



Learning about the art of “Remonte” in its “Cathedral”, Galarreta Jai Alai

A group of twelve highly qualified professionals discovered the secrets of the sport (a very fast version of the sport where short wicker baskets are attached to the players’ wrists) from Endika Barrenetxea, the recently crowned Remonte singles champion

February 2020. On the 8th February Gipuzkoa Talent organised the first sociocultural event of 2020 in Hernani, a town which is the cradle of the Basque cider culture, but which on this occasion provided the setting for the participants to gain an in-depth knowledge of one of the most emblematic places in Basque handball – the Galarreta Jai Alai pelota court, widely acknowledged by professional experts as the “cathedral” of Remonte.

Throughout the course of the day, professional player Endika Barrenetxea guided the participants through the history of the court and this spectacular sport. They learned all about the sport’s secrets, the craftsmanship involved, how it feels to go out onto the court and play on it, and finally they had a chance to try out the sport themselves on the court itself.

The professionals who enjoyed the activity come from several different countries such as Germany, Iran and India. There were also people from other parts of the Spanish State and returning Basques in the group. They are all currently working in companies such as CAF, CEIT, CIC nanoGUNE, Lortek, Polymat, UPV/EHU (Basque Public University) and Vicomtech.