WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK REPORT
Inclusive Football Match for the Interfaith Harmony
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On Saturday, January 28, 2023, Arco Forum, in collaboration with Fundación La Merced Migraciones, organised the celebration of an 'Inclusive Football' match involving migrants and locals, for harmony between different faiths, within the framework of the World Interfaith Harmony Week.

This activity was born within the Inclusive Europe project and thanks to the fact that it revolves around universal elements, a safe and friendly environment has been achieved among the participants, leading to a mutual contact and sharing, and favouring a feeling of unity, thus making it a highly sustainable activity. Additionally, playing football as a way toward inclusion has shown the universality of the language of sport.

At the end of the event, Arco Forum invited the guests to share reflections and testimonies regarding interfaith experiences, in an atmosphere of tolerance and fraternity between the participants, regardless of their background. This exchange was boosted by sharing posters with keywords related to interfaith harmony, such as *shalom*, *salam*, and peace, among others.

We enjoyed a remarkably multicultural environment, with participants from Africa, Latin America and Asia, whom we thank for their participation despite the cold weather in Madrid that day.

We would also like to thank Fundación La Merced Migraciones for its collaboration and active participation in the efforts to achieve interfaith harmony

and FC Darna for presenting us with their official shirt, which our Executive Director wore for the first time in this match. Thank you, FC Darna, a magnificent example of inclusion and interfaith harmony!

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