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# **ReCulture: Breaking Cultural Barriers through Sports**

Youth sports for breaking cultural barriers and active citizenship

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### BREAKING BARRIERS OFFICIALY STARTED

## Young Europeans meet in Dublin for kick-off conference



The very first conference of the project took place in Dublin, Ireland, on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2022, focusing on the successful implementation of the project

and the first necessary steps to be done to develop the idea further. It was also the first time the consortium was given a chance to meet in person. During the meeting, organised by Teach Solais Community Development, the consortium had plenty of time to present, discuss and network. Each partner presented themselves, their profile and experiences. The discussion focused on integrating migrants,

communities, and citizens through one common tool: sports.

#### This is

the first Newsletter of the project with the scope to inform on the results of the first project event and introduce the project itself.



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#### Introducing ourselves

# What is the ReCulture project about?

This project aims to create tools that will enable any community, large or small, to grassroots develop programmes involving their local community with migrants to ensure an integration that respects, educates, and unites these migrants to their new community through youth-oriented sports programmes.

RECulture wants to use sport as a way to connect and strengthen communities. share common values, break cultural and ideological barriers, and ultimately trigger and systematic structural changes to introduce across Europe the development of grassroots programmes that follow the study and development done in this project, led by young people who want to impact the present and future of their communities.

During this project, the consortium will conduct a good practice survey to understand how communities use sports programmes to integrate migrant or refugee communities, thus understanding what is being done well and where these programmes are failing.

After this research, the project will develop a curriculum, "From Theory to Practice", which will bring together all the knowledge and material needed to create and implement youth sports programmes in a structured way in communities dealing with the integration of migrants and refugees.

The project will also develop an in-service training programme to ensure that social workers, youth workers, and coaches are available to successfully implement the curriculum that has been developed in their communities.

Finally, because we want this project to have a systemic impact, a Policy Paper will be developed to present to key stakeholders and policymakers the project, the materials produced, and the conclusions reached to implement the work created in their communities.



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