



Organized by the City of Novigrad - Cittanova in co-operation with the Association of Local Democracy Agencies (ALDA) within the framework of VIT project

VIT – Very Important Twinning, Volunteering in Town

“The role of volunteering in Local Community – volunteering as an instrument of active citizenship”

Italian Community centre, Conference room, Mlinska str. 4b, Novigrad, Croatia

7th & 8th December, 2012

Introduction

You are invited to attend this event which is being organized by the City of Novigrad – Cittanova and its partners. The event is organized in co-operation with the Association of Local Democracy Agencies (ALDA) within the framework of VIT – Very Important Twinning, Volunteering in Towns Project which is financed by the European Commission and which deals with volunteering and democracy in an enlarged Europe.

The project seeks to promote volunteering in various European cities, raising debates on questions of active citizenship and participation. There are 19 partners in the project, local and regional authorities, NGOs and associations, across Europe who are working together during a period of three years.

A series of conferences and workshops are being organized to enable participants to reflect on how an active citizenship can improve governance across Europe. Through these debates good practice will be identified and shared by local, regional and international participants.

The workshop in Novigrad, Croatia will take place on 7 and 8 December 2012 and will focus on “The role of volunteering in Local Community – volunteering as an instrument of active citizenship”.

The event will invite a variety of experts, representatives of NGOs, local governments and citizens.



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PROGRAMME

Friday 7th December 2012

15:45 – 16:15 Registration

16:15 – 16:25 Welcome and Introductions

Anteo Milos, Mayor, City of Novigrad – Cittanova

Ružica Mitrović Maurović, Head of department, City of Novigrad - Cittanova

Vanja Gorički, project coordinator, City of Novigrad - Cittanova

16:25 – 16:45 Elvis Fekete, Volunteering Centre Istra, Pula, Croatia

The role of volunteer centre – bridge between volunteers, organizers of volunteering and the need of the community for volunteers

16:45 – 17:05 Andrej Pevec, Foundation for encouraging partnership and civil society development, Pula, Croatia

Presentation of project ThinkEU (Europe for Citizens)

17:05 – 17:25 Suzana Fraberger, Association Suncokret, Pula, Croatia

Presentation of project “Practical perspectives” - Encouraging active citizenship among young people

17:25 – 17:45 Coffee break

17:45 – 18:05 Andreja Luštek, Association for development of voluntary work Novo mesto, Slovenia

Release the will Power!

18:05 – 18:25 Nina Kapel, Association ZiiD, Buje, Croatia

Presentation of the project Grandparents & Grandchildren (Gruntvig)

18:25 – 18:45 Branka Bukovec, Association for development of voluntary work Novo mesto, Slovenia

Quality aging – presentation of groups of elderly for self help

18:45 – 19:05 Andrea Zancola, Voluntary Fire Brigade Novigrad, Novigrad, Croatia

Role of volunteers in the success of town twinning

19:05 – 19:25 Ana Pelko, City of Buje, Buje, Croatia

Jasna Petrovska (Macedonia) and Francesca Scappini (Italy), EVS volunteers
EVS in the city administration (European Voluntary service)

19:30 – 20:30 Buffet dinner & Networking Opportunity



Saturday 8th December 2012

10:00 – 10:30 Registration (Coffee & Networking Opportunity)

10:30 – 12:00 Round table discussions moderated by Elvis Fekete, VCI

“The role of volunteering in local community – volunteering as an instrument of active citizenship”

- ✓ *Improving the quality of life of elderly people*
- ✓ *Involving young people in development of active citizenship*
- ✓ *Partnership and cooperation between organizations, institutions and public authorities*
- ✓ *Volunteering and the development of democratic society*

12:00 – 12:30 Conclusions

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 Sightseeing of the city and visit to Museum Lapidarium

Practical information:

Registration and contact person:

Participation at the event is free, but all participants need to book by sending e-mail by 10.00 hours on 7 December at the very latest. Please let us know if you have any special access or dietary needs. For more information please contact Vanja Gorički by email vanja.goricki@novigrad.hr, or telephone ++385 (0)98 398 707.

Travel and accommodation cost of international participants:

The participants will be responsible for their travel and accommodation costs. However, the organizers are trying to offer possibilities for your stay in hotel. For all the questions and help please contact Vanja Gorički by email vanja.goricki@novigrad.hr, or telephone ++385 (0)98 398 707.

More information on the VIT Project can be found on the website of the Association of Local Democracy Agencies (ALDA), the lead partner of the Project: www.ald-europe.eu