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Silver Wind - Hope for Women looks at the target group differently from what is common in Slovak society. Women in the Productive and Post-Productive Age are considered to be strong, resilient, and capable providers and care givers however in our society these women are actually under enormous stress and because of the pressures from work, spouse, children, extended family, and health there is little time for themselves to be creative and develop further. Our project gives them the opportunity to be vulnerable and to rest. For a moment they can become children again and experiment and create new works in a safe atmosphere. Forget about the world around you and play with colors and materials.

2.

During this project, a flexible, **life-long community** has been created, bringing together people from **different worlds**, professions, levels of society and family cultures. Participants themselves now actively participate in creating new dynamic meetings and activities.

For example, one lady, a pensioner who normally participates in the project decided to donate her gift of song and with her choir of 13 ladies they serenaded the group during the creativity of christmas workshop.

During these creative meetings, **a lot of new ideas are born**, bringing our idea to other organizations and **other places**.

During the October workshop, participants invited their husbands, children, elderly parents, neighbors and friends to come participate in our creative encounter and all together they created a interactive art piece that was displayed in the main reception are of the library.

Throughout the month, other visitors to the library would stop to look at the group project, and then remarkably add their own piece of art to the display

3.

The change we see in the women is rewarding and brings encouragement to both the organizers of the education cycle as well as for their families, friends and colleagues.

Refreshed ladies with new inspiration and discovered talent are much stronger when faced with everyday stress and duties.

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The Silver Wind Project - Hope for Women **inspired** colleagues of our institution to use new non-traditional forms of education also in the realization of their educational cycles. New ways of non-formal education have also begun to be used during internal meetings of colleagues in our institution.

Some ladies have decided to try to organize similar meetings in their communities. Many ladies started to work at home or in the workplace, attracting the attention of their family members, friends and colleagues.

During this project, **the bridge between** our institution and private entrepreneurs, public administration, schools and foreign institutions has been and continues to be built. The project was identified as the best practice project for the Conference of the Office of Košice - Self governing Region and the Office of Government of the SR.

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