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The Department of Youth affairs and Employment of Murcia City Council with the cooperation of other state institutions and the participation of youth, cultural and social organizations of the municipality implements a new project of social intervention in Murcia, an innovative programme with a double fundamental aim:

- **To foster social inclusion, citizen coexistence**

and young immigrants' participation in the social, political, economic and cultural life of the city.

- **To prevent discriminatory, racist and xenophobic behaviours** by awareness programmes addressed to the municipality population, especially to young people.

The main outlines of this YOUTH, IMMIGRATION AND PARTICIPATION programme are:

PROGRAMME CORNERSTONE AND NECESSITY

The municipality of Murcia has developed one of the highest processes of population growth rate in the cities of our country for the last 20 years. It has turned Murcia into the seventh Spanish city by number of residents, with a total number of 422,861 people.

Immigrant population, who according to official data amounts up to 50,397 people, is an important factor which is contributing to this growth. They represent 11, 92% of the citizens of the municipality, the majority of this population are young people.

Given this new social reality and bearing in mind the future development of the municipality of Murcia, it is necessary to implement an

innovative and experimental natured **Social and Common Intervention Project** which is, in the first phase, aimed at fostering, in a straightforward and comprehensive form, the integration of young immigrants across the municipality of Murcia, facilitating their social inclusion and promoting the cooperation and coexistence of the citizens in order to prevent risk situations in accordance with the provisions foreseen by **the article 48 of the Spanish Constitution**, whose text we remember below:

"Public authorities will promote the necessary conditions for the free and effective participation of young people in the political, social, economic and cultural development".

GENERAL AIMS AND COURSES OF ACTION

- 1 To improve the knowledge, study and analysis of young immigrants' daily life in the municipality of Murcia.
 - 2 To facilitate young immigrants access to information about resources and activities for an active participation.
 - 3 To foster the participation of young immigrants in the activities, programmes and municipal services designed for young people.
 - 4 To promote the active participation of young immigrants in youth associations operating in the municipality.
 - 5 To support immigrant organizations and groups, especially regarding youth activities and actions.
 - 6 To prevent discriminatory, racist and xenophobic attitudes by diffusion and awareness actions.
 - 7 To develop a methodology of social and common participation in the development of the programme.
- To meet these aims, the programme will be developed in a set of actions that we can classify into the following courses of action:
- A Analysis, study and research.
 - B Information, diffusion and awareness.
 - C Training and Technical Assistance.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES OR ACTIONS THAT WILL BE DEVELOPED

The following activities will be carried out:

A- RESEARCH:

New documentary resources specialized in young people, participation and immigration which will be set up in La Nave, a local centre, a young space within its spaces of training and files on about participation. A socio-demographical approach on young immigrant population in the municipality of Murcia and the corresponding rural districts will be carried out as well. Regular sources such as the census and a local town council population census, which are published by the National Statistics Institute, will be used. All the information about immigrant organizations, services and programmes will be compiled.

B- AWARENESS CAMPAIGN - INFORMATION:

An awareness campaign will be launched to prevent racist and xenophobic behaviours. This campaign will be carried out by young people themselves, so a mixed group will be constituted between young new neighbours and natives. The organization of the campaign has methodologically two phases: the first phase involves the preparation of the campaign, when the aspects to be treated and the audiovisual strategy to be undertaken are decided together with young people. The second phase is the launching of the campaign itself and the diffusion in different spaces.

This campaign will be complemented with the diffusion and advertising of the set of activities to be developed throughout the programme, under the same conceptual and image line.

C- TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:

Training actions will be developed according to the necessities of groups and youth associations constituted by new young neighbours as well as natives.

During 2008 some meetings were held to know the necessities of young people and the approaches of social and youth organizations regarding this issue.

The methodological approach is based on the methodology of workshops. This type of work move onto the creation of new senses and meanings for the different groups and communities we are working with in this programme. The workshops make possible to construct ties and create joint reflections and experiences which help to enrich each group experience as well as the education that comes up from the different communities.

Regarding **Technical Assistance**, it will be developed along with training and a **stable Counselling Service**, which will be offered at the most important Municipal Youth Centres such as the young spaces "La Nave and Yesqueros", and as a travelling service where

immigrants and youth associations are located. This service will operate in the afternoons, evenings and at the weekends. They will monitor these organizations' legal issues in the processing and management of subsidies and public aids (modification and adaptation of Statutes; record of associations and books, official documents, changes on the Board of Directors, setting up of youth divisions...).

Regarding this service it will be included a specific technical assistance for the design, organization and management of activities with the aim of dynamizing immigrant and young people associations of the municipality to develop **activities to foster integration and participation**. They will carry out some counselling to find resources to develop those activities through other programs and services of the City Council of Murcia or other bodies such as the Autonomous Community of Murcia or the social activities of Saving Banks... All the activities developed during 2009 for integration addressed to young people will aim at having a common methodological approach which makes possible to develop an assessment which bring interesting data and overall conclusions for the future.



PROGRAMME BENEFICIARIES

Although these activities in general and according to the Rules of Murcia City Council on subsidies awarded to promote the participation of young people might be addressed to the population of the municipality who are between 8 and 35 years old, the main target group of the

programme will be young people, between 12 and 24 years old. The prediction of participation in the programme actions and activities amount up to **3,000 young people, at least 25% out of them are immigrant population.**

RESOURCES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROGRAMME

EQUIPMENTS AND LOCALS.

Local Net of Youth Equipments.

Yesqueros Youth Resources Centre, a young space Local Centre La Nave, a young space, and Youth Premises and Centres in town and rural districts.

Local Net of Social Services.

Public Spaces of the municipality.

HUMAN RESOURCES.

- Technicians of the Department of Youth and Employment.
- Technicians of intercultural and assistance associations.
- Volunteers of youth, social, cultural and municipality immigrant organizations.

HOW TO TAKE PART IN THIS PROJECT

To make this project come true a positive reality in our municipality, is vital the implication and the participation on the social weave of the city:

- Youth associations.
- Immigrant associations and organizations.
- Social organizations which act in the framework of youth, culture, solidarity and integration actions.
- Young people groups which are not legally constituted as associations.

The methodological strategy that we propose to implement the channels to take part in the programme is the cooperation between the Administration and the organizations. Therefore, it is very important that you send us your ideas and activities, for that aim the proposals must be carried out by filling in a form for every activity proposed. This form can be requested at the Youth Service, to the

attention of the Participation Unit. That "Service Proposals Form" can also be downloaded at www.informajoven.org/juventud/participacion.asp

All the proposals received will be studied and assessed at the Participation Unit of the Department of Youth in cooperation with the Department of Social Services of Murcia Town-Hall, describing in detail the necessary resources and tools for a correct implementation.

A Promoting Group, a discussion and participation forum for the development and assessment of the project will be constituted together with all the organizations and young participants to improve the mechanisms for the participation and the development of the programme. The forum contributions will be used to edit an **Evaluation Guide** of the experience, including an assessment on good working practice which brings the project to the future of young people participation and social integration in our city.



Puedes informarte y hacer tus propuestas en:

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