Currently based in Paris, I am a young urban designer who has been taught urbanism between France and Germany. In Berlin, I lived the massive arrival of migrants inside the city in 2015. I was already thrived by the energy and multitude of initiatives, which were created with and by refugees. In Hamburg, I worked with the Hafencity University on the topic of arrival camps in the city of the Hansesstadt and the notion of being an “inhabitants”. We also work on a project called “agency agency”, a participatory-made meeting place for the residents (both refugees and non-refugees) of a neighborhood. I am today developing the IMBY project with the Quatorze non-profit organization, building tiny homes for refugees in people’s yard. Explorative, participative, experimental ways of changing the city are numerous; we just need to try them.

In My BackYard is a constructive hospitality project. The idea: to build tiny houses in the gardens, to accommodate refugees. At the urban level, the project contributes to the fight against the spreading of exclusion on the outskirts of cities. At the human level, it allows refugees who have just obtained their status to find anchorage at a time of their journey without accompaniment. They create a link with a family, receive accommodation until they find a permanent home, and are accompanied by our partner for social monitoring.

She will represent the project in my backyard - Tiny houses for refugees, an initiative to create a transitional place for refugees with an asylum in an already dense populated urban area.

Learn more about the project: http://quatorze.cc/portfolio/imby/