The Refugee guide program in practice
-How we work locally-

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13 Employees work at the district office

27 Local branches in the district

7831 Members in the district

Trondheim (160,000 inhabitants) is main city center and district office in the region

6 Local Refugee Projects in Sør-Trøndelag, in 6 different branches
How we organize the work locally
1) Needs – we work on a survey of the demand for Refugee guides in each municipality.
2) Contracting: Between the local Red Cross department and the current municipality.
3) Collaborating with local authority
4) Recruiting: Advertisements, meetings and using the network.
5) Training: Both guides and refugees receive training. In Trondheim we give a 12 hour course for guides and a 4 hour course for refugees.
6) Interviewing:
Interviewing plays an important part in the program. We interview both guides and refugees
7) Making a contract: We use written contracts between the participants, to ensure and motivate the contact.
8) How to secure contact
9) Activity groups:
In addition to the regular contact between the participants, we also offer activities for guides and refugees in each community – these activities are organized by volunteers or a coordinator.
Finally: Results and experiences