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WE OF TODAY – EUROPE OF TOMORROW

- Strand: *Democratic engagement and civic participation*
 - Measure: *Town Twinning*

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IDEA

Refugees!?



Local partners

- Šilalė Culture Center;
- Šilalė Public Library;
- Šilalė Artschool;
- Šilalė Simonas Gaudėšius Gymnasium;
- Šilalė Non-Government Youth Organizations Union “Round Table”;
- Youth European Team.

International partners



Stavenhagen
(Germany)
since 1994



Krasnik
(Poland)
since 2007

YES

from local and international
partners!



The aim of the project

to raise the awareness of international youth community during Europe's migration crisis and to promote solidarity regarding emigrants and refugees throughout interactive activities:

round table discussion, walking event for tolerance, simulation game, workshop, Living Library, film watching, Escape Room.

Different experiences

Stavenhagen (Germany) – **1000 refugees**

Šilalė (Lithuania) – **2 families**

Krasnik (Poland) – **0 refugees**

Participants

- Stavenhagen (Germany) – **21**
 - Krasnik (Poland) – **21**
- Šilalė (Lithuania) – **300** (in total)



Duaration

17-20 October 2016



Funding

7500 Eur

**42 international
participants**



41 – 55 international
participants = 7500 Eur

Costs



50 %



Activities

Round table discussion



Inconvenient film watching



Simulation game



Escape room



Living Library



Workshop

Dove – Bird of Tolerance



Walking Event for Tolerance



Cultural evening



Annual priorities

- Promotion of solidarity in time of crisis;
- Fight against stigmata attached to foreigners;
- Involvement of citizens in discussions related to the future of Europe.

Impact

The project let...

- to be more interested in important EU issues –international migration and refugee crisis;
- to be involved in the process of finding solutions regarding important EU problems;
- to change of stereotypes towards refugees and became more tolerance;
- to promote the friendship of long-term partners;
- to improve knowledge of foreign languages;
- to learn more about other cultures;
- to develop international connections.

- Facebook;
- Social networks;
- Massmedia;
- Anonymous survey;
- Informational stands;
- Virtual pictures exhibitions;
- Supporting meetings.



Tips for filling in the application

- Think global;
- Activities must be interesting, interactive and attractive;
- If asked for 2000 character text, you shouldn't exceed;
- Plan the exact date and agenda and coordinate with partners;
- Follow your terms and deadlines.

Practical and technical tips

- It is cheaper to eat at school canteen;
- It is cheaper to travel by school transport;
- Think about accommodation;
- Ask your partner for a possibility reimbursement of transport costs;
- Don't forget to include a cultural evening;
- It is very important to involve local organizations.

Myths

- It is impossible to get funding on the first time applying;
- It is difficult to corporate with partners;
- We are small and it is hard to compete with big citys.

Wins (personal assessment)

- Opportunity to participate in an international project;
- Knowledge acquired;
- Making new friends;
- Participating in new projects;
- Feeling of being needed and sensible.

How could I be useful?

- Knowledge;
- Advice;
- Filling documentation (application and report);
- Tips on how to deal with different situations.

Thank you for your attention!



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