

Collaborating with the Red Cross

- *A win-win for refugees, scouts and the society!*



Some background to the collaboration

- ▶ Many wanted to help
- ▶ Researched - what can one do?
- ▶ Found the Red Cross
- ▶ Scouts good at social activities, + understanding of inclusion and diversity

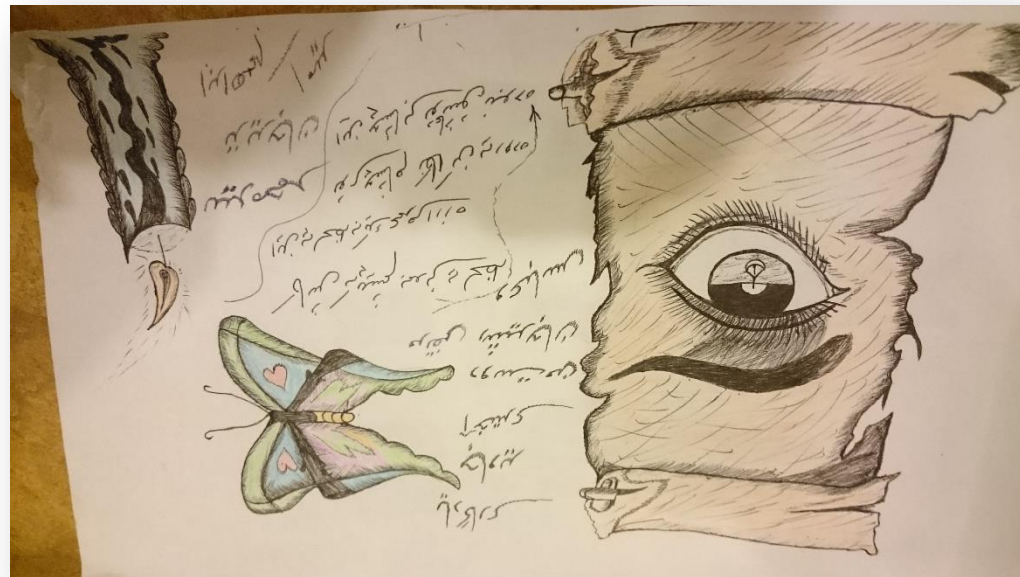
What is the project?

- ▶ Visiting homes for young unaccompanied refugees.
- ▶ Once a week we come in a group of five persons to do activities with the children (12-18, mixed gender).
- ▶ Before we went:
Interviews and Training



The outcome so far:

- ▶ The children are activated and we have fun
- ▶ They learn Swedish
- ▶ We have been creative and inspired each other
- ▶ We relieve the staff
- ▶ As a scout group we have learnt a lot



What can be said about this, now?

- ▶ A big win-win
- ▶ Has been easier than I first thought “we don’t have to reinvent the wheel”
- ▶ Could have been any local active organisation, depending on the group and the resources.

Challenges?

- ▶ People drop of on the way - it doesn't mean that it's not a good project!
- ▶ Giving the right information - Be clear about expectations from the beginning.
- ▶ Think in the long term.
- ▶ Be patient.
- ▶ The unfamiliarity with working with refugee children.

Form groups 4-5 persons.

What is your situation, what can you do?

- ▶ Are the Red Cross, or any other similar organisation, active in your town/region?
- ▶ What are the preconditions for you to start up anything like this?
- ▶ What are the challenges? Could you get any help from your NSO/MO?
- ▶ Do you have any alternative ideas?

