



INTERACTION for ACTION

4th InterCity conference

“Municipality goes international”

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International youth work and young people with fewer opportunities

- 2008-2010 Pilot project JIVE
(„**Youth Work International – Experiencing Diversity**“)
- > more young people with migration background in international youth work activities
- > intercultural opening of organisations active in the field
- > more cooperation between these organisations and organisations working with young migrants



International youth work and young people with fewer opportunities

- JIVE found evidence that
 - > young people with fewer opportunities can benefit from international youth work projects
 - > international youth work helps young people to shape their personalities, acquire new skills and experience what it means to play an active part in society and learn and work in a foreign country



International youth work at local level

- **Municipality goes international**
in the frame of the youth policy initiative JIVE II
- 2011-2014
-> 21 municipalities
- Aims:
 - > to strengthen international youth work at local level
 - > to make it an integral part of local youth work
 - > to open it up to all young people (especially underrepresented young people)
 - > to offer all young people a learning experience abroad (learning mobility)



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- Concrete steps:
 - > building new local networks
 - > establish local action plans for international youth work with (f.e.) the following elements:
 - structural anchoring of international youth work in the municipality (f.e. local service points for young people)
 - link to local (youth) policy (f.e. local youth policy planning)
 - developing new measures and activities (especially for new target groups f.e. through new cooperations)
 - qualification of professionals and people working with youth
 - common public relations



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- The project:
 - > partly financed by the German Ministry for Youth (BMFSFJ)
 - > no direct financial means, long term sustainable process of development, consultation and networking with the following elements:
 - individual coaching in each municipality
 - german-wide networking meetings
 - regional workshops
 - trainings and seminars
 - funding advisory
 - information & working materials



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The results:

Strengthening international youth work on local level in 12 steps:

1. Identifying a driving force

It needs partners who are convinced of international youth work! -> network *iyw* on local level

2. Publishing the effects of international youth work

Professionals, decision makers and the public must know about the positive effects of *iyw*.

3. Gathering decision makers

Political support helps with the local implementation.



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4. *Building networks*

Involving new partners facilitates the access to new target groups.

5. *Establishing a steering body*

It needs somebody or a group of people who coordinate the process.

6. *Designing a local action plan*

A concrete action plan helps to make it sustainable and binding.

7. *Qualifying professionals*

Motivated and qualified professionals are the key element for a successful iyw.



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8. *Networking outward*

To network with each other on regional and national level strengthens the whole process and recovers a high learning potential.

9. *Implementing the local action plan and the mentioned projects and measures*

10. *Making it public!*

Open your work and the results to the public.

11. *Evaluating projects and activities*

12. *Fixing sustainability*

Not just a one-off project but a structural anchoring of iyw on local level should be foreseen.



Mobility initiative of the German Youth Ministry

Several political papers and statements claim for

- a right for mobility to all young people
- a reinforcement of international school and youth exchange
- a *comprehensive mobility initiative*



Mobility initiative of the German Youth Ministry

On behalf of the German Ministry for Youth such an initiative is currently in progress.

The aims are:

- expansion of mobility offers as well as reduction of mobility barriers
- development of information and advice
- recognition of cross border learning experiences
- qualification of professionals

-> strategic bundling of the manifold activities and projects existing on national level to establish a **sustainable strategy for mobility as part of national youth policy**



International youth work and Erasmus+ YOUTH IN ACTION

E+ YOUTH IN ACTION is the European program for

- International youth work/learning mobility
- Focus on young people with fewer opportunities



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E+ YiA offers learning mobility for young people

- > youth exchanges
- > European Voluntary Service
- > transnational Youth Initiative

... for youth workers

- > seminars, Contact making seminars
- > training courses
- > Job shadowings
- > Study visit
- > Strategic partnerships



International youth work and you...

How do you see the potential of international youth work?

Which role does it play in your country?

Any other ideas or suggestions!



Many thanks for your interest!

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