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Measure 2.3 "Civil Society Projects"

Strand 1 – "European Remembrance"

5 events have been carried out within this project:

Event 1 – Conversation Salon 1

Participation: The event involved 313 citizens, including 75 participants from the city of Dublin (**Ireland**), 83 participants from the city of Brussels (**Belgium**), 79 participants from the city of Osijek (**Croatia**), and 85 participants from Stirling, Tillicoultry, Alloa and Bo'Ness (**Scotland**).

Location / Dates:

- Third Space, Smithfield, Dublin 7; Rosehill House, Finlglas, Dublin 11; Third Space Aungier Street, Dublin 2 (**Dublin, Ireland**): 14/03/2018, 22/03/2018, 11/03/2018, 09/07/2018
- Serve the City Office, 15A Place van Meyel, Bozar Meeting Rooms (**Brussels, Belgium**): 6/3/2018, 19/3/2018, 20/3/2018, 21/3/2018, 10/4/2018, 11/4/2018, 16/4/2018, 17/5/2018, 22/5/2018, 23/5/2018, 26/5/2018;
- Hotel Osijek (**Osijek, Croatia**): 11/04/2018
- Jubilee House, Volunteer Scotland, Stirling; Tilly Tearoom, Tillicoultry, Clackmannanshire, Lornshill Academy, Alloa, Clackmannanshire; Bridgeness Miners Welfare, Bo'Ness, West Lothian (**Scotland**) (+Aarhus, Denmark): 23/01/2018, 14/02/2018, 25/02/2018, 07/03/2018, 24/03/2018, 25/03/2018, 28/03/2018

Short description: The aim of the event was to invite interested people to meet in an informal context to connect with each other through conversation, to find out more about the Get Connected project and to build a sense of solidarity among the participants from a local and European perspective. Participant were invited to discuss a number of questions on the topic of community, volunteering and European values. The event also served to introduce details of the project and set out its European dimension.

Event 2 – Digital Media Training

Participation: The event involved 136 citizens, including 37 participants from the city of Dublin (**Ireland**), 36 participants from the city of Brussels (**Belgium**), 35 participants from the city of Osijek (**Croatia**), and 29 participants from Stirling, Tillicoultry, Alloa and Bo'Ness (**Scotland**).

Location / Dates:

- Carmelite Community Centre, Dublin 2; Dublin City Volunteer Centre, Dublin 2 (**Dublin, Ireland**): 28/04/2018; 23/05/2018
- Serve the City Office, 15A Place van Meyel: Bozar Meeting Rooms (**Brussels, Belgium**): 06/06/2018, 07/06/2018, 19/06/2018, 13/09/2018
- Volunteer centre Osijek, Stjepana Radića 16 (**Osijek, Croatia**): 12/06/2018

- Lornshill Academy, Alloa, Clackmannanshire, Ben Cleuch Centre, Tillicoultry, Clackmannanshire (**Scotland**): 23/05/2019, 19/06/2019

Short description:

The Digital Media Training was designed to improve the digital media skills of the project participants in order to empower them to tell their stories and record their journeys of volunteering in various non-profit organisations. It was also an opportunity for the participants to interact with and learn from each other.

Event 3 – Conversation Salon 2

Participation: The event involved 183 citizens, including 47 participants from the city of Dublin (**Ireland**), 35 participants from the city of Brussels (**Belgium**), 74 participants from the city of Osijek (**Croatia**), and 27 participants from Stirling, Tillicoultry, Alloa and Bo'Ness (**Scotland**).

Location / Dates:

- Third Space, Smithfield, Dublin 7; Mansion House, Dublin 2 (**Dublin, Ireland**): 09/10/2018; 05/11/2018
- Serve the City Office, 15A Place van Meyel (**Brussels, Belgium**): 27/11/2018; 28/11/2018; 28/11/2018 (afternoon); 06/12/2018
- Volunteer centre Osijek, Stjepana Radića 16, Osijek; Association of Children and Young People with Developmental Disabilities "Zvono", Radnička 14, Belišće; Red Cross Osijek, Šetalište Petra Preradovića 6 (**Osijek, Croatia**): 14/11/2018, 20/11/2019, 28/11/2018
- Centenary Hall, Tillicoultry, Clackmannanshire (**Scotland**): 23/02/2019

Short description:

The aim of the 2nd set of conversation salon events was to bring the project participants back together to talk about their volunteering activities, share moments of joy, discuss challenges and reflect on the overall experience. During the event, the participants were invited to discuss whether volunteering has increased their sense of belonging or connection to other people/ their community and to reflect and discuss with each other how the volunteering has enabled them to live out their values.

Event 4 – Roadshow/ Exhibition Launch Event

Participation: The event involved 462 citizens, including 76 participants from the city of Dublin (**Ireland**), 62 participants from the city of Brussels at event (**Belgium**) 160 participants from the city of Osijek (**Croatia**), and 164 participants from Stirling, Tillicoultry, Alloa and Bo'Ness (**Scotland**).

Location / Dates:

- CHQ, Custom House Quay, Dublin 1 (**Dublin, Ireland**): 11/12/2018
- Press Club Brussels Europe (**Brussels, Belgium**): 27/03/2019
- Archeological museum Osijek, Trg Svetog Trojstva 2 (**Osijek, Croatia**): 05/12/2018
- Centenary Hall, Tillicoultry, Clackmannanshire; Volunteer Scotland, Jubilee House, Stirling (**Scotland**): 23/02/2019, 12/03/2019, 13/03/2019

Short description:

The aim of this event was to launch the project's "Roadshow", a photo exhibition that displayed photographs of a selected number of project volunteers and their stories about their volunteering experiences. The aim of the exhibition was to display the diversity of volunteering across the 4 European countries, to celebrate the volunteers' achievements, to share the key messages from the project and to inspire members of the public to "get connected" through volunteering. The exhibition was also an invitation to continue the conversation about volunteering and shared values.