

Kaalay la! – Concept development and evaluation of children’s and youth recreational programmes for and with young refugees

“Kaalay la!” in Somali, “Komm mit!” in German or “Come with us!” in English. The title of this project is to encourage children and young people with completely different lives and completely different refugee routes to take part in youth and suburban recreational programmes or in a project day. By doing so, they can gather positive experiences and strengthen their own personality.

From 2016 to 2018 project partners in free child and youth welfare (e.g. open youth welfare work, cultural children and youth education, Deutsches Jugendherbergswerk, youth associations), churches and schools in North Rhine-Westphalia are offering the following recreational programmes that are combined under the same project name – “Kaalay la!”:

- Recreational football programme
- Language camp
- Summer camp
- Circus project
- City exploration
- Training camp for trainers of a holiday culture camp

Further projects are planned and can be requested from transfer e.V.

All the recreational activities that are offered target unaccompanied and accompanied refugees aged between 6 and 16 as well as children and young people from Germany. The recreational programmes are to be adjusted to cater for the needs of young refugees and promote intercultural exchange.

The project is supplemented by symposiums, coaching and other support programmes for educational staff. These will address the legal framework, language issues, psychotraumatology and intercultural aspects.

A team from the Technical University of Cologne will supervise the whole process and evaluate the recreational activities carried out using qualitative and quantitative methods. The project results from practice and research will be discussed at the end of the project at a conference. The results are intended to serve to optimise offers.

“Kaalay la!” is coordinated by transfer e.V. in Cologne. The Wohlfahrtspflege foundation in North Rhine-Westphalia sponsors the project.

If you have any questions on the recreational activities, the project objectives or the overall concept, please do not hesitate to contact us!

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