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## Joint Staff Trainings in Arad, Romania and Galway, Ireland

The 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> joint staff training visits were hosted by **Asociatia Clubul Sportiv Experienta Multisport** on 4 - 9 November 2019 in Arad, Romania and by **AMACH LGBT!** on 9 -14 March 2020 in Galway, Ireland.

The training in **Arad, Romania** encompassed the following visits: to **The Arad Blind and Visually Impaired Association** which improves social inclusion and the quality of life of visually impaired people; **NeTWorks Romania, DeCe Clothing** - a non-profit NGO providing assistance to young Roma people living in the street in northwestern Romania; **Biofarmland Manufactura** which produces organic wholefoods following the principle "quality before quantity"; **Humanitarian Foundation Gura Popii** dedicated to provision of assistance to the most vulnerable groups; **Timis County Youth Foundation**, an umbrella organization for youth NGOs in the west part of Romania; and **Reciproc Café** in Timișoara which promotes Fairtrade and locally produced products.

The training in **Galway, Ireland** encompassed the following visits: to „**Seas Suas**“, NUI Galway’s innovative student-to-student mentoring programme run by NUI Chaplaincy which aims to encourage students to be more observant of fellow students in need; **SAOL Café**, the first social inclusion café in a third level education institution in Ireland; **The University of Sanctuary Programme** designed to integrate and give opportunities to asylum seekers, migrants and Irish Travellers in third level education; **An Mheitheal Rothar - Galway’s Community Bike Shop**, a space where NUI students can come and repair their bicycles in an environment which encourages peer to peer learning, civic and environmental responsibility; the **Letterfrack Library** which provides learning resources to students of **Furniture Design, Technology, and Furniture Manufacture**; and a successful entrepreneurial initiative **Bounce Back Recycling** which provides training and employment opportunities to members of the Irish Traveller Community. Due to Covid19 precaution measures the group was unable to visit the **The PorterShed** and **Galway Youth Council**, instead these examples were presented to the group by the host organisation.

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## Bounce Back Recycling

The Bounce Back Recycling company (BBR) collects and recycles old mattresses and upcycles old furniture. This successful entrepreneurial initiative provides training and employment opportunities to members of the Irish Traveller Community who face high barriers to employment.

The impact of their work is two-fold: providing opportunities to young Travellers and contributing to the environment through recycling and upcycling bulky waste. The BBR offers a sustainable business model and contributes to a more diverse and inclusive broader community.

## Networks Romania - DeCe Clothing

NetWorks Romania is a non-profit, non-governmental organization providing assistance to the young Roma people living in the street in northwestern Romania. Lee Saville from the UK is one of the founders of this organization. He has been living in Romania since 1996 when he started a non-governmental organization to help street children and young people.

DeCe Clothing is a registered trademark of "NetWorks" trading company. They produce handmade hats, scarves, gloves, bags and a range of handmade leather products. These are sold in Sweden, UK, France, and USA bringing income to Roma families.



## Reciproc Café, Timișoara, Romania

Reciproc is a social enterprise founded in 2015 and managed by the Ecosens Association. It promotes a social economy and employees are members of marginalized groups.

The cafeteria and grocery store are based on a local small-scale production from Fair Trade and environmentally responsible businesses. They offer organic Fair Trade coffee, Romanian craft beer, Romanian wine, organic tea, and products made by artisans from Banat and Transylvania.

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