

PIA&GO, SOLIDARITY AND PIARIST COMMUNITY



“Escola Pia de Catalunya” following the path of Calasanctian pedagogy, is an educational and social entity that believes that education is the most powerful tool to transform society. For this reason, the different entities of the Piarist universe: schools, parishes, leisure time education entities and socio-educational entities (Fundació Camins) joined together to be part of this change and raise awareness about the lack of educational opportunities for a part of the population.

PIA&GO was born in this context as an act of solidarity to raise awareness of the realities of our surroundings and to raise funds for the education of children and young people in vulnerable situations.

PIA&GO goes much further. Throughout the six editions we have already held, it has become a meeting place for all the people who are part of Piarists School, a place to share experiences, to enjoy and for all of us who participate, either directly or indirectly, to become aware of the importance of uniting so that together we can achieve a fairer society.

The main activity of the PIA&GO is a fun and sporting event that takes place on a Sunday at the beginning of November each year. We offer two routes, one of 5 km and a second of 10 km that participants can run or walk according to their possibilities.

These circuits are designed and prepared by vocational training students of the sports and leisure branch of our schools.

For these students it is an opportunity for real practice, as well as a social commitment that makes us all proud.

At the same time we offer workshops and various activities for the youngest children and we finish with an outdoor meal together.

The event is sponsored by various collaborating companies that contribute according to the sum of the kilometres covered by all the participants, according to a specific App that everyone has to download to be able to add up the kilometres. The amount from the bar is also added to the event's takings.

After having closed the balance of the activity and the economic count, it is crucial to thank all the people who have made this event possible: students, families, staff, companies, collaborators, volunteers...

The funds raised are incorporated into a Social Fund that responds to requests for projects presented either by schools or by social foundations or leisure time organisations to offer opportunities to children and young people in vulnerable situations.

Beyond the internal pride it generates for us, PI&GO has a great impact on the organising town, which is always a venue for one of our presences in Catalonia.

We recommend the video of the last day: [Video de la Pia&Go 2022](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R1RKQtJShIY)

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