

KORALIK PARAINTEGRACJI

(Para)Integrated Weaving Through Beading



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The project „(Para)Integrated Weaving Through Beading” was initiated by volunteers from Poland, Italy and Greece who shared their own observations on the mentally handicapped. The volunteers desired to sensitize the society and make them contemplate on overall tendency to discriminate ‘otherness’. There are a few types of barriers hampering the commonplace functioning of the disabled in everyday life, i.a: cognitive, motivation, and personality obstacles. The volunteers diagnosed the needs of the disabled and their observations inspired them to create the project proposal.

Young helpers are as well young social assistants as instructors of creative activities who combine two passions: interest in human being and art. Taking care of the mentally handicapped they help, serve them, support, listen carefully, talk, advise, teach and co-feel.

Breaking the prejudice is strictly related to fighting for one’s own rights and the possibility of speaking out not exposing the disabled to being publicly mocked at or discriminated.

The project satisfied the diagnosed needs and its implementation contributed to achieving the following goals:

- developing the learning culture
- conducting an intensive international dialogue
- increase of intercultural awareness
- strengthening of solidarity and European cohesion
- protection of freedom and human rights
- popularization of European integration
- combating and preventing social exclusion
- developing participants’ passions and interests

The main project result is an album describing and reporting all handmade works of young disabled artists, including mainly bead jewellery and pictures. Each participant also received the Youthpass certificate.

Thanks to the project participants could practise language skills, shape or strengthen the attitude of tolerance, respect for human dignity, socialize with each other, lead an open intercultural dialogue, thus reinforcing European cohesion. The participants could also overcome their internal barriers and limitations.

The form of project dissemination via social media will be a peculiar long-term benefit resulting from the project implementation. Besides, the shaped or enhanced values and the satisfied needs will have a long-term influence on participants because social results that were achieved, mainly remaining in human awareness, can exert a durable influence on the functioning of a young, growing person.

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Know me for my abilities, not my disability



OUR INTEGRATION CLASSES

*Humans are
different that's
why each of us is
wonderful and
valuable*



OUR FINGER-PAINTING IDEAS



***Disabled humans deserve our love,
respect and our dedication to them***



*Their body limitations
may label them disabled,
but in fact, they are not as
limited as it may seem*

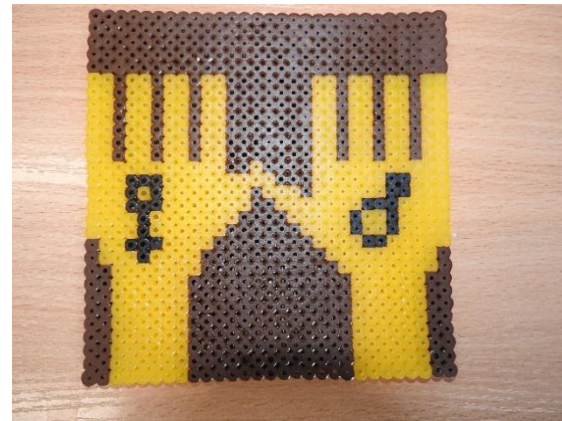


*Disablity only
exists in
someone's mind*





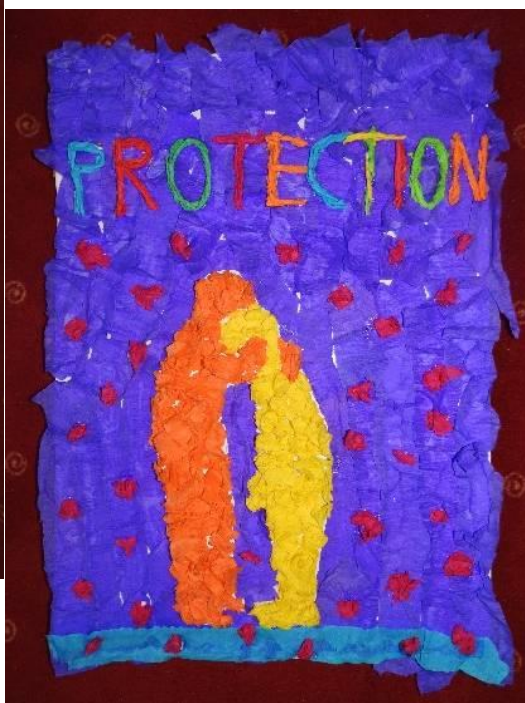
*Each human doesn't depend on
difference between them and society
must have fair respect*



All of us should love the world for interesting people who appear on our life path. If there was no difference between us, would this path not be boring?



PIECES OF ART FROM TISSUE PAPER



*All of us, and it doesn't matter who
they are, have their own rights*

*I will never forget the power of their
souls*

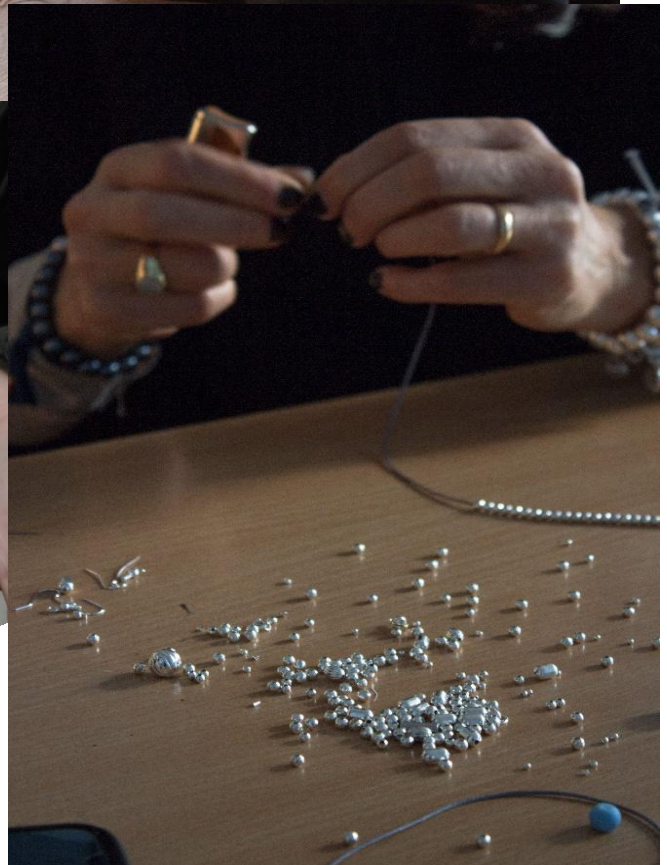


**WE HAD A LOT FUN MAKING
JEWELLERY TOGETHER**



They are truly smart and remarkably creative





***We are all
humans, we are
all different***



*They have no emotional barriers, they
have an amazing artistic perception of
society*

To be different means to accept others



IN THE MEANTIME

WE MADE A SNOWMAN



MOREOVER, WE HAD A MULTICULTURAL MEETING





***TO SUM UP WE HAD A LOT OF FUN
TOGETHER***



*The cornerstone of my relationship
and interaction with them was the
understanding of their uniqueness and
special talents and, at the same time,
the willingness to treat them equally.
I strongly reckon that such youth can
contribute a lot to the society and
make their parents proud of the
multiparity of their talents*

*Hiding ourselves from our
uncertainties means closing ourselves
to others*

*What they call disabled are just
differently-abled people*

*The difference between people is like
the borders and crossing them is
really worthy*