



Creating access to the art of photography for young people with disabilities

Photo Youth

Priority 3 Promotion of people to people cooperation

Measure 3.1 Cooperation in spheres of culture, sport, education, social and health care





Short summary of the project

Former Soviet countries including Latvia and Russia still lack equal opportunities for all inhabitants to get additional education thereby rising their competitiveness in labour market. Skills to take photos and treat them by using computer software can foster integration of young people with disabilities in society and give them new chance of development. The project aims to contribute to improving the living standards in the Programme area, and more specifically - promoting people to people cooperation towards social inclusion and against discrimination.

To achieve this, Partners will organize teachers' seminars to exchange the experience and elaborate new teaching method of art of photography for young people with different kind of disabilities. The photographers-experts' consultations will be organized in each partner city. The joint summer Photo camp will be organized to exchange teaching methods and achieved results. Final conference and local dissemination events are targeted at mainstream and special educators of arts that might use the results of project, as well as policy-makers and other stakeholders benefiting from the project. Project web page, travelling exhibition and information in the mass media is targeted to all groups.

Overall objective

To improve living standards and provide equal access to the additional education for young people with disabilities.

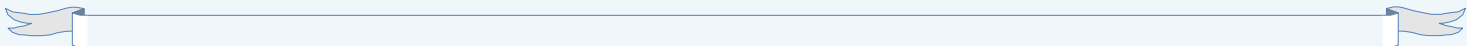
Specific objective

- ✚ To elaborate new teaching method in cooperation of teachers, students, photographers and other local stakeholders;
- ✚ To improve communication, learning and applying knowledge for young people with disabilities through art of photography;
- ✚ To promote cooperation of local municipalities, special education establishments and other institutions of the Programme region in the field of education, culture and social care.

Beneficiary

- **Education, Culture and Sports Department of Riga City Council** (Latvia)

Partners

- **N. A. Rimsky-Korsakov Art College of Pskov District** (Russia)
 - **Centre of complex social services for citizens "Vyborg"** (Russia)
 - **Regional non-governmental organization "Petersburg Parents"** (Russia)
 - **Administration of the municipality "Vyborg region" of Leningrad district** (Russia)
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Expected results

- + Improved attitude towards **art of photography education for people with disabilities;**
- + **Strengthened self-confidence** and **enhanced possibilities to enter the labour market for young people with disabilities;**
- + Created knowledge base: **new methodology for teachers** to facilitate learning of art of photography and **new professional skills in visual arts** gained by youngsters with disabilities. Capacity improved: 60 teachers educated and consulted, 15 institutions involved, 300 students trained in art of photography in the Programme area;
- + For the implementation of the project **special equipment and technologies** are provided. To implement planned activities and to achieve the goals of the project the **computers with PhotoShop programme, colour printers and photo cameras with adjunct devices** will be provided for teachers and students;
- + **Established cooperation** with local newspapers, schools of photography, photo agencies, news portals will enhance the possibility for young people with disabilities to display/publish their photos.

Final beneficiaries

- + Young people with different kind of disabilities (with physical growth disorder, mental health disorder, psychic growth delay and learning difficulties, illnesses of psycho neurology, hearing disorder and eyesight disorder)
- + Students of special schools, orphanages, youth and social centres, children from low income families and orphans (age group 10-18 years old)
- + Educators (both mainstream teachers and teachers of visual arts and photography)
- + Local authorities, special education establishments and non-governmental organizations working with youth with disabilities
- + General public.

Duration

18 months

Budget

Total budget: **293 028,00** EUR

Programme co-financing: 259 015,20 EUR (88,39%)

Project co-financing: 34 012,80 EUR (11,61%)

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