MIGRANTS in Poland

CASE OF UKRAINIAN MIGRANTS

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2020 HUMANITY IN ACTION WARSAW FELLOWSHIP

HUMANITY IN ACTION POLAND

EU's LABOUR MARKET

WORKERS NEEDED!
- CONSTRUCTION
- TRADE
- DOMESTIC WORK
- HOSPITALITY
- AGRICULTURE
- SERVICES

POLAND JOINS EU IN 2004

2006 POLAND OPENS UP IT'S LABOUR MARKET

SEASONAL EMPLOYERS WITHOUT A WORK PERMIT FROM
- BELARUS
- RUSSIA
- UKRAINE
- MOLDOVA
- ARMENIA
- GEORGIA

✓ LABOUR SHORTAGES
✓ SLUMPED ECONOMY
✓ 2007 MARKET CRASH

HISTORY OF EXCHANGE

CENTURIES OF cultural, economic and social TIES

SHIFTING BORDERS

XENOPHOBIA

2015 PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS

RUN ON nationalistic AND xenophobic RHETORIC

SINCE 2017 ANTI-UKRAINIAN SENTIMENTS ON THE RISE

IN ONLY 1 REGION OF POLAND THERE WERE 44,000 INSTANCES OF HATE CRIMES AGAINST UKRAINIANS IN 2017 & 2018 (KOZŁOWSKA, 2019)

71% OF POLISH YOUTH ENCOUNTERED ANTI-UKRAINIAN SENTIMENTS ONLINE

25% POLES ENCOUNTERED HATE SPEECH AGAINST UKRAINIANS ON TV (BILEWICZ, 2017)

INFLUX OF UKRAINIAN WORKERS

DUE TO
- 2014 UKRAINE: POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INSTABILITY
- MAIDAN REVOLUTION
- WAR IN DONBAS

THERE ARE 1,3 MILLION UKRAINIANS IN POLAND (2020, GUS)

400000 UKRAINIANS HAVE PROPER CONTRACTS (2019)

✗ NO LEGAL SAFEGUARDS, exploitation — NO PERMITS = NO RIGHTS

MANY UKRAINIANS DO LOW-PAID, LOW SKILLED JOBS POLES DO NOT WANT TO TAKE

WHEN COMPLAINING ABOUT BEING PAID LOWER WAGES THEN POLES, UKRAINIANS ARE TOLD THEY HAVE no Rights ✗

SOLUTIONS

Raising awareness on
- ✓ HOW IMPROVED WORKING CONDITIONS FOR MIGRANT WORKERS IMPROVE WORKING CONDITIONS FOR ALL WORKERS
- ✓ PROVIDING ACCESSIBLE RESOURCES FOR LEARNING POLISH

advocacy for:
- ✓ POSITIVE INFLUENCE MIGRANTS HAVE ON SOCIETY
- ✓ CREATION OF LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS THAT STREAMLINE THE INTEGRATION PROCESS
- ✓ CREATION OF LEGAL CHANNELS FOR UNAUTHORIZED MIGRANT WORKERS TO SEEK HELP WHEN EXPLOITED, ESPECIALLY FOR DOMESTIC CARE WORKERS

integration support
- ✓ RESOURCE CENTERS IN CITIES WITH HIGH POPULATION OF MIGRANTS OFFERING INFORMATION IN NUMBER OF LANGUAGES ON HOUSING, EDUCATION, TRANSPORTATION, WORKERS' RIGHTS, SOCIAL SERVICES
- ✓ MENTORING PROGRAMS THAT PAIR UP POLISH LOCALS WITH MIGRANT NEWCOMERS TO HELP GUIDE THEM THROUGH BUREAUCRACY AND MAKE SOCIAL CONNECTIONS

NGOs / HELPLINES

- OCALENIE FOUNDATION
- UKRAINIAN HOUSE
- THE WARSAW MULTICULTURAL CENTER
- THE CONSORTIUM OF SOCIAL ORGANISATIONS WORKING FOR REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS
- HOMO FABER

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