

INSTITUTE BOB

Presentation of Institute Bob (Zavod Bob)



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Background

Institute Bob is an NGO, established in 2007. Its main activities are youth work, non-formal education, adult education and training in specific areas of expertise. Activities further include the area of social care, media, cultural and artistic activities. Within the organizational activities we perform a variety of programs/projects for young people, locally and internationally. Our mission is to ensure active participation and social engagement for youth, especially for those, who do not have a public voice or their voice is usually unheard.

Main objectives

1. Developing the quality support systems for youth activities, innovative counseling and guidance,
2. creating a space among youth for developing interests, talents, for opening creative leisure time (preventive action), developing critical thinking and proactive orientation,
3. promoting and taking an active role in social development,
4. education for dissolving stereotypes and prejudice and for raising opportunities for successful management of everyday life circumstances,
5. developing trainings of non-formal and experiential learning for strengthening various competences of participants as the key to the creation of independent life goals.

Target group

In general, the activities are primarily designed for young people from 13 to 30 years and adults. We aim to answer the identified needs such as alternative forms of education, the environment in which they can achieve personal, professional and educational goals taking into account the characteristics, interests and abilities of the individual, the personal growth and development, the acquisition of competences for independent development and key life decisions, good quality socializing, reducing social, cultural, economic and political inequalities, financial accessibility of educational services,

We are following the methodology of non-formal and experiential learning where young people learn through active participation. In this way, the demarcation mentor - participant dissolves, the contents linked to one's personal experience and the commitment of individuals grows. All programs are as well free of charge for the participants.

#youth
#NEET youth
#youth work
#social
engagement
#non-formal
education
#community



Activities and experience

Institute Bob:

- Has ten years of experience in working with participants from the target group, following and answering their needs and dilemmas, their resources, supporting them in creation of different projects and actions etc.
- Has the status of organization in the public interest in the youth sector.
- Won a National Award in the Youth Sector for the year 2015, granted by the Office of the Republic of Slovenia for Youth.

Institute Bob is an active member of the national network Network Mama (Network of Slovene youth centres), L'MIT - The Network of Info Points in Ljubljana, PPMS - Association for Prevention Programs for Young People, Slovene network of volunteering organizations and Slovene network for career orientation.

We are a recognized organization in the development of methodologies of street work in Ljubljana - we coordinate Network Young Street, a network of six youth organizations, conducting street work with 35 street workers and so have direct street access to the young from the target group (so called NEET youth) all around Ljubljana. Each year we organize national conference and training for new street workers.

Activities of Institute Bob are strongly affecting the context of field work and community building. Since 2014 there is a group of professional community street workers from Institute Bob, clovekINJE, involved in the socially responsible campaign created by the Municipality of Ljubljana. The process of offering support to the community is set to create a dynamic system that will enable needs to be answered and the local problems to be resolved by the community stakeholders.

*#10 years
experience
#public interest
#national award
#networking
#development of
methodologies*



In the field of non-formal education, we have nine years of enriching experience: since 2008 performing a publicly validated program Project Learning for Young Adults, annually we develop and implement at least one project under the Erasmus +, since 2012, at least four youth participation projects are carried out annually by the support of public funds of the Office of Youth in Ljubljana.

Since 2013 we are implementing workshops of Theatre of the Oppressed. More than 60 participants attended, created and performed 9 different social awareness performances at various locations in Ljubljana and Maribor and in international cultural gatherings.

Since our mission is ensuring active participation and social engagement, we have representatives in different local and national structures and councils. In years 2015 and 2016 we also implemented a national project of structured dialogue between youth and decision makers.

Since 2009 we implemented or cooperated in several international projects i.e. mobility of youth and youth workers, transnational initiatives, EVS projects etc. We are a coordinating organisation in a strategic partnership under Erasmus +, called PYTBUL, aiming at developing tools and programs for supporting youth in improving their position in the labor market and (self)employability.

Staff & facilities

Institute Bob currently regularly employs nineteen persons. However, over 50 individuals are involved in the projects through part-time contractual relationships. In cases where our resources are not sufficient, contracts are signed with outside associates, we establish cooperation with other organizations, or invite volunteers to cooperation.

Facilities are located in Ljubljana. One is in immediate vicinity of the central train and bus station and another one at main train and bus station, as well as one green space within 15-minute walking distance from city center.