



Debunking myths in favour of real and effective coexistence

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WHO ARE WE?

Diaconia is a Social Entity created in 1997 by the Federation of Evangelical Entities of Spain.

We are a social action platform of Protestant origin oriented towards action and work with the most vulnerable people.

We believe in building alliances with other social entities, as well as in the promotion and training of volunteers.

We care about people and they are the main driver of everything we do.

WORKING AREAS



MUJER Y LUCHA
CONTRA LA TRATA

Women and fight
against trafficking



PROTECCIÓN
INTERNACIONAL

International protection



URGENCIA
SOCIAL

Social emergency



MIGRACIONES

Migrations



PROMOCIÓN
DEL VOLUNTARIADO

Promotion of
volunteering



SOSTENIBLE

Sustainability



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WHO ARE WE?



The Church of Scotland



Action of Churches
Together in Scotland



Interfaith
Scotland



Justice & Peace
Scotland (Scottish
Catholic Church)



The Methodist
Church in Scotland



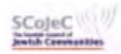
Muslim Council
of Scotland



Quakers
in Scotland



Scottish Ahlul Bayt
Society



The Scottish Council of
Jewish Communities



The Scottish
Episcopal Church



The Salvation Army
Scotland Office



The United Free
Church of Scotland



The United
Reformed Church
National Synod of Scotland

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WORKING AREAS

ADVICE AND SUPPORT

**AWARENESS RAISING
AND RESOURCING**

**PROMOTING TWO-WAY
INTEGRATION**

**STRENGTHENING
WORSHIP**

**SPEAKING OUT AND
ADVOCACY**

**BUILDING
PARTNERSHIPS**





WORKSHOP

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WHY THIS TOPIC?



The coexistence of refugees in the different European countries, as well as their real integration, is a fact that concerns both civil society, third sector organisations and the administrations of each country.

The elimination of discriminatory behaviour motivated by stereotypes, prejudices and biases is crucial to guarantee the safety and well-being of refugees, as well as that of the host society in general.



Refugees arriving in our country do so fleeing their own countries for various reasons, often with unsafe access routes and obstacles that increase their anxiety, frustration, fear and insecurity even more.

In the recent period with the conflict in Ukraine, Europe's involvement in the reception and the sensitivity of the civilian population to this crisis has been highlighted.

In the same way, the stereotypes and prejudices perpetuated by part of the host society, which hinder the integration and coexistence of migrants and refugees in the different societies, have also come to the surface.

WHY THIS TOPIC?



**WHAT IS A
STEREOTYPE?**

**WHAT IS
PREJUDICE?**

**WHAT IS A
BIAS?**

Terminology definition



Situation map

What stereotypes, prejudices and biases exist in your host countries towards migrants?



Discussion

Did the European response to the Ukrainian conflict crisis reveal any biases?



MENTORING

as a tool for overcoming
stereotypes

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What are mentoring projects

Mentoring projects are designed to provide support, guidance and resources to migrant people or refugees.

These projects have as their main objective to facilitate the socio-economic and cultural integration of migrants or refugees into their new community

Key aspects

Matching
mentors and
mentees

Emotional
and social
support

Guidance
and
counselling

Skills
development

Networking
and
community
connections

Monitoring
and
evaluation

Downsides

Verticality

Authentic
connections?

Focus on
adaptation
to host
culture

Contigo (With you) Project



Beneficiaries of
the reception
system

Opportunity to
rethink
mentoring

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Revaluation
and sharing
of both
cultures



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DISCUSSIONS

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Discussion

In what ways could mentoring in your context facilitate integration?



Discussion

What impact is policy having on stereotypes
and biases towards migrants?

CASE STUDY: WORKING ALONGSIDE FAITH GROUPS TO BUILD WELCOMING COMMUNITIES

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OUR CONTEXT



FAITHFUL WELCOME

Faithful Welcome is a partnership project between Faith in Community Scotland and Scottish Faiths Action for Refugees. We aim to support Scotland's faith communities to welcome refugees and asylum seekers and enable them to be an integral part of community life.

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WORK UNDERTAKEN

1. Scope existing work by faith groups working with refugees and asylum seekers, and identify gaps and support needs.
2. Provide education and awareness-raising about the issues facing people in the asylum system amongst faith groups not yet involved.
3. Provide capacity building for faith groups establishing new work or developing existing work
4. Share good practice through the production of toolkits and case studies highlighting good practice on integration and the provision of networking opportunities



OUTCOMES

YEAR ONE



153 faith communities contacted (plus conference attendees)

17 awareness raising events reaching over 850 people in total

27 groups engaged in capacity building

15 successful applications to small grants scheme

4 videos produced from participating groups



EXAMPLE
ERSKINE, RENFRESHIRE

SOMEBODY REACHES OUT

**FOCUS GROUPS WITH NEW SCOTS
AND FAITH GROUP LEADERS**





WHY PARTNER WITH COMMUNITY AND FAITH-BASED GROUPS?

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