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Social

Foosball table provides amusement in the refugee accommodation


Joint donation initiative by neighbourhood, shooting club and sponsor makes it possible

The refugees in the emergency accommodation on the former SC 26 grounds are now happy about a foosball table. The table was financed by donations from the local neighbourhood and the Feldmark-West shooting club. A private sponsor added a little extra.

Against the background of current refugee movements, the city of Bocholt had already put mobile emergency accommodation into operation on the site in the former stadium last year and had previously informed the neighbourhood about it.

Michael Wilde, spokesperson for the Lowicker Straße / Weidenstraße neighbourhood: "We then thought about the question over time: How can we bring joy to the people who live there? What can we give them?" So they got in touch with the refugee support. "It should be something that both adults and children can enjoy, that was the idea," explains Azra Zürn, Managing Director of the Development and Operations Company of the City of Bocholt (EWIBO), which provides social support for the refugees. So finally the choice fell on a foosball table. Donations were collected in the neighbourhood and at the Feldmark-West shooting club, and a sponsor added another amount. The equipment was purchased and handed over to the residents. As soon as it was set up, the first games were played.

This weekend is the shooting match in the Feldmark district, and the refugees are also invited, as the reigning king Fabian Bohland emphasises. "It is important to us as a shooting club to show the people who have to live here in the accommodation that they are welcome and part of our urban society."

 Representatives of the Lowicker Straße / Weidenstraße neighbourhoods and the Feldmark-West shooting club hand over a foosball table as a donation to the refugee accommodation on the former SC 26 site.

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The foosball table is well received by the people in the emergency shelter. A game was played immediately.