

FRATERNITY IN ACTION

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Overview

"The Leavening Project" provides us with an opportunity "to encounter the peripheries, not as a goal, but as a starting point for the transformation of lives" (n 2) and "to make the margins our home" (n 9). In this "movement towards the peripheries" (n 6), we looked at our Region's peripheries and located four places that are on RELEM's "borders": Molenbeek, Melilla, Scampia, and Upper Egypt. These communities and places may be valuable in assisting Young Lasallians in understanding our identity and mission "from the perspective of the periphery" (n 6), and given the vulnerability of some of these communities, this experience may be useful in making them known and better supported. We also invite our Young Lasallians to a formation program in Egypt.

Goals

1. The objective of this project is to establish a strong young Lasallians movement in the region.
2. Support the establishment of new Young Lasallians groups where none currently exist.
3. Awaken awareness of the personal and collective vocational journey of adolescents and young adults involved in the Lasallian Educational Mission

Specifications

We believe that by living together in fraternity and observing openness, young people will develop a sense of belonging and be inspired to form Young Lasallians groups. From this reflection we invite Young Lasallians from around the region to take part in our "Fraternity in action" initiative.

These multiple missionary invitation can help us to get to know different realities unknown to the Region, create small teams in which to experiment the foundations of our charism, faith-fraternity-service and closer bonds of friendship and sharing, also because we will increasingly be "small flocks" in RELEM societies and trigger new paths of collaboration and interaction.

The training, which is compulsory, will be experienced together; for the direct experience of solidarity, teams will be formed for each of the 4 projects.



Dates.

I. Formation in Egypt (Club De La Salle - Cairo)

25th - 28th of April 2024

II. Molenbeek - Belgium

5th - 16th July 2024

III. Melilla - Spain

15th - 30th July 2024

IV. Upper-Egypt - Egypt

20th July - 5th of August

V. Scampia - Italy

28th July - 6th August 2023



I - Formation in Egypt:

Summer formation will take place in "Club La Salle" in Cairo, Egypt. This formation aims to bring people together by emphasizing community, service, and faith. It should also involve training in lasallian, cultural, and voluntary activities. Our young people will also have a better knowledge of the realities of their summer solidarity experience and begin planning for it, so that when they arrive, they will already know each other and have the things they need to get started.



II - First community, Molenbeek - Belgium

- Molenbeek is a Brussels neighborhood where 90% of the residents are Moroccan immigrants and Muslims.
- The volunteers will be joining two brothers who live and work together in the community as they go about their everyday lives, joining them for meals, prayer, and activities with children.
- As for the activities, they will assist students with their schoolwork and provide academic support in the ECOLE DE DEVOIR, which is supported by the brothers.
- As the community is in relation with other local NGO, the young lasallians will help carry out different activities with the different local NGO like giving food to the homeless for example or help people who live in molenbeek accordingly.
- Touristic visits will also be secured for the young lasallians there.
- 5 - 6 YL are expected to go there.



III - Second community, Melilla - Spain

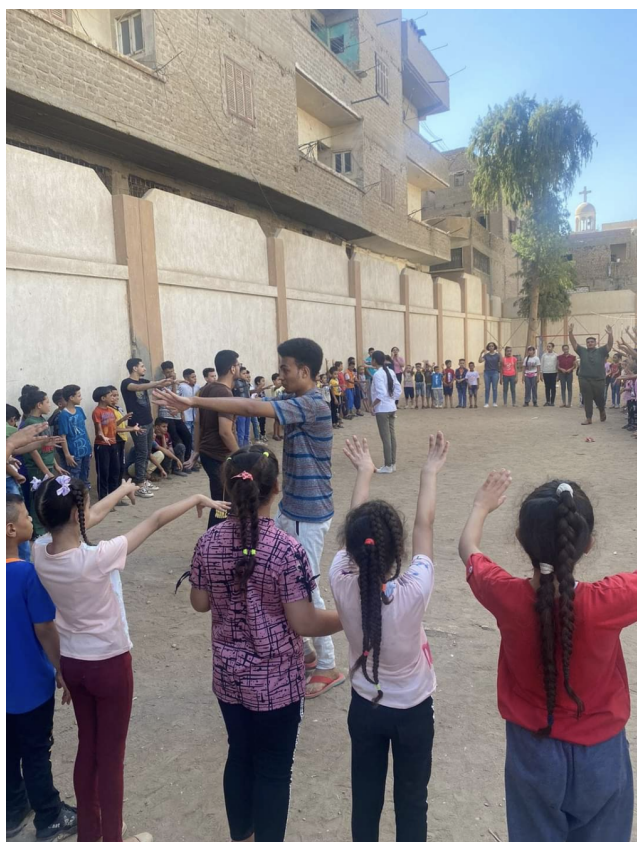
- The community objective is to orientate, educate and help the immigrants and refugees who are in Melilla, a Spanish city located in North Africa.
- The Young Lasallians will join a group of Young Lasallians from ARLEP district and they will be working together in the following activities.
- Second chance school (social and labor insertion area) which involves the following activities to improve the employability of the beneficiaries: individualized accompaniment, academic and professional guidance, development of personal skills, adult education, professional training actions and pre-work experiences.
- Project Alpha is a summer camp for children
- The community is asking that the volunteers be Spanish speakers to be able to work there and that they be +21 as life is not very easy there as well.



III - Third community, Upper-Egypt - Egypt

- Upper Egypt is in the south of Egypt, where the Brothers work in 6 different governorates and where we have 6 Young Lasallians groups across the different villages.
- The YL going there will join the brothers communities to discover their reality and then they will join the YL of Egypt in their annual volunteering camp, where they will stay for 4 days together to get to know each other and prepare their summer volunteering that will happen for one week, the RELEM group will join one of the villages accompanied by the YL of Egypt.
- During their week in the villages they will encounter the lasallian life as their program will be as follow:
Prayer and breakfast in the morning
Activities with the childrens of the village
Lunch and personal time
Lasallian formation for the people of the village, followed by a community time between the volunteers to discuss a certain topic or watch a movie...
Then they will end their day with dinner and prayer
- The community is asking that those who come speak English and be able to handle challenging circumstances. During the one-week village experience, YL will share bathrooms, sleep on the floor, not receive fancy food, and not have air conditioning in the summer. In other words, the community is looking for strong people who can live a simple life and gain a lot of experience for one week with other young people from all over Egypt.
- 10 - 15 people can join this mission






IIII - Fourth community, Scampia - Italy

- Scampia is a vulnerable neighborhood of Naples in the south of Italy; among the vulnerabilities there is even a Roma Camp (gypsies camp).
- The YL will join the Lasallian Community, an intentional community of Brothers and volunteers.
- CasArcobaleno is the place where the volunteers will live and it is an educational Lasallian center; among the activities there is a Second Chance School for adolescents who dropped out of school and would like a second chance to integrate again in the community.
- The volunteers will carry on different activities at CasA arcobaleno and in the Roma Camp to animate and help children and young people. They might be asked to carry out different activities with the volunteers that are already there.
- 20 YL can be accommodated there.





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