



Monthly Impact Report

OCTOBER 2025



OCTOBER in PLAY



We are a grassroots organisation supporting children and families on the move in northern France through **play**, **parental support** and **casework**. This month:

WE FACILITATED

18

SESSIONS

WE WORKED WITH

73

CHILDREN

WE PLAYED FOR

48

HOURS

We worked at **four different locations**, including independent safe houses, community centres and informal living sites - reaching a consistently high number of children.

Session Spotlight!

Our favourite activity from October was our giant collaborative dinosaur! We worked together to create and decorate the shape, using puffy painting and egg cups to create texture. This was a great opportunity to practice collaboration, imagination and immerse ourselves in sensory fun!



Parental Support & Casework



In October we handled **one case file** for a family in need of specific support.



We made **31 referrals**, mainly for clothes, shoes and accommodation.



We also made a number of referrals for **unaccompanied children**, working with our partner organisations to provide support.



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NEWS and UPDATES

From the border:

We noticed a drop in numbers this month that is unusual for this time of year, however our presence has been consistent both in Calais and Dunkirk. Alongside our sessions, we have been working with Utopia 56 to develop child-friendly training and resources so their teams can best support children following failed crossings or shipwrecks. These can be extremely traumatic experiences for all involved, and the provision of child-friendly support is essential.

Key issues:



We worked with many families in October who lacked access to clothes, shoes and other non-food items. As temperatures begin to drop, NGOs can struggle to keep up with the demand for warmer clothes. As a result, children are often inappropriately dressed for the weather, raising health concerns.



We received a high number of reports of state violence this month, both in living sites and on the beaches. This violence is a result of bilateral policies and funding between the UK and France, and exposes children to physical and psychological harm. We regularly work with children - as young as two months old - who have been teargassed by police. There is an urgent need for this violence to end.



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GALLERY

some favourite
moments
this month!



Our "small world" sensory boxes are a true Project Play stable! This one is dinosaur themed, using lots of texture for a joyful sensory experience.

This game during emotions week was really fun - using playdough to make different expressions and explore different feelings.



The children loved making alien masks - and playing games with them after!



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