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# Polish Children and Youth Foundation



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## ABOUT US

- PCYF was established in 1992 thanks to the support of International Youth Foundation. We are a non-profit organization. We do not perform any commercial activity. We raise funds among institutions and individuals as well as from grant programs.
- Each year we cooperate with numerous private sponsors, which are interested in professional partnership in CSR programs



# MISSION

- By the means of cooperation with local partners, we want to make the chances of the youth from the areas and communities with difficult social conditions equal to the others
- We are keen on supporting intellectual, social and physical development of the children and youth in order to improve their chances for educational and life success.

# AIMS

- To support social initiatives aiming at making the educational opportunities of the youth from rural areas and small towns equal to others, thereby helping them to start the adult life.
- To search for and implement effective informal education models in response to the indicated and actual needs of the youth.

# AIMS

- To support local activities of the youth as well as international initiatives aiming at enabling the youth to get actively involved into social life and to develop their personalities in a versatile way.
- To present the Foundation's opinion on the education system, quality of the work done with the youth and problems concerning children and youth from the defavourised communities.

# SELECTED PROGRAMS

- International cooperation of the school clubs „klub-net”
- Educational after-school clubs: „After-school Clubs – My Place”
- Social Skills Training – Life Skills for Employability
- Local Youth Funds



## **klub-net**

- School club is established in cooperation with a school and a local NGO. Their members implement own projects beneficial to local communities as well as international initiatives together with their foreign partners.
- They are offered financial and expert support in their national and international activities.

## **klub-net**

- This is a joined initiative implemented in Poland, Czech Republic and Germany
- The idea behind is to create at school some free space for the creativity and involvement, within which young people can cultivate their passions and interests as well as develop common projects taking responsibility for themselves and their surroundings



## After-school Clubs – My Place

- The main aim is to establish patterns of modern didactics and to change the stereotype of an after-school club commonly regarded as a social care facility.
- 3 components of the program:
  - joined designing and co-financing of the club's interior modernization
  - implementation of the innovative methods of the natural science didactics
  - involving the parents in playing with their children



## **After-school Clubs – My Place**

- Main areas of financial and expert support:
  - Equipping the clubs with accessories facilitating implementation of the innovative educational projects
  - Implementation of the new didactical skills and introduction of the new methods of the work done with children.
  - Preparing the clubs' employees to participate in theirs educational projects actively



## Before and after the modernization...



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# Life Skills for Employability

- The program is being implemented in Europe - in Hungary, Spain, Russia and Poland and outside - in India, Mexico, Philippines and Maroco.
- Its aim is to develop young people's skills which should improve their performance at the job market and enhance their personal life.



# Life Skills for Employability

- The program consists of two elementary components:
  - classes moderated by the trained school teachers
  - supporting implementation of the students' projects based on their own initiative



# Local Youth Funds

- The idea behind the Fund, similar to the YouthBank program, implemented in the UK is to create opportunities for young people, with experience in implementing projects, apply for small grants to implement local projects.
- This means creating space for independent social activity of young people in the local environment.

# Local Youth Funds

- Model of structure of the Local Youth Funds is based on the principle of partnership and cooperation of the local self-government, local government units, locally active NGOs and the youth
- LYF is an answer to such problems as:
  - lack of structures in the municipalities providing money for projects
  - lack of information about the possibilities of obtaining financial support

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