



The situation on the ground has greatly changed over the last two weeks. The tents at Stalingrad and Jaurès have been removed by the police, and the people staying there distributed among many centers, gyms, hospitals and at a new humanitarian camp north of Paris. This changed situation has affected our ability to reach all the people in need. Before, it was easier to target those in need since they all slept in the same location. Today, there are many people spread all over Paris, in very small groups. To help them, the association has organized *maraudes* to search, locate and help these people. We give them materials to resist the cold and food. We also give them information so they can proceed in their asylum aid procedures. In addition, the association worries over the number of MIE (foreign isolated minors, abbreviation in French) sleeping in the streets. The association is adapting its methods and improving its ways it can contribute to the aid and betterment of the people in this situation.

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OUR PAST ACTIVITIES

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EVACUATION

November 4th 2016



Material Needs, with the help of volunteers, collected as many tents as they could to use them again in the future (after cleaning them). The teams started working at five in the morning and continued their work until the police evacuated everyone from the camps and began cleaning the area and throwing away all the items left behind. After transporting the collected tents, some volunteers stayed in the scene to observe how people went in the buses to be taken to different centers, CHU, and a new humanitarian camp. Everything occurred without major disturbances.

SPOTLIGHT: FRENCH LESSONS

Weekly basis

French Lessons are a dedicated team offering French courses to people at several centers. Their courses are suited to several levels, from those who start as complete beginners, to those who have had previous contact with the language. The lessons try to teach basic skills in order to make it easier for them to navigate their first days in France while they try to settle down. The team is supported by many great volunteers who are passionate, engaged, and devoted to making French as easily accessible to as many people as possible.



MOVIE-GOING

1st November 2016

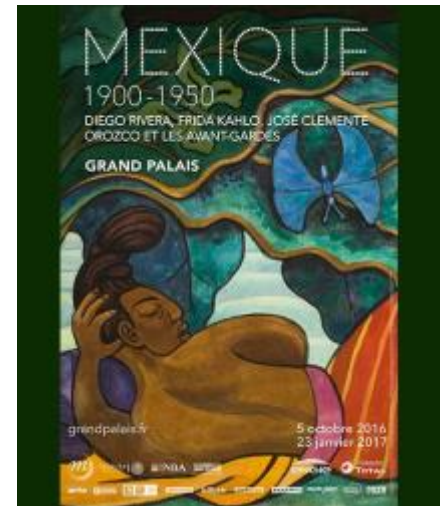
Amid submissions, essay deadlines and exams, our social activities team started the most stressful month of the school by taking 15 refugees for a movie at René Coty Center. Everyone had a great time at the theatre as they laughed together at the dinosaurs, and thoroughly enjoyed the movie.



VISIT TO GRAND PALAIS

6th November 2016

On the first Sunday of the month, volunteers from our Social Activities Team organized a one-day trip to the Mexican Art Exhibition at the Grand Palais. They were joined by 7 other refugees, who took great interest in going through the fine details of the art pieces and trying to grasp the concept behind each painting. The museum staff were very happy with our presence and punctuality. We hope to continue our work and organize such tours in future.



WALKING AROUND THE CENTER OF PARIS

6th November 2016



Social Activities volunteers met at the Centre Loiret and took a group of about 15 to see the Eiffel Tower. We played a few games at the *Jardins du Trocadéro* to keep us warm, and shared some snacks. “I think we are getting to a point where we all feel more comfortable around each other, and even if we don’t understand each other 50% of the time, we joke around and just laugh it off,” said one of the volunteers. We consider it important to keep contact with the same people to build stronger relationships and trust.

Research and Art Section

Infographics:

By: Raphaël Gaultier

Refugee Youth

By the Numbers

41% of the World's Refugee population is youth and children



Where Do These Youth Come From?



8,000

Number of Youth Refugees in French Metropolitan Areas



17,700

Number of Asylum Applications made by Unaccompanied Youth Refugees



8,000,000

Number of Youth Refugees forced to flee armed conflict & human rights abuses.

What Can You Do?

Get Involved

- Take Part in a demonstration to spread Refugee awareness
- Find out if your school is working with refugees and get involved!

Donate

- Donate money to one of the many foundations in Paris
- Provide food or other resources to Groups working directly with refugees

Volunteer

- Offer your time and skills to groups working with refugees
- Volunteer to be a mentor, coach or buddy for refugees in local school programs



Sources: UNHCR, France Terre d'Asile

RELEVANT NEWS

[En Allemagne, une étude contredit les idées reçues sur les réfugiés \(Le Monde\)](#)

A study demonstrating that Germans have misconceptions on what refugees believe and value (among the subjects are equality of rights between men and women, democracy, human rights, and religion). This could suggest the same can be occurring in other countries in Europe.

http://www.lemonde.fr/europe/article/2016/11/15/en-allemande-une-etude-contredit-les-discours-anxiogenes-sur-les-refugies_5031744_3214.html

[Migrants à Paris: Je n'ai plus de tente. Je dors où ce soir? \(L'Obs\)](#)

A good article which illustrates some of the problems people face when they do not find refuge in a center or a camp. This article has our president Yann Le Bec mentioned.

<http://tempsreel.nouvelobs.com/societe/20161031.OBS0568/migrants-a-paris-je-n-ai-plus-de-tente-je-dors-ou-ce-soir.html>

[Where is the Paris migrant camp, how many refugees will live there, and which countries have they come from? \(The Sun\)](#)

An article highlighting the new humanitarian camp opened in the north of Paris, and the challenges it faces as it looks to reduce the number of people present in the streets.

<http://bit.ly/2eKhelb>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

[UNICEF-SPRH Conference \(17th of November 2016\)](#)

"Isolated Minor Refugees". SPRH and UNICEF are joining to organize a conference in the context of the UNICEF "Children Week". The purpose of the conference will be to talk and debate on the theme of minor refugees who are in a critical situation of isolation and legal void. Participants will be asked to bring metro tickets to help SPRH support its social activities with the refugees.

[Alimentation Generale Concert \(24th November 2016\) : « Beat across borders »](#)

The fundraising team will organize a musical event at the « Alimentation Generale ». The idea is to mix bands from all over the world for a cosmopolitan concert. The funds will be allocated to reinvest in the association, particularly for material needs of migrants.

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