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VOLUNTEERING IN HUNGARY

Quick introduction ÖKA (Volunteering Hungary for Social innovation) and the Hungarian volunteer sector

VOLUNTEERING HISTORY 1998 -

- 1998 - 2000 Volunteer Development Program supported by Open Society Institute in 15 CEE countries (matching, training, small scale promotion...)
- International Year of Volunteers 2001 - Working groups (training, law, promotion, gov. relations) first negotiations with the government
- 2002 ÖKA was born
- 2004 Volunteer Centre Network
- 2005 Law on Volunteering
- 2005 Corporate Volunteer Programs
- 2005 Training pool of volunteer manager trainers
- 2005 - 2010 ÖTLET Program for unemployed youth
- 2006 Volunteer Development Strategy by ÖKA (2007 -2017)
- 2007 - Vol development for social institutions
- 2009 - 2012 TAMOP Volunteer Centre Development Program
- 2011 EYV - Vol. Week, Road Show, EYV Tour, TeSzedd
- 2012 National Volunteer Strategy (2012 -2020)
- 2013 TESZÜNK Senior Volunteer Club
- 2015 Pro Bono Programs
- 2016 National Council on Volunteering (ÖKA is a member)



VOLUNTEERING FACTS

- The image of volunteering change radically in the last 25 years
- Approx. 30 - 40 % of the adult population volunteer
- Relatively few do it regularly
- Social, educational, cultural, environmental, sport are the most popular ones
- Relatively high interest from youngsters and older people (CEE reality)
- Volunteering is popular but still not part of the everyday activities
- Hosting places have to develop, NGOs are small & institutions are often not open
- Relatively limited resources from the Government for NGOs and volunteering
- New phenomenon: compulsory services (IKSZ, FHT)
- The big dilemma How much service and how much volunteering?



ÖKA - WHO WE ARE?

- ÖKA exist since 2002
- 5 paid staff and approx. 20 – 25 regular volunteers
- Volunteer Centre Network with 10 members
- Training pool of volunteer manager trainers
- onkentes.hu main portal on volunteering
- Office in Budapest



WHAT WE DO?

Development work

- Law on Volunteering
- Regulations and government policies (National Volunteer Strategy)
- Network of Volunteer Centres
- Training on Volunteer Management
- Recognition of skills and validation
- Volunteering Award
- Development of social institutions
- Working on Senior Volunteering
- Conferences
- Volunteering and pro bono activities for corporations



PROVIDING SERVICES

- Referral of volunteers
- Consultation and training for NGOs and institutions
- Matching volunteer and organisations online
- Promotion of volunteering
- Senior exchange programs
- Organising corporate volunteer programs
- Creating pro bono engagements for corporations
- Research and publications on volunteering



SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAMMES

International programs

- 2007-2009 Think Future, Volunteer Together' (Progress Programme): international project of senior-volunteers exchanges involving Italy, Romania, Slovenia, Hungary and Slovakia. The goal of this project was to share ideas and experience in the area of volunteering of seniors among involved seniors and to get inspiration for local activities of senior volunteers abroad.
- 2009-2015 Grundtvig Senior Volunteer Projects - exchange programmes HU-Slovakia, HU-Romania, HU-Portugal

Goals: to gain experience as volunteer, to get know several volunteer programmes, good ideas, good examples abroad, to share experience at home, to develop communication and local communities (one of the main and concrete results establish TESZÜNK Senior Volunteer Club), inspiration



NATIONAL PROGRAMS

- ÖKA was helping in the creation of the volunteer program of the Elderly Social Care System of the 12th District of Budapest (training for volunteers, for mentors and for workers, suggestion ..)
- Assistance for XI.district council *in „Healthy and Active Ageing”* Capacity-building of local governments for enhancing quality of public services and for promoting local economic development - Norwegian *Financial project*

Supporting the preparation of need assessment and state of the art

Providing forms and admin sheets

Coordination and implementation of the thematic activities

Consultation with project partners (weekly project meetings)

Providing specific know how on involvement of seniors

Training for network members

Participate on the study visit to Norway

Dissemination and promotion of the outcomes

- TESZÜNK (WE DO) Senior Volunteer Club



TESZÜNK (WE DO) VOLUNTEER SENIOR CLUB

- Was founded in 2013 Oct.
- Activities at several organizations and institutes individually
- Common volunteering and other programmes (excursions, culture etc.)
- Visiting elderly people (cooperation with ÖKA and Les petits frères des Pauvres - a French organization)
- Meeting per months (to share experience, recommend volunteering opportunities)
- Own website and Facebook page (managed by a member)
- Mailing list
- Almost 70 active members (mini survey)

For 3 years 21 %

For 2 years 23 %

For 1 years 28%

Within 6 months 13 %

New members (in Nov of 2016): 15 %

- Activities: 71 % events for example ÖKA events, 47% in library, museums, 41 % with elderly people, 39 % with children 37 % gardening (the members prefers to casual/ad hoc activities to regular volunteering activities)



FUTURE PLANS

- Senior social services
- Senior corporate volunteer programmes at companies
- Senior consultant programme (network)
- Help local governments setting up volunteer programs helping senior citizens
- Countrywide senior volunteer club network

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