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Joint Staff Training Event in Karvina, Czech Republic

The third joint staff training visit was hosted by **Petrklíč help, z.s.** from 11th to 15th March 2019 in Karvina, Czech Republic. The aim of this training visit was to promote the youth work in general with a particular emphasis on social enterprise activity and cross-sector partnerships with other stakeholders.

The first day of the training visit started with a short meeting during which the participants introduced themselves and found out the details of the agenda. Then they visited the intergenerational **Residomo Community Centre Archa** where students are living for free and volunteering with the elderly in return. The next visit was to the **Silesian University** where the participants heard more about the social enterprises in Czech Republic and the social services management education programme. On the second day the group visited **Ergon social enterprise** which employs persons with disabilities; visited a **Co-Working Space** and **Dziupla cafe & club** in Cesky Tesin; learned about **Serfenta** basketry social enterprise located just across the river in Cieszyn, Poland; visited a tea house run by **Fundacja Laja** and met a young entrepreneur Mishka who runs her own small business "Užite". The group had a walk through both the Czech and the Polish part of the city and enjoyed the sightseeing. During the following two days participants visited the **Rotigel Cafe**, met representatives of the **Youth Council of the Karvina municipality** and the **Youth Parliament of the Moravian and Silesian region**, listened to the **Business Gate Academy** presentation, went to a tour in Ostrava guided by a homeless person, and visited the **Naproty Milk Bar** social enterprise.

After the visits, participants reflected on the examples of good practice they saw and discussed which one to choose for the Best Practice Guide. More about that on the next page!

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Co-Working in Cesky Tesin



The Cesky Tesin co-working project was started by a group of young people who needed a flexible working space to work on their small business projects. The project went from a round table discussion to a successful business model in just 12 months!

The founders had to find suitable premises, acquire funding from multiple sources, garner local community support, manage the renovation of the premises, and finally market the space to the initial client base. Their efforts resulted in a fully functional,

flexible, and potentially sustainable workspace. It is youth oriented, created by young people, and answering to the needs of aspiring young entrepreneurs.

Youth Council Karvina

The young people and the Karvina Municipality worked together to start the Youth Council five years ago, with aim to engage young people in the city of Karvina and give them opportunities for personal and community development.

The Council has 25 active members who meet once a month with representatives of the municipality and the young people. They engage minority groups and give young people a sense of belonging; advertise through local school networks, the local library and the University networks. Their aim is to engage young people

in projects that teach them skills such as peer learning, entrepreneurship, confidence, charity work and public speaking.



Partners' Meeting

The second partners' meeting took place in Novi Sad, Serbia on 8 - 9 April 2019.

Representatives of partner organisations discussed the project progress, reflected on the implemented short term trainings, and talked about the upcoming events. The participants also visited the Petrovaradin fortress and enjoyed the sightseeing.



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