

A site to stop negative rumours about immigrants

LOCATION: Seville

DURATION: 1'36"

SUMMARY: The Stop Rumores (or Stop Rumours) site was created in 2013, with the support of the Andalucía Acoge organisation, in order to end with negative rumours about immigrants. This site tries to disprove false information that make people believe, for example, that the health system is collapsed because of the immigrants and that Chinese people don't pay taxes.

VTR:

"It's very late and I haven't entered yet. This is always full of immigrants, I don't know..."

BACKGROUND

A simple conversation held in the waiting room of a medical centre can start a rumour.

ÁNGEL MADERO
Coordinator of Stop Rumours

"That the health system is collapsed because of the migrants, that they take away our jobs, that they are invading us and that we haven't enough resources to let more people in."

That's why the Andalucía Acoge association developed the Stop Rumours project.

JOSÉ MIGUEL MORALES
General Secretary
of Andalucía Acoge

"Rumours arise because sometimes people are afraid of what's different and they need to justify that fear with false information. Disproving it and spreading objective information is the goal of Stop Rumours."

This site offers tools that will allow anyone to counter false information with arguments. They aim to turn the users into anti-rumour agents, which will combat them with dialogue and networking, and that will raise awareness around them.

BACKGROUND

"I see people who need medical attention, but I don't see immigrants taking away your rights."

ALICIA OCÓN
Anti-rumour agent

"We need people to, face to face, from one person to the other, not as a professional but as a regular citizen, express more accurate information."

They have also created rumour-free spaces, public places where rumours are forbidden.

BACKGROUND

"We will try to stop any rumour from spreading within this space".

Their goal is to expel negative stereotypes associated with immigrants from public spaces and work environments. A step towards a more evolved society.