima ignoravo o di cui non mi importava, e soprattutto mi da la possibilità di conoscere molte persone nuove e le loro storie.“

„I like to be part of the project because i think that it can open my mind to things that i usually ignore or don't care about, and I'm able to meet new people and they're stories.“



Sabir Juma

Fondazione Empatia Milano, Italy

Sabir Juma

Età: **24 anni**

Background culturale: **Sudan**

Luogo di residenza: **Milano, Italia**

Age: **24 years old**

Cultural Background: **Sudan**

Place of residence: **Milan, Italy**



„Sono una persona appassionata, amo aiutare gli altri nel cammino verso la democrazia: anche per questo sono un agente di cambiamento.“

„I'm a passionate person, and I like to help other to a democracy: also for this reason I'm an agent of change.“



Michele Oggioni

Fondazione Empatia Milano, Italy

Michele Oggioni

Età: **31 anni**

Background culturale: **Italia**

Luogo di residenza: **Milano, Italia**

Age: **31 years old**

Cultural Background: **Italia**

Place of residence: **Milan, Italy**



„Credo abbia grande valore che persone diverse con esperienze e mondi diversi possano costruire insieme, lavorare insieme, essere curiosi insieme e pensare insieme. Mi piace pensare che non si faccia qualcosa per qualcuno ma con qualcuno per tutti.“

"I believe that has a great value that different people with different experiences and worlds can build together, work together, be curious together and think together. I like to think that something is not done for someone but with someone for everyone."



Matilde Villa

Fondazione Empatia Milano, Italy

Matilde Villa

Età: **27 anni**

Background culturale: **Italia**

Luogo di residenza: **Milano, Italia**

Age: **27 years old**

Cultural Background: **Italy**

Place of residence: **Milan, Italy**



„Mi piace essere parte di questo progetto perché mi permette di creare qualcosa con altri giovani con background e interessi differenti dai miei.“

"I like being part of this project because it allows me to create something with other young people with different background and interests."



Julian Dandoush

Fondazione Empatia Milano, Italy

Julian Dandoush

Età: **25 anni**

Background culturale: **Syria**

Luogo di residenza: **Milano, Italia**

Age: **25 years old**

Cultural Background: **Siria**

Place of residence: **Milan, Italy**



„Mi piace far parte del progetto perché è il primo passo nella comunicazione interculturale con cui realizzare insieme, mano nella mano, gli aiuti umanitari che porteranno a costruire una generazione accettabile e un futuro pacifico.“

"I like to be part of the project because the first step into intercultural communication Where we put together hand by hand into the humanitarian aid which will lead to build an acceptable generation and peaceful future."



Joy

Fondazione Empatia Milano, Italy

Joy

Età: **24 anni**

Background culturale: **Algeria**

Luogo di residenza: **Trento, Italia**

Age: **24 years old**

Cultural Background: **Algeria**

Place of residence: **Trento, Italy**



„Mi piace questo progetto perché è importante dare spazio e voce alle minoranze senza protezione.“

"I like this project because is important to give space and voice to minority groups whith lack of protection."



Giuditta Furlan

Fondazione Empatia Milano, Italy

Giuditta Furlan

Età: **27 anni**

Background culturale: **Italia**

Luogo di residenza: **Milano, Italia**

Age: **27 years old**

Cultural Background: **Italy**

Place of residence: **Milan, Italy**



„Mi piace essere parte di questo progetto perché credo nel cambiamento fatto attraverso la partecipazione dal basso.“

"I like to be part of the project because I believe in change made by the participation of the people."



Bisrat Sium

Fondazione Empatia Milano, Italy

Bisrat Sium

Età: **27 anni**

Background culturale: **Eritrea**

Luogo di residenza: **Milan, Italia**

Age: **27 years old**

Cultural Background: **Eritrea**

Place of residence: **Milano, Italy**



„Mi piace essere parte di questo progetto perché voglio creare un mondo migliore.“

"I like to be part of the project because I want to create a better world."





Timeline

ORIENTATION

INTEGRATION

INCLUSION

Planning and implementation
Orientation programme

Co-design and implementation
Capacity Building Programme

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