

Organizācija Solidarité Laïque :

Solidarité Laïque is a french NGO struggling against exclusion in all its forms. Solidarité Laïque is a coalition gathering many structures as associations, foundations, unions and health insurances. This type of organization affords to establish links between structures that can work together, defending the same values and leading the best projects : « Together we can go further ». The main international projects are about working for education access, human and children rights, empower civil societies here and all around the world. In France Solidarité Laïque defends those values and the actions are about global education and advocacy (for education, children right, fight against racism and discrimination, migrants inclusion). The NGO support many citizen initiatives for migrant's inclusion.

Lektore **Cathy Le Goff**

Cathy Le Goff works at Solidarité Laïque for a couple of years. She Advocated for migrants and human rights when she was studying (international solidarity master degree). As a student she co-created a student association to defend refugee's rights and sensitize the campus to the asylum issue. The association aimed to three main actions: French lessons for the refugees (with a strong intercultural vision)/cultural and sports activities/advocacy to welcome more student refugees. She joined Solidarité Laïque right after she graduated. Her missions are to struggle against racism by creating education tools to sensitize children, young (and not young) adults. She represents Solidarité Laïque in higher places (NGO platforms, public institutions) when it's about the migration issues.

Uzstāšanās tēma - « Welcoming migrants in « the country of the human rights », contradictions, challenges and realities » :

France is seen as the « country of the human rights ». When it's about welcoming migrants and refugees... not anymore. France is an immigration country but obviously not an asylum one. When NGOs advocate to destroy all the prejudices about migrants and respect human right and French legislation, the French estate wants to select the « good » and the « bad » migrants meaning « the real refugees » and the « economic migrants ». This Manichean view doesn't recognize all the complex reasons to migrate, the way to leave and come... Of course, a lot has been done already but it's never enough and the recent decisions do not bode well for the future. However, not everything is, of course, just negative. Many NGOs, local communities, local authorities, citizens act and rise up. This is what I want to sum up. Here is how I would lead my presentation : context/rights/initiatives.