

### Project description Club Uličník for children and youth

The aim of the project is to provide social services to clients in excluded localities in the form of a mobile street work focused on children and youth.

The social service is aimed at children and young people in excluded localities in the age of 6 to 20 years who spend their free time on the streets, failing in school, they consume addictive substances or behave in any other way risk. These children and young people are disadvantaged in access to social services, which are mostly concentrated in the cities.

The aim of the activity is to contact vulnerable children and youth who are not in contact with the social, preventive and leisure services. Offer them space to learn meaningful leisure time and help in difficult life situations, avoiding their risky behavior and / or social exclusion.

The project Club Uličník for children and youth is a registered social service. The staff team of Club Uličník is composed of two qualified social workers and one worker in social services. The service is multi-source financing. The Velux Foundation is the largest donor in the project "Streetwork for children and youth." The communities in which the service is provided, also contribute.

### **Newness solutions**

Club Uličník is a project provided by the Czech-Bavarian border areas in cities Poběžovice, Bor, Bělá nad Radbuzou, Mutěnín. It is a small town with low budgets and with little offer of services and social assistance. There live people who get into difficult life situations in which they need help. Especially for children and youth who have more limited travel options than an adult, it is difficult to seek professional help, and subsequently resolve the situation constructively. Uličník club react to this reality and doing social service affordable. With the modified car can be provided during the week of social services in multiple locations. One team of workers work at 4 locations. It is not necessary to maintain at each location a separate team of qualified workers. Furthermore, mobile club requires only one maintenance and one equipment for all four locations. It is not necessary to maintain the premises and equipment at each location separately. The costs of running the service is so greatly reduced and the service becomes accessible even for small villages. And given the number of potential clients in these cities is thus divided service as maximally efficient.

# A new approach to the target group and its involvement

The target group of the project is called Unorganized youth, located in difficult life situations or youth is threatened. In the eyes of the public is mainly youth, who spends the afternoon in the park on the benches, on the estate among the block of flats but also in casinos and bars. They don't spend time meaningfully and effectively. Project Club Uličník changing habits of the target group. Motivates her to meaningful leisure time, in the form of



workshops or subprojects. A very successful project was "A live bus station", which came one girl from the target groups in Poběžovice. The target of the project was to engage the clients and other people from the city to improve the local bus station. All the summer of 2016 met a group of people with the help and support staff Club Uličník honed and painted railings, benches, signs and shelters. The target has been fulfilled. The public is able to satisfy itself that the target group of the service is able to spend time meaningfully and do something useful for society. Even the participants themselves realizing it. The entire project will positively inscribed in their next life.

# Novelty of the method of implementation – efficiency

The project, in its areas of influence has responded to the singles demand of individual representatives of cities, the results of community plans and the neediness of the local community. At the beginning of his actuation mobile Club commuted to locations: Janovice, Poběžovice, Bělá nad Radbuzou and Bor. Due to the low interest of the target group and the lack of support from the ranks of local corporation was on the end of 2016 finished service in Janovice. Instead it was searched during the year suitable habitat – Mutěnín, there is demand for the service is much bigger. Another objective is to improve the quality of services towards to the target group. Already during his two-year tenure has changed the fiber of the service. At first, the target group was mainly interested in leisure activities. Later, clients started to come up with specific contracts. Clients told workers about of difficult situations they had endured as the divorce of parents, breakdown of relationships, and the like. Was it addressed partial project "Plus for Uličník", which allows workers to expand training in crisis intervention, which has improved their service and most clients began to receive effective assistance.

# External action - innovation as an example or figure

Individual members of the work team will participate in meetings of technical working groups of low-threshold facility for children and youth outreach programs in Pilsen and Karlovy Vary regions (PLK). On Poběžovicku are involved to the strategic planning, which is conducted in cooperation with the Agency for Social Inclusion. Finally, workers are members of community planning in municipalities with extended terms of reference Domažlice. Thanks to the participation in these groups, it is possible to respond more flexibly to the requirements of community. For example since April 2017, the service will focus on young people aged 15 to 20 years to reduce the risk of unemployment. They will be offered workshops, workcamps or the training brigade. In schools will be implemented preventative educational workshop entitled JobShop during which pupils try out how it's looking for a job. This request came from the needs of the association of municipalities Poběžovicko.

The club Uličník is included in the coordinated approach to socially excluded areas in the association of municipalities Poběžovicko, which was created in collaboration with the Agency for Social Inclusion. It became a full-fledged part of community life and acquired a



role in the field terms of reference of youth work. In the future will be hoped the establishment of cooperation with community outreach workers who will operate from May 2017 in Poběžovicko.

Service figure a significant role as an intermediary between contact their target groups and other institutions. Workers receive from clients suggestions or complaints about the happenings in the area, which then interprets leadership or representatives of the city. In every town has a service list of persons who turn if their needs or the needs of the target group.

We also offer internships in service. Expressed an interest in it for several NZDM workers from other organizations. In part is interested in a specific form of work, but also want to inspire in the future to realize the same form of service. Furthermore, the club Uličník presented at a professional congress Association of Social Services of the Czech Republic, which took place in October 2016 in Tabor. The work team also received awards "The TIMEing shoe 2016" in category Jumper of the Year, awarded annually by the Czech Streetwork Association (trade organization in the field of low-threshold services in the Czech Republic).

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