

The tree of dreams: an initiative against truancy in a depressed area of Seville

LOCATION: Seville

DURATION: 1'57"

SUMMARY: *'Un barrio que educa'* is the documentary filmed by the Office of the Polígono Sur Commissioner that shows the good practises in education of 15 schools in this depressed area of Seville, known for its conflicts. One of them is the Andalucía Primary School, an education community to share dreams. Families, teachers and volunteers share them and the ones which are accomplished are hanged in the tree of dreams. Initiatives like this one have reduced truancy rate from 40 to 12% in the last decade. But their work continues, as they want these children to graduate from secondary school.

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This school is full of dreams. Dreams which have come true and are part of a tree: the tree of dreams of the Andalucía Public School, in Polígono Sur, Seville.

ÁNGELA MOLINA
Principal Andalucía Primary School

"When a dream is fulfilled, we write it down on a leaf which we hang on the tree of dreams, we intend to make it a leafy tree and always full of life."

The dreams of a community made up of parents, children, teachers and volunteers who want to give back the right to dream to the residents of this degraded area of Seville, but mostly, to fulfil their dreams.

INMACULADA MAYORGA
Family council coordinator

"Around 60, 70% are fulfilled along the year."

This is one of the 15 schools which are part of the documentary *'Un Barrio que Educa'*, filmed by the Commissioner's Office of Polígono Sur with the intention of showing their good educational practise.

MAR GONZÁLEZ
Polígono Sur Commissioner

"People in Seville just think of Polígono Sur as something negative. It is just known for its problems, risks, but not for its strengths. And of them is the work that it is being done there in the educational sphere."

ÁNGELA MOLINA
Principal Andalucía Primary School

"When we started this project we had around 40% of truancy, now this rate is 12%, although we are not satisfied with it."

This is the result almost a decade later. The result of keeping the doors of the centre open to families, of overcoming prejudices so that dreams can transcend the school gates.

ÁNGELA MOLINA
Principal Andalucía Primary School

"That evolution is very important because it expresses how families think, that what it is done at school can transform things too, not only inside but also outside; that bond school-neighbourhood, neighbourhood-school."

INMACULADA MAYORGA
Family council coordinator

"Our final goal is that children are equal, that they receive the same education, quality education."

Children with dreams, future expectations, that education will make a reality.