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Essaim d'Accueil

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Here is the second newsletter of Essaim d'Accueil! It is available in French and English, thanks to the translation made by Michael! Thanks again for his help! If you wish to receive the newsletter only in one language or if you want to unsubscribe, send us an email.

Voici la deuxième newsletter d'Essaim d'Accueil! Elle est disponible en français et en anglais, grâce à la traduction de Michael! Merci encore à lui! Si vous souhaitez recevoir uniquement la newsletter dans une des deux langues ou si vous souhaitez ne pas la recevoir, merci de nous écrire un email.

Bonne lecture!

Looking back at the past events

Halloween

On the 28th of October we organised an amazing Halloween party at the Café Gavroche! After enjoying a rich buffet of snacks, cakes and delicious pumpkin soup and after painting the faces of everybody without a costume, we set the dancefloor on fire! It was a real pleasure to get together, dance, lough and have a good time with old and new friends!



Christmas

In collaboration with the **Migration Initiative** of the IHEID we celebrated Christmas (a little in advance) with an outstanding buffet, a nice Christmas tree and old Santa Claus himself. Again, we couldn't resist to hit the dancefloor celebrating our friendship and every new encounter.



Other events

During the last three months, Essaim d'Accueil organized loads of different events: There have been two movie nights organized so far and we continue to do them on a regular basis. Also, some of our members had the opportunity to go and see a performance of the Orchestra of Geneva. Furthermore, we were invited to present our work alongside multiple other organisations, during an evening hosted by Amnesty International at the university of Geneva. There, we had the chance to share and exchange our visions of volunteering and associative activism.

Since we have recently begun our activities at the Frank Thomas home for asylum seekers, we took the chance to present Essaim d'Accueil to the residents of Frank Thomas during a small apéro, in order to establish a solid base for all future activities and encounters.

All these activities wouldn't have been possible without our participants! It has been a great pleasure to organise and experience these moments with you!

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

In these last couple of months, many people and organisations have supported us in our work, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their dedication and help.

Fonds de jeunesse

Essaim d'Accueil received a big financial support from the "Fonds de jeunesse" of the department of public education, culture and sport of the canton of Geneva. Thanks to these funds we are able to cover some of our member's expenses during the activities and meetings. So, don't hesitate, if you would like to organise a trip to a museum, cinema or a concert, we will be able to cover some of the costs. These funds will also allow Essaim d'Accueil to broaden its horizon by offering cooking workshops on the platform Hope It Up.

Emeric, Paranomen

As you may have noticed, we have recently got a new logo! We would like to thank the **Paranomen** association and particularly Emeric for designing this awesome logo for us.



TAPAJ Neuchâtel

From December the 8th to December the 10th we had the honour be supported by **TAPAJ**, a theatre group in Neuchatel! The profit which was made during their performance of the piece "Un esprit, ca s'aère" will be contributed to the work of Essaim d'Accueil. We can't thank TAPAJ enough for their support and congratulate them on an extraordinary performance.

GLAJ-GE

From now on, we are an official member of **GLAJ-GE**, the Genevan contact group of youth associations. The Essaim d'Accueil committee will now be able to hold its meetings in facilities made available by GLAJ-GE. GLAJ-GE provides us with logistical support that we have been needing for a long time.

Crowdfunding

Our crowdfunding campaign on One Million Sparky is over! It has been a real success and we managed to collect 1950CHF, thanks to the generosity of 32 donors. A million times thank you to those who donated money, but also those who shared our campaign!

Changes within the committee

**Goodbye dear Ana!**

After more than one year in the committee, Ana is leaving us for new adventures abroad! A huge thank you for her energy, positive attitude and motivation! She has done so much for Essaim d'Accueil! Here a few of her words to describe her experience with Essaim d'Accueil:

"Essaim d'Accueil was born out of a blurry idea, at first, a wish to build bridges between inhabitants of Geneva regardless of their legal status, a wish to establish nice links between human beings and thus contributing to make this world a little better. After one and a half year of work with this wonderful team, I think I can say that we reached the goal, in each event, each meeting, each smile or hand shake. I leave the committee with a huge pride of the road traveled together, and a luggage full of experiences and earnings!"

**Welcome Zélie**

Zélie joined Essaim d'Accueil in January 2018. Replacing Ana, she will from now on be responsible for the coordination with the members of our association. She's already got plenty of ideas to move ahead Essaim d'Accueil and is motivated to get involved in multiple projects and working groups.

Recruitment: we need you!

We are currently looking for new members of the executive committee of Essaim d'Accueil. The committee is the administrative, logistic and organisational organ of the association. At the moment, there are seven members in the committee, each covering one field of responsibility. Currently we are looking for people who are motivated to fill in the following positions: **treasurer, event managing and coordination of "lieux de vie"**. Below, you will find a more detailed description of each position. If you would like to know more about it, feel free to write us at any time! If you are interested, we can send you more information about the tasks and responsibilities of each field.

If you are interested, please let us know until the **11th of February**. The most important thing is that you are motivated, embrace the ideas of horizontality and respect, and that you are able to invest a couple of hours a week for your work. It is also important that you speak French at an intermediate level at least. The committee meets once a week for two hours and there will be individual tasks to fulfil for each member between the meetings. All this can sound pretty serious at first but don't forget, working in the committee of Essaim d'Accueil is first and foremost about **HAVING FUN!**



Treasurer

The position of treasurer will be vacant by the end of February. If you share the values of Essaim d'Accueil and you would like to contribute to the success and the future development of our young association, this will be the right place for you. If you don't have any experience in administration of an association, that's absolutely no problem as long as you are willing to learn new skills and to get involved. In collaboration with the other members of the committee, the treasurer manages the financial part of our activities, this will include in particular:

- The management of our bank account and doing the accounting of our funds
- Covering the expenses of our members during the meetings and activities
- Working out the budget for each activity of the association
- To propose new activities for the association taking into account the budget at our disposal
- To propose new fundraising projects, such as fundraising events, crowdfunding and requests to potential donors, in order to assure future assets at our disposal.

Event planning

You like organising parties and social events and have a good hand for planning and coordination? You have some free time at hand and would like to invest it in a good cause? Then you are the person we are looking for, and we are the association you are looking for! Become part of Essaim d'Accueil as event manager and let your creativity do the rest!

Coordination lieux de vie

The main task of the coordinator "lieux de vie" is to assure the connection between the members of Essaim d'Accueil, the residents of the asylum seekers homes and the social workers. More specifically, it's about sending the calendar of the meetings to our members every month and to communicate date and time of the meetings with the residents and the social workers in charge. Also, he/she is the contact person for feedbacks after the meetings and activities.

We need new members!



We are constantly looking for new members! As a member of the association, you can organise activities, participate at our events and take part in workshops about asylum and horizontality. If you would like to become a part of Essaim d'Accueil, there's nothing easier than that: just subscribe online with this **FORM**.

We are looking forward to meeting you and to welcome you in the big **Essaim d'Accueil family!**

Coming soon!

One-year anniversary of Essaim d'Accueil - TBA

Very soon, we are going to celebrate the association's one year of existence! We won't let this occasion past without a big blast and the preparation for the birthday party have already started. To stay up to date, follow us on **Facebook!**

Information event for members and future members - TBA

We will host a information event for our members and everybody who thinks about becoming one. If you would like to know more about our association, if you would like to get involved or if you already have great ideas for events of projects, this will be the perfect time and place to discuss it.

Horizontality and asylum workshop - 5th of March

All your members have the opportunity to participate in a workshop that we created in collaboration with... The first part will be dedicated to a presentation about the asylum procedures in Switzerland: laws, permissions to reside, legal status and rights, all these questions are going to be treated. The second part of the workshop will be a discussion and a

group work around the idea of horizontality. How to interact in a “horizontal” manner with the people surrounding us? Which are the gestures and expressions to avoid?

What's new?

Did you know? Since 2018, Essaim d'Accueil is able to cover some of the costs of our activities! If you want to organise an event or print some flyers for example, the association is able to give you 25.- (or more) to cover your expenses. Learn more on how to obtain a reimbursement of costs for your activities with the following document “**Règles de remboursement**” on the drive!



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