



FORM BEST PRACTICES CONTEST

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Name project

Heritage day for children

Category Certification Criteria

- Energy and environmental policies (politiche energetiche e ambientali);
- Infrastructure policies (politiche infrastrutturali);
- Quality of urban life policies (politiche per la qualita' urbana);
- Agricultural, touristic and artisan policies (politiche agricole, turistiche, artigianali);
- Policies for hospitality, awareness and training (politiche per l'ospitalita, la consapevolezza e la formazione); (question 4.7)
- Social cohesion (coesione sociale).

Summary project



Every year Midden-Delfland organizes the 'Heritage day for children'. This day takes place on the Friday before the European Heritage Days. In association with the partners the municipality chooses a local interpretation of the national historic theme. Partners are the local historical societies, primary schools (children from 10-12 years), the library and several volunteers. The historical theme is worked out further. For the children and carers is made a trail along historical buildings and places in one of the three villages in Midden-Delfland. In some places there are volunteers who tell a story about the history of that place and its inhabitants and visitors. These stories illustrate the live of people in a certain time period. That's why the volunteers tell these stories as historical figures of local importance. Children may ask questions. Most times there is also a little action or drama from maximum 5 minutes.

Goal project

The aim of the project is to experience able the history of the village. Especially for the children who live in the municipality. History needs to stay alive and children should take an interest in their own history. It must maintain and strengthen local identity. We also hope that the children tell about this day at home and interest their siblings and parents in visiting monuments and heritage sites during the European Heritage Days.

Result project

Children have fun and an informative day. The children have learned a lot of the history and identity of their own village, the old buildings and places and the way of living in the earlier times. So they understand why it is important to protect old buildings and historical places.

Finance (costs and benefits)

Maximum € 1.000,- (for 350 children).

The budget is used for lemonade (for the children) coffee/tea (for the volunteers), little presents for the volunteers, to hire or make historical clothes, handout for school and photographs (preparation and on Children monumentday).

Staff (time use and saving)



There is no time saving.

Staff time is about 38 hours.

Consisting of 3 meetings with partners and volunteers (6 hour). The goal of the first meeting is to choosing the local theme, the second meeting is about the roadmap and sharing tasks, the third and final meeting takes place a few days before Children Heritageday. On Children Heritageday 6 hours (preparation and supervision). Evaluation is 2 hours. Making appointments, arranging administrative affairs etc 24 hours.

Volunteers and teachers on primary school also engage many tasks.

Additional information (if necessarily)

After the event the children make on school an essay or an artwork. Sometimes this is also a contest. The best three essays will be published in the local newspaper.

Link website:

2012 (Dutch information)

http://www.middendelfland.nl/inwoners-ondernemers/archief-nieuwsbrief-inwoners_41547/item/kindermonumentendag-dit-jaar-in-den-hoorn_19557.html#titel19557

Trail 2012 <http://www.middendelfland.nl/document.php?m=1&fileid=32691&f=667379d18304d5d363b830a8051fc384&attachment=0&c=2930>

Report 2012

<http://jaar2012.middendelfland.net/denhoorn/kindermonumentendag.htm>

Photo 2012 (photo 34 vice-president with organ, photo 149 vice-president as old mayor)

<http://jaar2012albums.middendelfland.net/Kindermonumentendag/index.html>

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