



“PERNET CLG”. Galway. IRELAND

SUMMARY OF PROJECT

Organization carrying it out: Pernet CLG

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Year it began 9 May 1992

Year it ended ongoing

The reason for the Project and its objectives

What was the context of this Project? What is/was the need to which this Project responded?

A perceived need of the LSA involved was the need for a structure which would enable the continuation of the charism of the LSA to be with families into the future.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

Please give a brief description of the Project:

What is/was its main objective:

It is to help people who are disadvantaged to become empowered, to find a place in society.

What is/were the main activities:

Education in family courses, justice group, youth group, fund-raising, annual social gatherings.

The main results of the activities:

*The Training for Transformation courses helped people to set up other community groups, to network together for empowerment. It provided training which people otherwise could not afford.

*families were empowered through learning parenting skills,

*the justice group linked with other justice groups, eg JPIC in order to be in solidarity around certain causes.

*links with refugees in Galway gives tools to make applications for refugee status, learning of English. Also there are intercultural activities such as cookery demos/ social gatherings where they can tell their story and perform aspects of the different cultures.

MODEL OF INTERVENCION

The team which participated in the Project:

Describe the people who were involved in developing it: ie salaried? Volunteers? Both?

All those involved are volunteers. There are 7 volunteer Directors. The volunteers are the organizers and experts are hired to give the courses. Pernet CLT participates onced per year in a Volunteering Exhibition of the work of 30 voluntary organizations in Galway. A volunteer keeps the website up to date. Website = pernetlayassociates.com

Benefits of the Project:

What were the principal benefits for the participants and for the local community?

What changes were produced in individuals, and in families through in this Project

Testimonies show parents have learnt the skills of how to parent their children. People learnt through TFT how to be involved in leadership of community organizations. Understanding of the complexity of inter-cultural realitriews enables communities to work with refugees. People learnt how to do accounts, and how to be secretary of a Limited Company, how to apply for funding etc.

Benefits for the local community include:

Working with different communities has opened up a richness in understanding different parts of the city and rural áreas, according to participants. There is more social contact and a sense of care for each other.

Other organizations involved:

The Diocese, the Rowing Club, Bohermore Project. Pernet Ltd has no premises so its depends on other groups and on the parish. It networks with the varios educational institutions, communications also through the parish networks.

The Budget and the way of financing the Project:

Was there funding from government, or totally voluntary funds or both?

LSA financed the Project for the first 5 years, and gave once-off grants to help with some of the courses. Fund-raising activities of the Project include setting up a lottery, running raffles, and organising Annual Gold Classic. In 2017 for the first time, the Project got funding from Government and from the local Municipal council.

How sustainable is/was the Project into the future?

The Project will continue to rely subtrantially on providence. Also because the target groups are low-income families and of refugee status with no earnings, it will always be necessary to subsidize the education courses, hence fund-raising will continue to be an integral part of the

Project. In terms of human resources, there are committed people actively involved and they are the future of the Project.

How was our charism made present/alive through this Project?

Working with families, visiting people who did the courses and may have health issues. The spiritual group produced a booklet 'Thy Kingdom come' on the spirituality of the LSA. It is available on the website.

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