

# Creating Opportunities

Sport dans la Ville is the leading professional integration organization through sports in France. Thanks to our actions, 82% of the youngsters that have been in our programs are either employed or in training, more than the district average in France (80%). Two years ago, we launched a project aiming at changing the life of 50 young people (withdrawn from school) from very disadvantaged neighborhoods by offering them professional opportunities.

Your generous donations have helped us fulfilled a good part of our project: we have managed to integrate the 50 youngsters to a new program "Passe Décisive" (416 are registered within it). They have received great help in their quest to a successful professional life. Since the beginning of our project, they have had multiple options with multinational firms such as Socotec. This construction engineering company has offered these headstrong students a nine months training course leading to an eventual contract with the firm (as well as the driving license). 20 of the 50 have joined the training since the last two years. Some of them have already obtained their first contract, binding them to Socotec.



Within "Passe Décisive", we launched the "accélérateur", a twelve weeks intense program. As well as learning the essentials of the professional world and working on their personal development, they have the chance to discover new landscapes, have physical activities and receive advices on life hygiene. 15 of the 50 youngsters signed up for it, 3 of them got a stable employment, 1 got an internship, a few went back to school, and 3 are in work-study project.

Others who are not yet sure about their career choice are offered a year discover curriculum in the field they are interested in. As an example, last year, 12 youngsters joined the digital course. They had weekly meetings and classes with several numerical professionals (engineers, electrician...) on their work sites, as well as year projects.



Thanks to these different courses, many among them have obtained significant professional opportunities. Here are some concrete examples. Sami - a youngster from Sarcelles (95) who had not been to school since 10<sup>th</sup> grade - got into the Socotec training program and obtained a "CDD" (fixed term contract) as an electrician within the firm, as well as his driving license. Amanda – who had been withdrawn from school for two years and without any work-study - project joined our program "Passe decisive" two years ago and became in January a intervention technician in a worldwide kown firm: "Otis".

We still count on your help to carry on assisting these youngsters in their quest to a successful professional life.