

Help Students Fight School Dropouts in Middle School

Strasbourg, France



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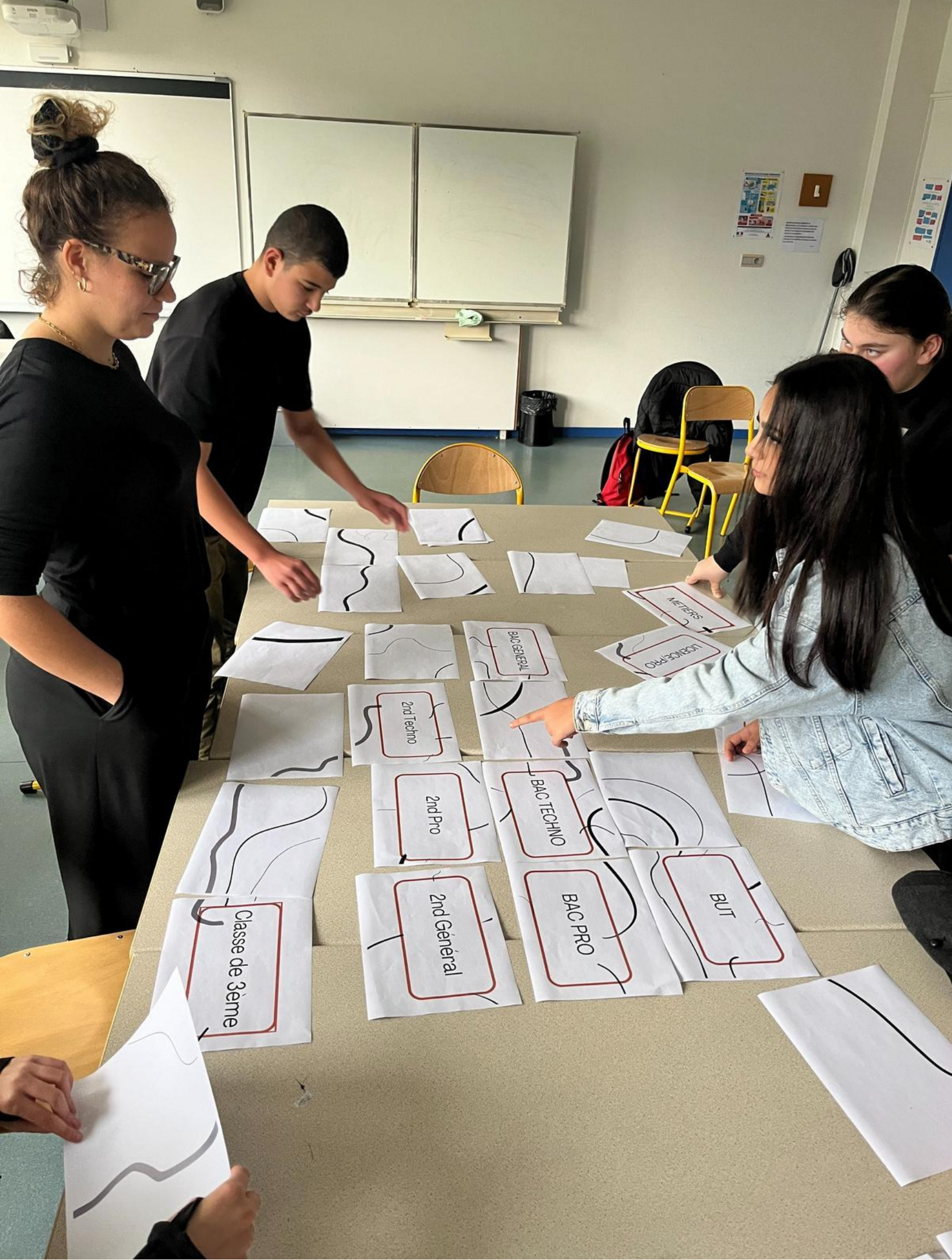
Who are we ?



In France, the association leads initiatives to educate young people about citizenship and international solidarity. In middle schools in priority neighborhoods of Strasbourg, we support students in carrying out projects related to sustainable development, with the aim of restoring their confidence in themselves and others.



The association Vilaje (Ville Action Jeunesse) aims to prevent social exclusion among young people by promoting education, training, and community engagement to support their social integration in the city center. The core business of the association remains the creation of a quality social link with young people frequenting the areas of intervention.



The Project

Since 2022, we partner with the International Middle School of Esplanade to prevent school dropout among students in priority neighborhoods.

The project supports groups of 15 students from the beginning of 8th grade through the end of 9th grade, offering a safe and creative space where they explore their identity, build self-confidence, and reconnect with others and their environment.

Through a series of workshops, students work on themes of citizenship, sustainable development, and international solidarity. We offer them an alternative path, where education is not just academic but also human, creative, and empowering.

Why support us ?

Because every young person deserves the chance to believe in themselves and shape their future.

By supporting our project, you are:

- Investing in long-term impact: Our work starts in 8th grade and follows students through 9th grade, helping them grow at a key stage in their development.
- Combating inequality at its roots: We target schools in underserved areas, providing tools that foster inclusion, empathy, and opportunity.
- Empowering future changemakers: Through civic engagement, creative expression, and sustainable development activities, we nurture active, aware citizens.
- Building stronger communities: When young people feel valued, heard, and capable, they lift up their peers, families, and neighborhoods.



Corporate Sustainability Standards - *Why?*



Stakeholder

Relationships

Fostering transparency and collaboration.



Competitive

Advantage

Being socially responsible helps differentiate your brand in the market.



Risk

Management

Reduce social and environmental risks by strengthening your CSR commitments.



Reputation

Enhances your company's image as a responsible and ethical organization.

Corporate Sustainability Standards - *How* ?



Human Rights

Addressing systemic inequalities in access to education and civic participation.



Education

Developing key competencies such as communication, critical thinking, and digital literacy.



Community engagement

Promoting local involvement, solidarity initiatives, and cultural exchange.

The Challenges

1

Significant absenteeism

Some students are absent regularly, even for several months, which exposes them to situations of great vulnerability (wandering, isolation, delinquency).

2

Lack of prospects

The absence of a professional or personal project among these young people leads to general demotivation and a feeling of uselessness.

3

Strong social and educational inequalities

Students in the sector, often from modest backgrounds, feel out of step with students in international sections who are perceived as privileged.

4

Lack of alternative educational tools

The traditional school framework does not always meet the needs of these students, who require more creative, participatory and rewarding approaches.

Our Solution



To prevent school dropout, we support students from 8th to 9th grade through creative, personalized guidance. In the first year, they design a civic project on sustainable development (e.g., video, game, book), boosting self-confidence and teamwork. An international exchange with youth in Cameroon broadens their worldview.

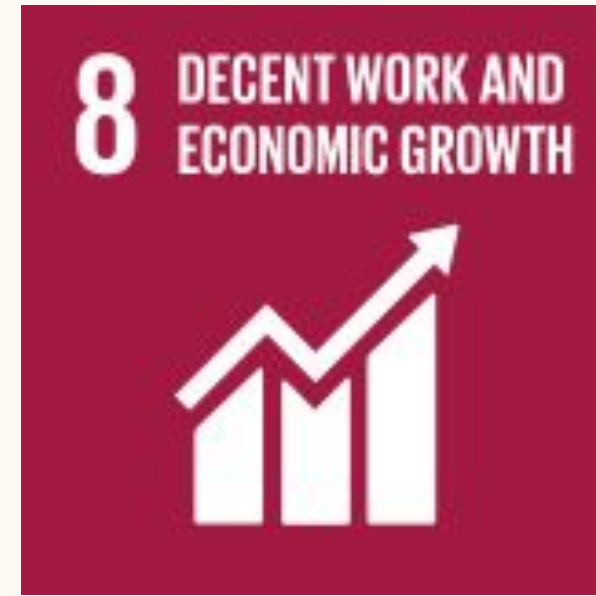
In the second year, we help them explore career paths through workshops, field visits, and hands-on learning (digital tools, arts, civic engagement). Our non-formal education approach rekindles motivation, strengthens public speaking, and fosters autonomy.

Students become active citizens, better prepared for high school, and more engaged in their communities, now and in the long term.

SDGs in our Solution



Supporting students at risk of school dropout with inclusive, non-formal learning that builds skills, motivation, and self-confidence.



Guiding students in discovering career paths and strengthening their access to future employment through workshops and vocational exploration.



Promoting equal opportunities by supporting underserved youth and helping them overcome social, academic, and communication barriers.



Collaborating with schools, local associations, and international partners to build a shared, sustainable response to school dropout.

Our Impact

Short-term Impact:

- Increased motivation and participation in school life, leading to reduced absenteeism and dropout risk.
- Improved self-confidence and public speaking skills, enabling students to express themselves clearly among peers and adults.
- Discovery of personal interests and strengths, leading to better career orientation and confirmed high school placements.
- A first step toward civic engagement, with students expressing a desire to contribute to causes they care about.

Long-term Impact:

- Students continue engaging in civic life.
- They carry their awareness of social issues beyond school, contributing to community cohesion and local solidarity.
- They realize their ability to create impact, potentially increasing their future involvement in public life, and countering underrepresentation of working-class youth.
- The local community benefits from projects led by young people, raising awareness and fostering intergenerational dialogue.

Join us !

Together, we can empower these young people to overcome challenges, build their futures, and become active, confident members of society.



Our website

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Cameroon



Support 15 young
women on the road to
independence and
professional
integration.

Colombia



Save the Mangroves,
Protect Life: Take Action
for Colombia's Caribbean
Coast!



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