




Key highlights of RYS' work in November 2020




Due to the French national lockdown in November, our activities suffered disruptions. Nevertheless, we continued our essential work to ensure that each child we met understood their rights, and how to access accommodation, safer spaces and vital services during these times. We continued to support children whatever their decision, whilst advocating for remaining in France as the safest and best option.




We created new language curriculums for French and English and began giving language lessons to the unaccompanied children.




We organised various sporting activities for the vulnerable children we work with in Calais. These included cricket, football, volleyball, ping pong, skateboarding, dancing and others. If you would like to support our play-based projects, you can also buy specific items for our activities here: <https://www.listy.fr/listes/refugee-youth-service>



RYS, alongside Amnesty International France, Anafé, Medecins du Monde, MSF, La Cimade, Secours Catholique, Choose Love, Refugee Rights Europe & Safe Passage continued to reiterate our call upon the French authorities to fulfill their duty to protect all children, including those in danger at the French borders. In addition, Brut media reported on the situation of the unaccompanied children in Calais. Find out more here: <https://bit.ly/36RYmKr>



We continued to follow-up with the local prefecture on the lockdown measures and state of emergency in France regarding COVID-19 and the services available for the vulnerable children during the lockdown.



In November, we have seen/contacted a total of **87** children. We have met **37** children newly arrived to Calais. In total, we made **34** formal requests for state intervention in relation to child protection in France. We successfully facilitated access to state-mandated child protection services for **8** children.