



La Mar de Cosas: second-hand clothing to offer jobs to unemployed people

LOCATION: Granada

DURATION: 1'48"

SUMMARY: Cáritas has created a store in Granada that has two uses: on one hand to give jobs and reinsert people that need help back into the workforce, and on the other hand to give a second chance to the clothes they receive through donations. La Mar de Cosas also sells products from employment workshops in Cáritas.

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A store like any other, but different. This is La Mar de Cosas, created by Cáritas in Granada. On one hand it serves to give jobs and reinsert people back into the workforce, and on the other hand to give a new life to the clothes they receive through donations.

Irene Estévez
Cáritas Coordinator

"It's giving an opportunity to people to have a working contract, no? That is, job placement."

Enrique Vílchez
Store Worker

"It helps. You are making other people learn from you, and you also learn a lot from them."

Some of the products that arrive here come from the studios in Cáritas that are striving to reinsert people into the labour force. An example is this serigraphy studio, where they work with their own designs that end up here, in this store.

Susana Sánchez
Serigraphy Studio

"You learn a lot because everyone brings to the table a different problem that, although you try to, you can't put yourself in their place. But, you do learn humility."

Or the binding studio, where they receive product orders and where their products also go to the store.

Augustin Marie Ndour
Binding Studio

"With a schedule that you must follow, it also helps to adjust yourself to a real job schedule in order to be able to reinsert yourself into society."

The majority of what arrives at the store leaves from here, from the closet that Cáritas has in its headquarters and which also is a tool to give a new opportunity to some of the people that work here. They separate the clothes and those that are good go to families in need and the rest go to the store.

Isabel Vílchez
Cáritas Closet

"We know many people. Men from Madre de Dios, the shelter, all with their own problems; they come here, tell us about their life and all the people that come here, and these are the experiences we learn from."

Irene Estévez
Cáritas Coordinator

"Taking care of the environment and not throwing out all these clothes that could be given a second opportunity."

All these roads bring us to this store, a space similar to others in appearance, but completely different in heart.

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