



## Association Our World

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### About us:

Established in 1999, Association “Our Worl” is a non-governmental organization (NGO) based in Varna, Bulgaria, focused on **educational, cultural** and **social** projects. The organization aims to uplift, organize and promote local and international collaborations around its key areas of research.

Association “Our World” aims to create opportunities for **social integration of young people from various marginal groups, develops young talent and supports the production of new creative artworks, strives to establish international artistic collaborations.**

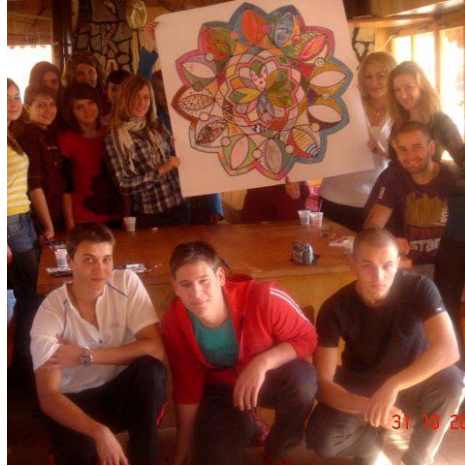
The organisation has experience in the development and realization of over 192 projects. The current and past projects have been realized as part of the programmes “Youth in Action”, “Leonardo da Vinci”, “ACCES”, “PHARE”, “Directorate – General Justice / Directorate A – Program management”, “C.S.MOT” as well as with the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy and Direction `Youth Activities and Sport`, Direction “Culture” in Municipality of Varna, Fond Culture in Ministry of Culture, Japan Foundation and Erasmus + Programme.

Our organization works successfully with various national and international partners and in the partnership process we have demonstrated our competence in being a reliable partner.

### Mission Statement:

- To create opportunities for social integration of young people.
- By establishing projects and activities that nurture their creative potential, educational abilities and social awareness, association “Our World” supports the needs and interests of the youth from Varna region, Bulgaria.
- To support young artists in creating innovative cultural artworks and promote international collaborations.

# SELECTED REALISED PROJECTS



## ARTS&CULTURE

- **2015: Multimedia live performance “Ya”** an interdisciplinary production that merges Japanese Traditional Art with Thracian aesthetics and philosophy by giving them a contemporary meaning. “Ya” is produced by Association “Our World” and financially supported by the Japan Foundation as part of the Performing arts programme for Europe (Touring).
- **2013 – Ongoing: “Juji in Cosmos”**- an interactive digital puppetry kids theatre show, live theatre performance with puppets and 3D animation for kids, funded by Direction Culture of Varna Municipality. Since its creation the performance has had more than 2000 spectators.
- **2013: “TV Start”**, financed by Youth Direction of Varna Municipality, training 30 young people in all positions of TV production. The project enables the students to create their own TV show on an ecological theme as to promote eco-sustainable living.
- **2013-2014: “Stop being puzzled by diversity”, ACES** (Academy of Central European Schools), a bilateral partnership between two schools from Bulgaria and Slovakia. It aims to use interactive theatre techniques as a tool for diversity awareness.
- **Nov 2012 - Oct 2013: “Organising the free time of children for ethnic minorities through club activities and interests” (KIDI)**, Association “Our World” Varna and SOU “Sv.Sv. Kiril i Metodii”, Ignatievo are in partnership for the project, financed by the Bulgarian Ministry of Education. During a whole year, 239 students from Ignatievo, aged between 6-14 years old will have the chance to develop their creative talents in various clubs of interests such as radio journalism, theatre productions, photography, art and many others.
- **2011: “Japanese Sound & Video Art 2011 with Yoshio Machida”**, Japan Foundation. The key achievement was the successful promotion of cultural interaction, artistic dialogue and Japanese

art in Bulgaria.

- **2012:** SeriBalkans, "**Silk-screen-print atelier in Balkan Peninsula**", organizers of the workshops in Varna.
- **2009:** Partner in project "**Once Upon A Time**" - Youth Programme Action 1.1 Youth Exchange Istanbul, Turkey. One week workshop under Youth Exchange workshop for talented young people, based on folklore and traditional games and customs of Bulgaria, Sweden, Hungary and Turkey.
- **2009:** "**Summer training DJ-Start**" - financed by Varna Municipality, Direction Prevention- building up summer classes for developing music culture of youngsters, making them masters of DJ-ing skills, techniques and tricks, learning professional software for mixing music, organizing music broadcast for young people (13-16 years old) DJs in partners radio Alpha Radio
- **2008:** "**Folklore sports games - a source of health and Bulgarian spirit**" - financed by National Culture Fund- preservation of family memory and raising awareness of the younger generation through a new custom form for a collective celebration, which involves children, adults and the general public.

## EDUCATION:

- **2012:** "**European standards for recruitment and qualification of staff in tourism**", (01.12.2011- 01.06.2012) Partner: Agenzia per la Mobilita e la Formazione Internazionale (AMFI) Italia.
- **2005:** "**Friendship without boundaries for psycho-active substances (PAS) prevention**" under programme, financed by Varna Municipality, Direction Youth and Sport Activities made a poll among 100 pupils in Varna (aged 11- 13 years old) and chosen 15 of them to establish volunteer organization to fight against PAS-usage
- **2004/2005:** PHARE-programme, "**Professional training and motivation for working in the hotel business of long-term unemployed women over the age of 40 with economics training**" - initiating a model of professional training special qualification - successful work in the field of tourism for women over the age of 40 who have economy training and an experience in operational accountancy
- **2004:** "**Learn now**" a project for Roma youth project 1 week sport and culture training for 30 Roma children who are jeopardized of school dropping out; organized visits to museums, puppet shows, cinema, sight-seeing as well as sport activities- wrestling and athletics for control over aggression
- **2002/2003:** "**Euro-accountancy and international accountancy standards**" within the program Leonardo de Vinci, mobility project with a practice in Italy, Milan innovative model for implementing students' knowledge and skills in accountancy field by observing successful patterns for cooperation between the educational system and the business in Italy, mastering informational technologies for standards of the Euro accountancy.
- **2001/2002:** Partner of Private Trade School in the project Professional motivation for participation of young people in family hotel business within program Leonardo da Vinci



## SOCIAL PROJECTS:

- **2015: "Creating and testing a model for training in social entrepreneurship for young business leaders"** with the financial support of Varna Municipality, Youth Projects 2015. The project enables 170 young people (140 of them through online connection and consulting) to train and learn about the theoretical and practical aspects of creating and managing social enterprises.
- **2012: "A LOCAL approach towards the reduction of PsychoActive Substance uSe (LOCALPASS)",** duration 24 months (2012-2014), European Commission Directorate-General Justice.  
 "Be Real, not Virtual: prevention of risk behavior on the net" realized by the financial support of Direction "Prevention", Municipality Varna
- **2011: "Virtual consultation of parents of children with disabilities"** (July- October 2011) 20 online presentations and workshops
- **2009: "Travel folklore seminar of Roma children rudar for strengthening their cultural identity position in Bulgaria",** financed by National Council for Cooperation on Ethnic and demographic problems within the Council of Ministers) - innovative way to gain popularity of cultural, folklore and sport traditions of this Roma ethnic group, called Rudars. 35 talented children, between 10 and 13 years old, examine, collect and describe in details authentic, but forgotten through the years games, songs and lyrics, traditions, beliefs.
- **2008: "Workshop for children informal leaders under drug prevention problems",** (adopted by Varna Municipality, Direction Prevention). Innovative model for working with Roma children in Varna, aged 12-14, by establishing children volunteer organization against drugs usage; informal health education and workshops for 10 potential Roma children leaders for successful communication and positive influence over their classmates and friends under the topic "Risks of drugs-usage, dependency and ways of counteraction to their dissemination"
- **2007: "Remote (distance) info-club for parents on drug prevention initiation",** financed by Varna Municipality, Direction Youth and Sports Activities adopting an alternative model for communication and cooperation with parents in combating the spread of psychoactive substances, and create a children volunteer organization and web-forum for the prevention of PAS usage and work with parents, create web - a forum for dialogue between children and parents
- **2006: "Peer-to-peer training model for education how to prevent children from alcohol consumption",** adopted by Varna Municipality, Direction Youth and Sports Activities. Training of professionals and volunteers in implementing and managing activities aimed at reducing

demand for surfactants (Psychoactive substances). Some of the results are showcased in a specialized website with a forum. Trained children volunteer organization in information technologies and PAS prevention, brochures.

