

## Project: "Roma onstage"

**Non-profit organisation: "Parada France", created in 2003**

**75 Fbg Saint Antoine, 75011 Paris**

**Contact: Antoine Majoux, 06 50 20 16 60, [parada@no-log.org](mailto:parada@no-log.org)**

**Website: <http://parada.france.free.fr>**

### Project goal

Creation and development of circus and theatre workshops for children living in the Seine Saint-Denis shanty towns in which the organisation works. It is a programme aimed at integrating and supporting the Roma population.

### Presentation of the project

The goal of non-profit organisation Parada is to develop various forms of cultural and artistic activity along with training programmes aimed at children and adults in difficulty or excluded from mainstream society.

Parada works with the Roma population living in the shanty towns of Seine Saint-Denis. Roma children, who often live on the margins of society and do not attend school, tend to have a poor grasp of the French language. Through its action, the organisation hopes to encourage the children to enrol or re-enrol in school. Mastery of the French language is crucial for their integration in the French school system.

Parada contributes to their integration by offering them a programme based on artistic and cultural tools such as theatre, circus skills and plastic arts.

Some 65 children from 6 to 13 take part in the workshops. Cultural outings are also programmed for the children, to attend the Cergy circus festival and the theatre, for instance, or to visit exhibitions in Seine Saint-Denis.

### Involvement of parents / mentors

Alongside the work done with the children, Parada also supports their parents by advising them on how to deal with administrative, legal or medical formalities. They are also invited to participate in the cultural outings organised with their children.

### Support requested from the Fondation HSBC pour l'Education

**Funding:** The Foundation grant will be used to perpetuate the organisation's programme, initiated in September 2005, allowing it to set up new creative workshops for the children and improve follow-up of school attendance.

Grant awarded in 2007: **€15,000**

**Human resources:** Accompany the children on cultural outings and help them discover how a bank operates.