



THIRD AGE ART ACADEMY

Lower Silesia, Poland

Three years course of Art education for the seniors (adults)- fine arts, painting, the story of art, sculpture, ceramics, photography, graphic arts, fabric art, decoupage, workshop of making the wove paper. Additionally - computer lessons and English lessons for the beginners and for advanced people.

Objective, goals, targets

- The program aims to fight back social exclusion of elderly people within life long learning process by stimulating their activity in the field of Art and learning new skills (computer, English).

Problem

- Elderly people are usually treated as someone of marginal importance. They have a problem with sharing the cultural life. Very often elderly people are thought as difficult, passive, not articulate and not flexible persons. The Art lets people to prompt their creativity, develop seniors inventiveness, imagination and sensitivity and fight back the process of their social exclusion. TAAA intends to help the seniors to develop their artistic hobbies in an unexpensive way.

Processes

- Continuation of the educational programme for the elderly people, plein-air paintings (including painting in the hospice of the Brothers Hospitallers of St. John of God), organising meetings in groups, preparing exhibitions. Every week artistic classes: fine arts, painting (3 h a week), the Story of Art lectures (2 h a week), sculpture and ceramics, photography (2 h a week), graphic arts, fabric art, decoupage, workshop of making the wove (3 h a week); computer classes (2 h a week), English classes for the high beginners and upper intermediate/advanced beneficiaries. Cooperation with Culture Centre Agora (Wrocław) and schools (exhibitions and new school year inauguration), hospices (plein-air painting), Senior's Club Bakara in Wrocław.

Country Poland
Region Lower Silesia
City Wrocław
Population 632,240



Timescale From 14.02.2005

Operational environment

Lower Silesian capital city - Wrocław.

Bodies and Organisations

Open Education Society (Towarzystwo Edukacji Otwartej) in Wrocław, Artistic High School ALA (lending rooms, lecture halls, studios and backrooms).

Primary Target Group

Elderly people (seniors) willing to realise their artistic needs in the field of fine arts and increase the knowledge in the field of the Story of Art.

Evaluation of the GP implementation by peers, experts, users, scientists, evaluators or others

TAAA was honoured by the Lower Silesian Marshall in 2009 for its contribution into work with the elderly people; prizers into Municipal contests in 2010, supporting Wrocław Senior Centre in organizing "the Senior's Days" 8-9.10.2010.

Concrete activities

Cooperation (mainly exhibitions) with the Botanical Garden (Wrocław), Railwayman's Club, the Museum of Paper (Duszniki during Paper Feast, with schools (exhibitions for children) and the hospice.

Information has been collected

Data base from TAAA records and Lower Silesian Marshall Office's website.



RESULTS

Beneficiaries:

The elderly people (seniors), the adults, unemployed adults.

Results benefit:

Seniors.

Any enhancement:

Compared with the situation before

- Increasing participation of the seniors in artistic activities, in the exhibitions, group meetings and other cultural events. Engagement into voluntary service. Better mood, sense of community.

Compared with the forecast development

- Better situation- high engagement into artistic and cultural activities. Some beneficiaries started providing their own art classes into other Senior's Clubs.

Success factors:

Growing interest in artistic activities within Lower Silesian seniors; increasing amount of the new Senior's Clubs using TAAA experiences and output.

Difficulties and solutions:

Process assumes the permanent education of the elderly people - what is difficult in certain circumstances: (problems with small office space, lack of money and personnel).

DISSEMINATION AND EXPLOITATION OF RESULTS

Media types:

Oral: Third Age Art Academy (Polish), Website: Third Age Art Academy (Polish), Workspace: Third Age Art Academy (Polish).

Plans for dissemination and exploitation of results:

TAAA intend to continue to disseminate and input its Good Practice within next courses and classes, and wants to cooperate with other Senior's Clubs (especially with these provided by TAAA former beneficiaries).

Sustainability:

Information available on the website.