The eventful youth community in Ringkøbing-Skjern

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Project assumption, purpose and goals

Assumption vulnerable youth benefit from volunteering, by:

- developing new skills,
- growing their social network
- getting a sense that they too can make a positive difference in their local communities
- increasing self-esteem
- decreases loneliness, anxiety and depression.
- increasing their chance of finding and being able to fit a job, or of starting at or finishing a secondary education or a vocational education.

Purpose: To have more vulnerable youth take part in volunteering at cultural events.

Goal: to include 25 of our vulnerable youth in a strong and lasting community that is centered around volunteer work to co-host 10 great cultural events every year.



Project content

An eventcorps where volunteers sign up for specific tasks at specific events – of their own choosing.

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A friend to go with, for those who struggle to get out the door, and meet other people.

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The Eventful Youthcommunity of 25 vulnerable young people and 25 resourceful young people that volunteer in pairs at 10 events of each pairs choosing every year.

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A note on including vulnerable youth

It is for those who don't like routines, but who like new experiences. E.g. young people with ADHD.

Professional staff facilitates the first meeting after pairing a vulnerable with a friends to go with.

The friend to go with need no professional skills. They just need to motivate, and to not take "no" for an answer.



Relevance in the YESpecialist project

The project strenghtens youth entrepreneurship by:

- Increasing youth involvement and contribution to local community (event)orgaizations
- Enhancing a range of entrepreneurship skills among young people (group work, communication, active participation, logistics, customer services)
- Enhancing the ecosystem between youth, eventorganizations and the municipality.

For all the young people in the Eventful Youthcommunity, the project increases the chance that they ultimately settle in the municipality both through the social network and by letting them experience a vibrant, local cultural life.

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Questions?

