

Key highlights of RYS' work in October 2020



We organised various play-based activities for the vulnerable children we work with in Calais. These included drawing, language-learning, board games, cricket, football & other sport activities.



We continued organising the 'Barber shop', where we provide hair-cutting and self-care materials to the unaccompanied children living in makeshift camps.



We worked to ensure that each child we met understood their rights, and how to access accommodation, safer spaces and vital services - equipping them with the information to help them make decisions about their future. We continue to support children whatever their decision, whilst advocating for remaining in France as the safest and best option.



In October, we have seen/contacted a total of **87** children, while we successfully facilitated access to state-mandated child protection services in France for **7** children. The youngest unaccompanied children currently known by RYS are age 10.



RYS, alongside Amnesty International France, Anafé, Medecins du Monde, MSF, La Cimade, Secours Catholique, Choose Love, Refugee Rights Europe & Safe Passage published a report addressing the various violations faced by vulnerable children at the French borders. Read more: bit.ly/3cWXige



We continued to follow-up with the local prefecture on the sanitary context around COVID-19 and the services available and/or foreseen for vulnerable children for the upcoming winter.



As part of RYS' transition process, we launched an open-call for a partner organisation with a long-term vision and ready to contribute to the protection and assistance of unaccompanied children in France. To learn more: <https://bit.ly/3jSqMHD>