



SOCIAL ENTERPRISE
SHARING BEST PRACTICE
AS A TOOL
IN YOUTH WORK

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Combining Societal Goals with Entrepreneurial Spirit

The area of social enterprise is recognised by the European Commission as having significant part to play in the future economic wellbeing of Europe. In 2011 the Commission launched the Social Business Initiative with the slogan, "There is no economic growth and jobs creation without social entrepreneurship," and stated:

"Social enterprises combine societal goals with entrepreneurial spirit. These organisations focus on achieving wider social, environmental or community objectives. The European Commission aims to create a favourable financial, administrative and legal environment for these enterprises so that they can operate on an equal footing with other types of enterprises in the same sector."

Community Action Dacorum is leading a two-year project "Social Enterprise Sharing Best Practice as a Tool in Youth Work" which is designed to increase understanding and skills in the use of social enterprise as an effective tool in youth work. The eight partners from seven countries in Social enterprise came from good geographic mix, two municipalities and six non-governmental organisations.

The project aim is to increase knowledge and expertise on social enterprise among youth workers who in turn can cascade their learning into practical initiatives. The project is designed to foster the development of social, civic, intercultural competences and critical thinking, media literacy, combat discrimination, segregation, racism, bullying and violence, and to enhance the access, participation and learning performance of disadvantaged learners.

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Project Partners



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www.amachlgbt.com



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Czech Republic
www.petrklichelp.cz



Asociatia Clubul Sportiv Experienta multisport
Romania
www.experientamultisport.ro



Statutární město Karviná
Czech Republic
www.karvina.cz



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United Kingdom
www.communityactiondacorum.org.uk



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Solna Youth Centre
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www.solnaungdomscafe.se



Novi Sad Humanitarian Centre
Serbia
www.nshc.org.rs



Stephens and George Charitable Trust
United Kingdom
<http://www.sg100charitabletrust.org.uk/>

Kick-Off Meeting

Karvina, Czech Republic, 19-20 March 2018

The first meeting of project partners took place in a Czech city of Karvina on 19th and 20th March 2018.

It was hosted by Karviná municipality and NGO Petrklíč help. The meeting was an opportunity for the project partners to meet and learn more about each other. The Project Leader (Dacorum CVS) introduced the project, covering the aims, objectives and activities, and presented the Google shared document platform to be used during the project implementation. Keep a look out for future activities!



Getting to Know Karvina

Karvina is a city situated in north-eastern Czech Republic, near the Polish border, on the banks of Olza river. It has a population of 56,000 and is the administrative centre of Karvina region.

During the kick-off meeting project partners participated in a city game prepared by young people to explore Karvina. Walking around the city we discovered a number of QR codes which provided us with information about the city landmarks.

One of the most interesting was the Castle Fryštát, a unique monument of its kind in the region. It was preserved as the only one of the three chateaux which were located on the territory of the town. The history of the castle is related to its founders, the family of Tessin Piast, and its last owners, the Larisch-Mönnichs family. After reconstruction in 1997 the castle has been open to the public. During the tour of the stylishly furnished rooms, the visitors learned about the life of nobility at the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries.

Project partners also enjoyed a walk in the castle park (Božena Němcová park) located on the south side the chateau with many rare trees, a recreational complex, and a zoo.



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