

Crossroads Gothenburg

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The goal: the project pursues to combat economic and social exclusion of EU citizens and TCNs (has a residence permit in an EU country) who reside/temporary live in Gothenburg city (Gothenburg region) by advocating for their rights in compliance to the EU law and International Human rights Conventions concerned, as well as creating conditions in order to meet their basic needs/rights.

Target group: rough sleepers, jobseekers, students, employed/self employed, poor families with kids.

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Crossroads action plan

At the individual level:

- Informing EU citizens and TCNs who has a residence permit in any EU country in regards to their rights, obligations and possibilities in Sweden
- Establishing contacts with local authorities as well as authorities abroad

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Establishment of contact between a jobseeker and the Public Employment Office/EURES in Gothenburg city as well as recruiting companies

Informing the job seekers about the possibilities and the trends in the labour market in Sweden (via EURES)

Assistance in a job seeking process

Preparation of the certificates/diplomas/documentated experience

Translation services: 10 languages

Promoting awareness of what "free movement" envisages specifically in terms jobseekers and employed/self-employed people through the contact with the Job Office and potential employers

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Health care assistance

- In emergency case. Based on human rights approach via agreement with local Health care center for Homeless people and City Mission Gothenburg, Crossroads provides the possibility for homeless EU citizens/non holders of EHIC to visit a doctor
- Dentist services: Vasa Viktoria tandvård and Landala tandvård

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Swedish course for the EU citizens

- Volunteer based course, 4 times per week
- Provides an opportunity to learn the language/focus on job seeking process
- Visits to organizations in Gothenburg city
- Creates a meeting place
- Develops trustworthy social network

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Night shelter

Based on agreement between the municipality of Gothenburg city and the following NGOs, such as Salvation Army, Bräcke Diakoni, City Mission Gothenburg

The night shelter has 25 places for men, women and children

Possibility to shower, washing clothes, changing clothes, food and warmth

The amount of nights is still under discussions

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Strategic goals

- Advocacy. Crossroads targets long term solutions to change the current approach and treatment of EU citizens in Sweden
- Promoting evidence in regards to the intra-EU migration/rights based approach at the local and national level
- The Crossroads acts as an incentive for developing a platform for cooperation to bring change into the system. The actors involved: Social services department, the Job Office, EURES, hospitals and dentist clinics, recruiting companies, schools and kindergartens, other NGOs.
- Combating racism and xenophobia through the strong impact on political agenda (via media)
- Academic research

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Thank you very much!

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