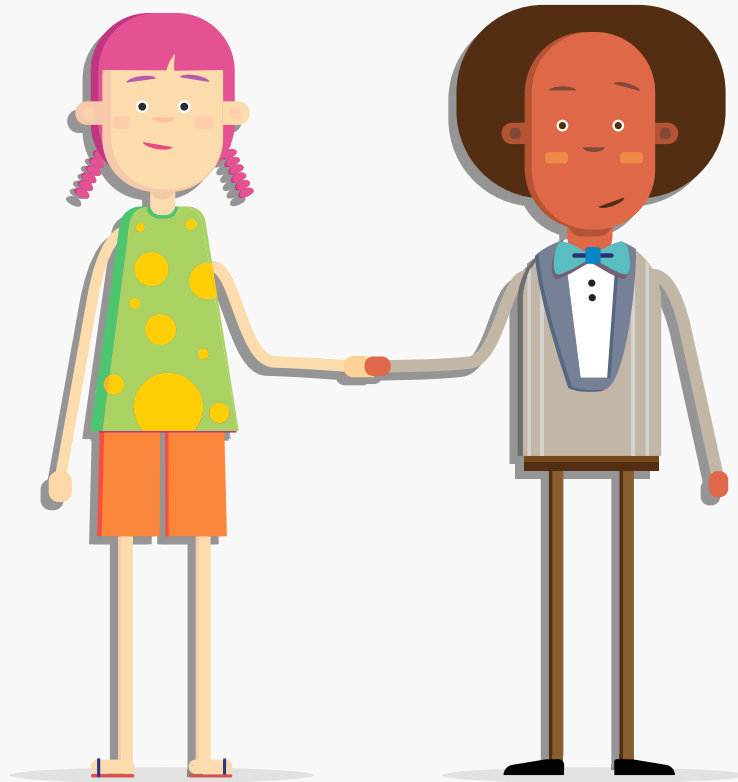


# An Invitation to generate a space for reflection about Hospitality within our everyday life mission

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**Hospitality** is an interaction that allows humanizing other people and oneself. Hospitality is based on the acknowledgement of others, on the idea that there are bridges that can be built towards others and on the fact that we shall be welcoming with those who are different and come to us. Living together is only possible if we recognize the other as an authentic and legitimate Other.





Advocating for the defense of migrant's rights may be possible if it emerges from individuals that are conscious of their responsibility, able to recognize themselves as different and complementary, able to recognize the collective agreements they are part of and who project their own humanity through generosity.

**They start by choosing to get out of themselves so they can find the Other.** Coming back to the minimum of common sense: we are Humans.

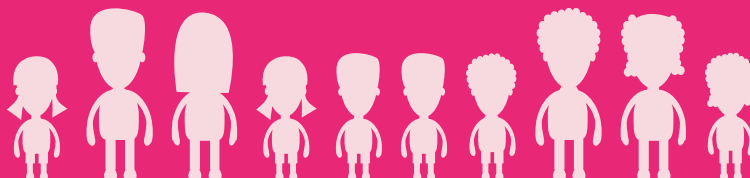
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## **PRACTISING AND RECOGNIZING HOSPITALITY IN OUR EVERYDAY ACTIONS.**

Giving space to all that Hospitality means.

Every action that constitutes our service and accompaniment through the diverse institutions and works of the Society of Jesus within the continent represent stories of Hospitality that need to be told. **The Hospitality Campaign advocates for giving visibility to these stories, because it is a way to call society –in general– and the communities receiving the migrants –in particular– joining the defense, accompaniment and service for those who has lost everything.**



## OBJECTIVES:

1

To raise awareness and give meaning to a series of actions and messages that allows us to keep having this Hospitality, Fraternity and Humanity conversations between human beings (whoever they are and wherever they've been), in a specific context (local teams, receiving and educational communities).

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2

To make visible the stories of Hospitality, Humanity and Fraternity and to invite people within the region to keep conducting hospitality actions in their contexts.

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## MOTIVACIÓN:

When we open our hearts (and we mean it!) to the experience of otherness, we will be able to overcome self-righteous or distrust attitudes, hidden so many times beneath the mask of humanitarian assistance or charity without a transformative commitment of the structures that produce inequality.

We seek what we already have so we can point out the gaps that exist, but based on hope. To prove it is possible. We do not linger on hostile messages. We need to see this as an opportunity to transcend this reality with hospitable and humane actions.

We have gathered stories of men and women in many places that show Hospitality in action. Everyday stories from migrant, refugees and displaced persons and from those who serve them through several Jesuit organizations. They are heroes that speak us about strength, determination and love for life. *Alongside the poor, we can learn what hope and courage mean.*<sup>1</sup>

## METHODOLOGY:

### ACTION #1: RECOGNIZE US HOSPITABLE.



We present for your consideration some ideas that may lead to a guided conversation within a team, facilitated by someone who wants to. This is a guide to be conducted within a local team of the JRS, the JMN or any other accompany service to migrants, refugees and displaced people in the world, in order to motivate the connection between the processes and projects leaded by the communities and the people we serve.

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### TWO ASPECTS TO ADDRESS IN THE CONVERSATION:

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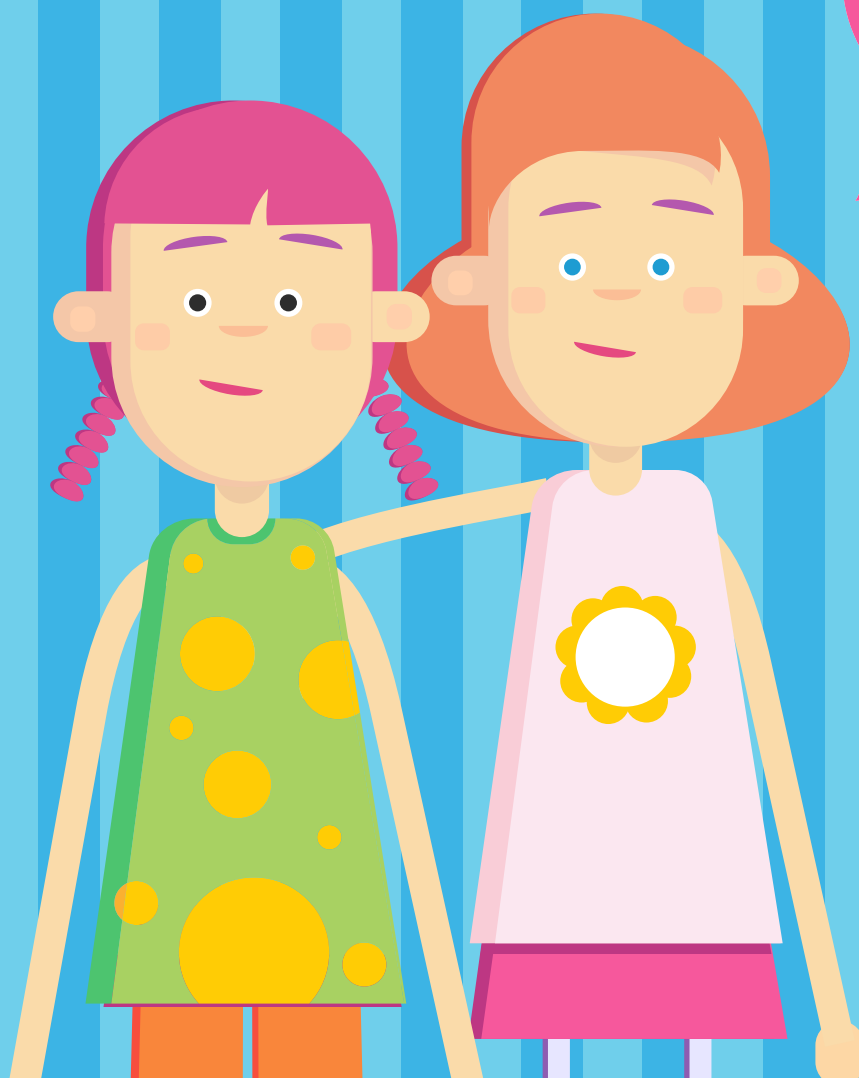
How do we recognize in our everyday service action and in the processes we accompany the practice of Hospitality with migrants, refugee and displaced people?

2

How can we make more visible these actions and the stories they told?

## **PARTS OF A CONVERSATION:**

The Pedagogy of Saint Ignatius brings a very valuable logic to address a formation process. It is not about a “step-by-step” guide. However, this guide offers clues to walk towards individual to collective reflection. Here we present these parts to guide a conversation within a teamwork.





## CONTEXT

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**Reflections of reality:** through a story, a video, physical activity or any other mean available we will look for our guests to see themselves, like in a mirror, in the conversations and the actions that help the building of Humanity through Hospitality and Education. We want them to connect with emotions like admiration, collaboration, service, trust, respect and solidarity.

### **TO INSPIRE OTHER IN OUR MISSION THROUGH EVERYDAY SERVICE!**

One possibility is to admire a Hospitality story from a local team or from the Society of Jesus networks in the world. It can also be to remember collectively a significant experience of our team in which the commitment with human dignity made a remarkable difference in the recovery process of a person or a community. Which is important here is for us to connect with the admiration of the daily Service we provide by being hospitable with migrants, refugees or displaced persons.

If you follow the links below, you will find resources to motivate dialogues and conversations as well as Educational experiences and Hospitality Stories.

<http://historiasdehospitalidad.com>



## EXPERIENCE

**Bodywork:** By using conscious physical activity and songs, we will invite our guests to live the emotion from which they are acting in their everyday lives. We will propose them to sit, to stand or to move around so they can observe how they embody their attitudes. By doing so they may realize how they work as a team or with the people, they accompany and serve.

What is relevant in our everyday lives is that it crosses throughout our hearts and therefore mobilize us to act in behalf of what we stand for. Our body tells us about how we live these experiences. Our body is language, therefore meaning and emotions.

These activities intend to offer people moments of consciousness using their bodies and working on their respiration. In the end, we will invite people to wonder about these two simple questions:

**When have I experienced hospitality in my life?**

**What has it meant for me, and for others, to practice hospitality in my life?**

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## REFLECTION

**Tipping question:** we need to ask questions that join the reflection every person invited is doing after the activities. By walking through the experience, each person will recognize his or her own look as well as his or her perspective on reality. This reflection invites us to contrast our own look with the look of the others. It is by finding each other that we can build new knowledge and new ways of valuing reality. We are an infinite universe of perspectives.

The activity will invite people to discuss in pairs the answers they find during the experience as well as the new questions that emerge from it.

After that, we will invite pairs to switch with other people so they can discuss this next question:

**What does Hospitality has to do with our commitment with the Work or Mission I work in, regarding the world and this particular region?**

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## ACTION

Projection: when every person invited has lived the experience, they shall say aloud, write or sing whatever they have thought about or what they desire to strengthen within their conversations and everyday actions.

To serve, to accompany and to advocate for people who were forced to migrate, move away or seek for protection in another region or country is an ethic choice for life. Those who accompany and serve, and those who are accompanied, represent Humanity's heroism: they have chosen life above all.

Hospitality is the path that allows us to reconstruct life and future in a new context, together and with our own hands. Hospitality is the interaction between human beings that allows us to recognize other and together to recover the Humanity that has been hit by violence.

### A simple invitation:

Take your cellphones and make a video of one of your teammates talking about the results of this reflection. It may be the emotions they are experiencing, as well as new ideas or a short presentation of an experience that represents hospitality in action.



End the video saying joyfully: **“I am a son/daughter, I am a brother/sister and I am Human”**. You may also say: **“Where there are walls, we will build bridges.”**

*The stories we tell are a practical way to influence in our society in order to get more people every day join our cause.*

**Share this short video with the Community Manager of your local team.**

Videos can be send to  
the campaign mail:  
**[rjm.hospitalidad@sjrlac.org](mailto:rjm.hospitalidad@sjrlac.org)**  
or be shared in your Facebook, Twitter  
or Instagram alongside the hashtag  
**#SoyH** and **@porlahospitalidad**.

## EVALUATION

A way to close a conversation is giving thanks for the time given to the activity. Also, to invite others to join the campaign.

A good conversation takes place when, even after the encounter it is over, in our heart and minds the ideas and feelings keep spinning around.

In order to evaluate the experience, we propose that the team reviews if an action like this would make any sense to be implemented with the people we accompany and serve or with those, we have established alliances to serve.

If this is possible, then our objective has been achieved.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

We invite you to feedback this proposal and help us build it.

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