

Buzzetti Project: the path towards a decent independence for former shelter care residents

LOCATION:Seville

DURATION:1'55"

SUMMARY:The members of a community of Salesian educators share their lives with young people at risk of social exclusion who used to be shelter care residents and that lost the protection of the administration when they turned 18. They share a wage, shelter and food and, in addition, they design a personalized itinerary with them that allows them to enter the labor market and accomplish what every young person wants: an independent life with dignity and guarantees. This is the first experience of its kind in Spain and it is called Buzzetti Project. It has been promoted by the Don Bosco Foundation.

VTR:

Juanjo is from Colombia, he entered Spain as a refugee, running away from violence. He was 9. He lived with his mother but she died when he was still a minor.

Mohamed crossed the Strait from Morocco, holding on to his dreams. He was a solo traveller at 16.

They both share a past under the guardianship of the Spanish state... and now, a present too : this crowded home where they are part of the Buzzetti Project.

JOSÉ MIGUEL NÚÑEZ
Director of the Buzzetti Project

"It offers a way out to former shelter care residents who become unprotected when they turn 18. Through the project, we continue to provide them support throughout the next stretch of the road to help them complete their growth and personal maturation."

FIDEL MARTÍN
Oeconomus of the Buzzetti Project

"They learn a trade or finish their studies. Some even go to college to get ahead."

It is the first time that a religious community shares a home with young people at risk of social exclusion in Spain. In the Bartolomé Blanco Community of Seville, four Salesian educators share their lives with 11 young people from Spain, Morocco, Cameroon and Colombia.

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"As they have different nationalities, it is also a very interesting intercultural and interreligious experience, very enriching. And I think that it is also a way of building bridges, of promoting dialogue to reach an understanding."

Juanjo has achieved to go to college thanks to a private grant. Mohamed is doing an internship in a car repair shop after finishing his studies in a Salesian centre of the city. Everything is part of a personalized itinerary that aims to help them achieve what every young person wants.

JOSÉ MIGUEL NÚÑEZ
Director of the Buzzetti Project

"To be independent and live with certain dignity and guarantees."

MOHAMED ENNOURY
Member of the Buzzetti Project

"When I left Morocco, I couldn't imagine that I was going to reach this far."

JUANJO ZULUAGA
Member of the Buzzetti Project

"I think that the project has saved the lives of most of the people who joined it, including me."



15 kids have already been in this home. Four of them are independent today. And soon Juanjo and Mohamed will reach the same destination.

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