

## Project Description

### **A Project of Basic Income in Heidenreichstein**

#### **Meaningful Work**

Based on their own abilities, 40 unemployed people can engage meaningfully in society. This project started together with the Public Employment Service AMS in April 2017 is unique throughout Europe.

In our region, there are a lot of unemployed and long-term unemployed people. We want to support them to turn their calling into a career. Without any pressure.

This project applies an entirely new approach. Its focus is on social necessities. The project length is 18 months. During this period new jobs and projects can be developed. The question is: What are your talents and what do you make out of it?

40 persons of all educational levels are taking part at the project. This is one percent of the population of Heidenreichstein, men and women born between 1954 and 1993. Some of them left school at the age of 15, some have graduated from a university. During a period of 18 months, they continue to get their unemployed pay from the Public Employment Service (AMS). A strong support by social workers makes them develop their abilities and goals continuously. Therefore, the participants are free from pressure to apply for jobs and may think about the question of their own needs and wishes. Acknowledgement and appreciation for the people participating in the project is crucial.

Participants can engage according their experiences and abilities in any segment of society and economy .

They all do not want to be seen as unemployed but as willing to engage meaningfully in society. They all are not able to find a job on the labour marked. Some are too old, some lack practical experience. But they all urge to create their possibilities to work by their own. There is a lot to do within communities, within civil organisations, within society. But important work is often unpaid.

During the project period, participants are actively supported to get along with their own health problems. So they get the possibility to acknowledge their personal limits and to accept support.

In a research project on the programme including a participatory observation and an analysis of social diagnoses, forecasts and mappings the effect of the project on the participants and the community of about 4000 inhabitants shall be observed. For the analysis of the inner and outer perception of the experiment a monitoring group citizens of Heidenreichstein has been formed. This group is kept informed on the progress of the project. Its members shall reflect the public opinion and its development.