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DEAP Project – Nurturing Personal Development and Empowerment of Young People with Visual Impairment through Arts Education

The DEAP Project (**Nurturing Personal Development and Empowerment of Young People with Visual Impairment through Arts Education**) is an international initiative implemented in five European countries: Italy, Czech Republic, Poland, Cyprus, and Sweden. Its goal is to strengthen personal development, creative expression, and active participation of young people with visual impairments through arts education. The project also aims to enhance the professional skills of educators and youth workers who support visually impaired youth in educational and social environments.

Key Activities and Current Project Phase

Currently, project partners are conducting national research to identify educational and socio-economic barriers faced by young people with visual impairments in their local communities. The research involves:

- Representatives of organizations and institutions supporting visually impaired individuals,
- Teachers, educators, and youth workers,
- Families and caregivers of young people with visual impairments,
- Young people with visual impairments sharing their experiences.

The collected data will contribute to the development of an international report that will serve as the foundation for an innovative training program promoting social inclusion through art. The program will include ceramic, theater, and music workshops, allowing youth to develop psychomotor, social, and artistic skills.

Upcoming Events

As part of the project's dissemination activities, partners are organizing national kick-off events in their respective countries. In Poland, the event is scheduled for **April 8, 2025**, organized by the FRAME Foundation in collaboration with the Łódź School for the Visually Impaired. During the event, the key objectives of the DEAP project will be presented, and participants will take part in demonstration ceramic workshops and confidence-building workshops for youth at risk of social exclusion. We especially invite all those interested in the project and in participating in international and national training courses for educators to attend the event.

Simultaneously with the national kick-off events, preparations are underway for the **Transnational Training Course in Italy: Empowerment Program on Sculpting Potential Young People with Visual Impairments**. This training will bring together **15 youth workers and educators** (3 from each partner country: Italy, Czech Republic, Poland, Cyprus, and Sweden).

The course will introduce participants to a **ceramics-based empowerment program** designed for youth workers working with young people with visual impairments. Through this training, participants will acquire essential knowledge, key competencies, and learning tools to implement an educational program using ceramics. The goal is to enhance psychomotor skills, self-esteem, social abilities, and personal empowerment among young people with visual impairments.

The DEAP Project contributes to promoting equality, inclusion, and active participation of visually impaired youth in European society. International collaboration enables the exchange of best practices and the implementation of modern educational methods that help overcome social and professional barriers.

We warmly invite you to participate in upcoming events and follow the progress of the DEAP Project!



If you are interested in participating in our project or would like to share your experiences with us, please contact the DEAP coordinator in Poland:

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