



FORM BEST PRACTICES CONTEST

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Name project

Groenteruilbank Borger

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);
- Social cohesion (coesione sociale).

Summary project



The “Groentenruilbank Borger”

Within the project there is a big vegetable garden on the outskirts of the town. Volunteers help to maintain the vegetable garden.

People with a tight financial budget or families who are on income support are sometimes not in the position to buy fresh products (fruit and vegetables).

Providing the community:

This project provides people, on low income and with financial problems, with fresh fruit and vegetables during spring, summer and autumn.

No money is being exchanged for the products but people are asked to do something back in return for the community. Making use of the talents people have. We call this the social return.

For example: If one of the users is gifted with the talent of being very creative maybe he/she can give a workshop.

When one's talent is working with computers they can help an elderly person learn how to use e-mail or social media.

Sometimes people need help with DIY jobs in their house. When one of the users has carpentry skills they can help with this DIY job.

The project also makes it possible that people get in contact with each other.

Goal project

Using people's talent to provide the community.

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Result project

40 participants and 65 people and families are receiving products from the vegetable garden. There are a lot of creative talents we can use. People taking part in the community. This year the garden is producing more different vegetables and fruit. There is a lot of publicity in the town by people and entrepreneurs. Some entrepreneurs are volunteering in the garden and sponsor it.

Finance (costs and benefits)



Budget for this year is € 1200,-- .

Benefits: benefits are seen back in the community and not financially.

Staff (time use and saving)

One social worker is assigned to the project when it started in 2013. In 2014 the social worker has handed the project over to the volunteers as much as possible. The volunteers are running the project. When there are questions, information is needed or just support they can ask the social worker.

Additional information (if necessarily)

To obtain more publicity for the project it has been linked to www.geocaching.com and they can find here a special cache. http://www.geocaching.com/geocache/GC4FGDQ_de-groenteruilbank?guid=728d9dc4-ecc9-4dba-b67b-3de29b6774bc

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