
VIT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

ACTIVE AGEING AND LOCAL GOVERNANCE:

How to involve elderly as active
citizens in their local communities



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WHAT IS RECREATURA?

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was created in December 2008 when a group of like-minded Europeans decided to start something they'd all been longing for in Valencia, Spain: a European association dedicated to the idea of **ACTIVE EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP THROUGH THE ORGANIZATION OF INNOVATIVE AND CREATIVE CULTURAL EVENTS.**

WHAT WE DO

► We organise thematic, interdisciplinary **EVENTS AND PROJECTS** at local, national and European level.

► Using different forms of art and culture as means to raise awareness on themes of **ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP, SUSTAINABILITY AND PARTICIPATION**

► Our **EVENTS** include visual arts, literature, music, performing arts, wine and food, and often take place in up-and-coming venues or other unknown areas of the city.

► Active member of the **SPANISH NETWORK OF THE ANNA-LINDH-FOUNDATION**; setting up new contacts in the Mediterranean (Morocco)



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OUR TEAM

► Our **TEAM** is **INTERDISCIPLINARY** and completely European! We are working with art curators, communication and European experts, architects, film-makers and designers. WE ARE A CORE GROUP OF FOUR PEOPLE IN THE GOVERNING BOARD PLUS ABOUT 10 VOLUNTEERS.



CURRENT PROJECTS

AND HOW THEY CAN BE LINKED WITH ACTIVE AGEING

- **VIT LOCAL EVENT ON 2-3 MARCH**
- **CONFERENCE** on "Volunteering in times of crisis"
- **WE REACHED MORE THAN 100 PARTICIPANTS** from Valencia and Europe aged between 18 and 65!
- **OFFICIAL CONFERENCE PART** then thematic workshops on education, gender issues, foreign citizens, urban issues and the social media
- **EXHIBITIONS, PUBLIC BREAKFAST AND CONCERT/FINAL PARTY**



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WORKSHOP ON GENDER ISSUES:

- **WOMEN** appear less as volunteers, but they often care about family members.

- **WOMEN** live longer than men, so active ageing applies much more to them, but facing different challenges (health problems; losing their husbands on whom they depended financially and emotionally; higher poverty risks).





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OUR NEXT PROJECT

► CONVERSION OF AN OLD FACTORY BUILDING INTO A CENTRE OF CULTURE AND SOCIAL ECONOMY

 **la Caldereria**
fábrica de alternativas

► **COOPERATION** with different associations and initiatives in the neighbourhood of Ayora: **ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN THE CONVERSION PROCESS.**

► Launch of a call for proposals in June 2012 for a co-working initiative and other ideas how to use the space.

► Series of activities in June and July 2012: practical construction workshop with wood; seminar on social economy; mid-summer party

► More info: www.laciv.org



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