

# Live Music Beyond Borders

A Crowdfunding Project by Turlou

## And...we made it!!

Dear subscribers, Turlou is happy to announce that our crowdfunding project "Live Music Beyond Borders" has reached its goals! Thanks to the collaboration of people from Iceland, Holland, Greece and beyond we made it possible. But... before going into details we would like to share with you the third and last chapter of our crowdfunding experience which took place in Holland at the end of September.

## Chapter III: mission in Utrecht



### AZC Utrecht

This permanent location offers accommodation, health care and education to refugees of all ages and nationalities. AZC Utrecht organises regularly Open Doors days to bring residents, external visitors, organisations and the general public closer to each other and to share the daily life of this big community, celebrating joy and togetherness. We were very lucky to participate in this big event thanks to the openness of the coordinator who accepted our last minute offer. On a rainy day we shared a small sample of our music on the stage and got a very warm reception; rain did not matter at all. Since there were other spaces that needed some live music, we decided to surprise some residents by playing in their corridor. We really enjoyed their hospitality and we made future plans

### Fundraising Concerts in Montfoort & Utrecht

We played a concert in an intimate setting in Gonnie's beautiful living room in Montfoort. Afterwards we had a "borrel" with our audience. We like Gonnie's initiative, bringing concerts into her own living room and supporting culture in that way.

We also got the chance to give a fundraising concert in the community house De Klopvaart in Overvecht. We shared pictures and stories of our crowdfunding project from over the last three months in Iceland, Greece and the Netherlands. What a trip it was, with so many valuable encounters. This day was also the last day of our project. Wow. It was great to play for familiar faces, friends and to

to meet and make music together. Since we all live in Utrecht, we will meet soon again!



## Villa Vrede

This organisation is open for everyone but specially to those who are living in Utrecht and have not received a residence permit yet. This place is a meeting point to relax, to learn, to connect with locals and foreigners and ultimately to get a community feeling. On the day of our visit, there was a great initiative to build plant pots with recycled pallets in order to give a new air to the neighbourhood. We gave a lunch concert during their break and the reactions were very enthusiastic. We had some magical moments when we made a few people stand up and dance; and specially when we played our Armenian song and a native speaker sang along. It was beautiful.

receive all the support and enthusiasm. We feel very grateful and lucky.



## Griftsteede

This place is a community center close to the center of Utrecht. It's also an educational center for children, with a creative insect lab, a small animal farm and vegetable gardens. And about the concert... well sometimes when you play somewhere as a music group you prefer to play for a room cozily packed with people coming to listen to your concert. However, this was one of those days when it was rainy and grey outside and simply not many people at all showed up. This is also a part of the deal sometimes... In any case this place was for us a new discovery and their insect lab is actually pretty cool!

## Concluding (for now) Live Music Beyond Borders

First of all, we have brought our music to the people of 10 institutions involved in community building where professionals and volunteers work every day to make this society a better place to live in. Secondly, we were able to organise 5 fundraising concerts with hosts who believed in our project. Lastly, we have raised all the funds needed to cover the cost of the travel expenses we made to carry out this project. In Turlou we believe that live music should not be a privilege of the people who can afford it or simply can have easy access to theaters, venues.... We are convinced that live music can make people happy, help them open up and connect more easily with their surroundings. If it would be up to us, we would not wait for you to come to our concerts, we would bring music wherever you were instead. For all of this, we can only loudly exclaim: Live Music beyond Borders!!

<if you want to read more about our conclusions, just click [here](#)>

## Acknowledgments & Credits

Thanks to everyone who has supported us and believed that live music should be for anyone regardless of their personal or social barriers. Thanks, thanks, thanks!!

### Thanks to all our donors!

#### Thanks to our Icelandic friends

[Vin](#) - Day shelter for people with mental health problems,

[Kennaathvarfið](#) - Women's shelter

[Dvalarheimilið Stykkishólmi](#) - Nursing home in Stykkishólmur

[Hannesarholt](#) - Culture center

Thanks to all the Icelanders we met: for showing us the road in your beautiful and vast land, for listening and singing with us.

#### Thanks to our Greek friends

[Impact Hub Athens](#) - An international network of social driven professionals

[Asylon Aniaton](#) - Hospice for people with neuro-disability

[City Plaza](#) - Refugee accommodation and solidarity space

[Melissa network of migrant women in Greece](#)

[Metadrasí](#) - School for refugees

[ZP87](#) - An art venue

[Tadixi Wris Xarti](#) - Community center in Athens

Thanks to everyone in our Greek audience!

#### Thanks to our Dutch friends

[Villa Vrede](#) - Community Center

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Our Dutch audience: Thanks for being there so often!



Thank you very much!



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