

Poland 2014 – 2015

my place

The project „My place” facilitated youth to influence and shape their environment and to take steps to introduce the expected changes. In longer term – to increase youth liaises with the local community and their responsibility for the place where they live.

The vision of teenagers was supposed to be a catalyst for a social change.

The project also led to improve local decision making processes so that youth points of view a taken into consideration.

The vision developed by youth was the basis of a public debate and decision making process that led to introduction of actual development in a selected space with the use of available public money and active participation of youth.

There were three phases of the project:

- I – competencies development, including communication, teamwork and creativity, critical thinking, decision making and evaluation
- II – designing the future – workshops with experts selected in accordance with youth requirements
- III – public debate, including youth presentations and discussions with the audience.

The project focused on youth participation in the local community through their contribution to the arrangement of public spaces and initiation of local activities as well as their input to democratic practice that is dialogue-based and youth-oriented.

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„local” contract

debate

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There were three types of anticipated outcomes:

- with respect to public space – a vision of a building or room (eg. meeting room at school) or public space (a park, recreation area) was developed and visualised
- with respect to youth activities (e.g. a theatre, movie shows followed by discussions, planting trees, local deliberations)
- with respect to civic and democratic improvements (taking responsibility of local public spaces and of public matters, facilitating local dialogue with young generation).



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