



Press release

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Five Onet Foundation actions for its 5th National Solidarity and Housing Day

The Onet Foundation has a commitment to helping people in need and has been fighting against homelessness and unacceptable living conditions since 2010. One of its most striking actions is its National Solidarity and Housing Day. This is a day when, instead of going to work, dozens of Onet employees meet together to work on various solidarity projects around the country.

The fifth edition of this event will take place on September 25th. Five solidarity projects will be run simultaneously in 5 towns in France: Dijon, Marseilles, Cherbourg, Paris and Les Ulis.

"What do these actions actually entail?" you might be asking. Well, our employees renovate premises belonging to associations such as those who help poorly-housed or homeless people in urgent need or who shelter battered women and their children for example.

Thanks to the dedication of more than 350 of our staff members, 26 projects have been successfully completed since 2010. In other words, some 2,500 work hours offered to local associative networks.

« Far from disappearing, » explains Elisabeth Coquet-Reinier, Co-President of the Onet Foundation, « unacceptable housing conditions have become more widespread and deeply rooted in France in recent years. The Onet Foundation addresses this concern by organising events to raise public awareness and by leading concrete actions in the field to support associations that are fighting the problem of poor housing. »

The Onet Foundation is proud of its National Day. It demonstrates the solidarity of Onet employees, who voluntarily offer a half day holiday in order to take part in an action, and the ongoing engagement of the Onet group who offers the other half day to participants.



About the ONET Foundation

Contributing towards a safe and healthy daily environment for human development

As part of its commitment to helping people in need, the Onet Foundation has been fighting against homelessness and unacceptable living conditions since 2010. The Onet Foundation mobilises a workforce of 60,000 people and uses its well-known corporate image to capture the attention of companies and the public.

Acting together: by facilitating the organisation of concrete actions in the field, by enabling people to express their solidarity in favour of the fragile and to act side by side with the associations. Key examples are the National Solidarity and Housing Day (2010 to 2015) or the Rénov'Plus actions organised in 2014.

Calling out to the public: by lobbying various public organisms or levels of government and by organising events to raise awareness of the plight of inadequate housing so that these problems be better taken into account. Photographer Yohan Brandt's exhibition entitled «Je suis... ils sont » («*I am... they are*»), presented in Marseille and Arles in 2013, or the diffusion of Pierre Lopez's film on the homeless at the Euromed School of Management in Marseille in 2012 are two examples.

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