

# → COCON - THE PILOT PROJECT IN LYON

→ Individual accommodation in tiny houses that preserve personal privacy

→ A comprehensive policy of individualized support carried out by FNDSA, a Lyon-based association in charge of supporting refugees, which is over 70 years old, experienced and whose raison d'être is : Welcome, Accommodate, Support and Integrate.

→ A coordinator to bring the site to life, create a common project, open the site to the neighborhood and invite neighbors into a yurt to propose or take part in activities.

→ A certain social mix with 2 tiny/5 designed to accommodate non-refugees (Caracol, La Manufacturette).

### TO DO THIS, WE HAD TO :

• Carry out feasibility studies to decide where to locate the pilot project (oct.2021, first location, nov. 2022 definitive location)

• Build the tiny houses as part of professional trainings sessions including refugees (may 2022, nov-déc. 2022, june-jully 2023)

• Servicing the plot (viability was decree in dec. 2023)

• Build a yurt and install it on the site (sept.2023)

• Contact refugees via associations, explain the project to them and organize the settlement of tiny houses (sept.2023)

• Install 5 tiny houses on the site (nov.2023)

• Meet the refugees at first place (november 2023) and inclued them in the project before their moving

• Introduce mixity: contact associations (Caracole, La Manufacturette) and install two new tinys houses (nov.2023 and jan.2024)

• Landscaping the grounds, planting trees and grass (march 2024)

• Obtain all necessary authorizations (building permits, electrical connections, opening of the premises)

 $\rightarrow$  And communicate with the neighbor rhood, explain the project, get neighbors,



 Participatory construction site for the yurt installation

## HERE IS COCON, A PLACE FOR MIXED LIVING AND SOLIDARITY



volunteers and refugees involved (nov.2022 until now) all along the pilot project)

→ Thanks to a Tiers-lieu coordinator, hired in dec.2023, a site manager, social workers and all the volunteers involved in the project.

## **COCON IS ALSO :**

Self-contained accommodation in tiny houses that reduce spatial and ecological footprint, provide a possible response to the housing crisis, and are now a housing solution for refugees and people wishing to share in a community project aimed at integrating people in exile.

#### CONCLUSION

Cocon is finally a place for mixed living and solidarity with a yurt co-constructed and installed as part of a participatory worksite with neighbors ; «it's a warm cocoon, a link between inhabitants where everyone finds their place to weave a soul of solidarity».



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