

Summary of Wi-CaN Project

Project Plan & Deliverables

A) Project Level

1. The project

The project aims to develop a network for socially at-risk, isolated women in the local society. Likewise, the role model/mentor concept will be used by conscripting “strong” women in encouraging the target groups to participate in the activities and consequently, become part of a network. Cooking/food and handcraft will be used to encourage the women to participate in the project.

2. Target groups

The primary target group is socially at-risk and marginalized women in the society.

DK: The target group in DK is marginalized migrant women in Vejle Municipality, who are socially isolated from the local society. We will use women with ethnic origin and ethnic Danish women as role models who can contribute with experiences and work as inspiration for the migrant women.

TK: The target groups in Turkey are migrant women, disabled who are live people in Adana.

DE: The target groups in Germany are: migrant women living in rural areas in the County of Diepholz, who participate in local integration activities, i.e. a language café at the World House Barnstorf and ethnic German women (who emigrated from Eastern Europe) and migrant women who are organizing local sewing circles in the area of Emden (East Frisia).

BU: The target group in Bulgaria is migrant women in Sofia City Municipality. We will use role models who are ethnic Bulgarians, Bulgarians from Roma and/or Turkish origin, and successful female foreigners in the country.

UK: The target group for the UK is refugee and asylum seeking women, who are socially, psychologically and economically excluded from society. We will work with a team of community development staff from these communities who will lead the work here in the UK by organizing workshop activities and facilitating women’s attendance.

ES: For this project we will have women from our adults’ school, both migrants from our classes of “Spanish for foreigners”, and also aged women who did not have chance to go to school while they were young and now have the opportunity to learn and to have relationship with other people instead of being at home.

3. Goals and objectives

The goal of this project is to Integrate of socially at-risk women through club evenings with different themes; food, crafts, folklore, music etc. Specifically, the project aims to: Create a local network of socially marginalized women and local women who possess relevant knowledge and skills as mentors.

Promote volunteering in the partner countries.

Create a travelling team with participants from the partner countries. The team will visit the partner countries and exchange experiences and present the products from the club evenings.

Deliverables and outputs

Activities:

Local club meetings/networking with different themes (20 x meetings pr country).

International partner meetings / intercultural meetings (6 x meetings).

Date	Host	Partner contribution / activity
February 2012	ES	<p>Inspiration workshop:</p> <p>DK:</p> <p>ES: We will be hosting this meeting in our town. At this stage we want to have a draft design of the quilt in order to be able to exchange impressions with the rest of partners and get to the final design.</p> <p>BG: Bulgarian crafts and products .</p> <p>DE: Input from the sewing circle group (Barenburg International)</p> <p>UK: 3 practical workshops with up to 8 participants in each workshop and 1 partner meeting.</p>
May 2012	BG	<p>DK:</p> <p>ES: Details of club meetings. We want to have first sample of the quilt at this meeting.</p> <p>BG: Visit to a festival on the occasion of the Days of the town of Mezda (municipal centre not far away from Sofia) combined with a visit to a nearby monastery and a famous monument.</p> <p>DE: Input from the sewing circle group (Barenburg International)</p> <p>UK: 3 practical workshops with up to 8 participants in each workshop and 1 partner meeting. Contribution to mid-term report.</p>
Sept 2012	DE	<p>DK:</p> <p>ES: Details of subjects treated during club meetings and more samples of the quilt.</p> <p>BG: Bulgarian crafts and products</p>



		DE: Presentation of local situation of migrant women UK: 3 practical workshops with up to 8 participants in each workshop and 1 partner meeting.
January 2013	TR	DK: ES: Details of club meetings. By this time we want to have the pieces of the quilt finished and the work nearly ready. BG: Bulgarian crafts and products DE: Not yet decided UK: 3 practical workshops with up to 8 participants in each workshop and 1 partner meeting.
April 2013	UK	DK: ES: Details of club meetings and any other activity that we agree. BG: Bulgarian crafts and products DE: Not yet decided UK: 4 practical workshops with up to 8 participants in each workshop and 1 partner meeting. – hosted in the UK
July 2013	DK	DK: ES: Meeting a Vejle, presentation of finished work and final conclusions of all the club meetings held during the project. BG: Bulgarian crafts and products DE: Not yet decided UK: 4 practical workshops with up to 8 participants in each workshop and 1 partner meeting. Collation of dissemination materials. Contribution to final report.

• **Development of materials:**

Output	Leader	Deadline	Partner role
Cook book	DE / VNB	May 2012: Content September 2012: Writing January 2013: Production	For discussion / first meeting.
Picture book	BG / NAMCB	May 2012: Content September 2012: Writing January 2013: Production	For discussion / first meeting.



Quilt	ES / FPE Beniassent	May 2012: Content September 2012: Writing January 2013: Production	For discussion / first meeting.
Website	DK / VIFIN	October 2011: Content November 2011: Layout January 2013: release	VIFIN will develop the website. All partners are responsible for regularly updates of the site.
Reporting	VIFIN	July 2012: Mid report July 2013: Final report	VIFIN will have the overall responsibility for the reports, but all partners will provide inputs for reports.
Evaluation	UK / Building Women's Capacity for Well Being (?)	Continuous evaluation.	UK / Building Women's Capacity for Well Being <i>From Sarah: As I understood from our previous discussions, this item was to be the responsibility of the co-coordinating body. We are happy to undertake leading the task, but would need some additional resources to support the role. We are also keen to take a role in the practical workshop activities with the women at the Centre such as the cook book, quilt and picture book.</i>

B) Local level

How do you plan to implement the local activities? (Please describe your own local activities/plans)

DK

In Denmark we will conduct the following activities:

1. **Club evenings.** We have planned to hold club evenings every month in a local school in Vejle. The public school is a great location for the club evenings, because it is centrally located in the city and has good facilities for meetings cooking, and craft production.
2. **Recruitment of participants.** We used the following methods to recruit participants:
 - Invitations/brochure: For the target group (migrant women) we produced simple brochures on the project to invite them to participate .
 - Information brochure: We produced another brochure primary for the role models, where they can read detailed information about the aims of the project and the target group.
 - Face to face recruitment: Because the project relies on volunteering , we also use a face-to-face method for recruitment. Especially for the target group , it is important that they trust us and know who we are.



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- Information meeting: As a kick-off to the activities, we arrange an information meeting for the role models where they get more information about the project and make suggestions for activities for the coming club evenings.
3. **Fundraising.** We are in the process of sending applications to local funding organisations for supplementary funding, to cover expenses for materials, food, transport, childcare etc. Our target groups live on very tight budgets, and this will influence the success or failure of the network meetings. We are therefore looking at covering the costs related to the meetings, such as: materials, free transport and childcare.

BG

In Bulgaria we plan following local activities:

1. **Club evenings.** We will arrange club evenings every month in a suitable reception hall of Sofia City Municipality. The hall is in a two-stories building located in the city centre, very close to the biggest cathedral in Sofia. The gatherings will be held after business hours or in the weekend. Some gatherings will be hosted in other locations and venues, depending on the particular theme and occasion.
2. **Recruitment of participants.** We will use our good contacts with the State Refugee Agency and more specifically with the Registration & Reception Centre and the Integration Centre (both located in Sofia), the country offices of UNHCR and IOM, the Bulgarian Red Cross, and other partner NOGs to identify and select the representatives of the target group (migrant women). After we select the initial group, we will rely on face to face recruitment and dissemination of information by word of mouth. We'll popularize the activities of the club by the media.
3. **Fundraising.** We plan to raise additional funds for securing the club's activities through the support of organization as the International Diplomatic Women's Club, embassies, charity organizations, and suitable donor programs.

DE

In Germany, the activities are already running in the participating local groups. They are conducted by VNB member organisations and co-operation partners, since the VNB is the umbrella organisation of local educational initiatives (i.e. World House). These workshops (including language training, political education, exchange and self-help activities) are co-funded by the VNB from public funds allocated for local adult education work.

ES

We have already contacted teachers of the classes of "Spanish for Foreigners", literacy, and other groups of learners of the school. They have found the project is very interesting and they will help us to get the women learners involved on it. We will disseminate the information through the members of the school, and as per fundraising: we are afraid that we will have to manage with the grant given for the project.

TR

In Turkey we plan following local activities:



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1. Information meeting about the project for all members: The Association Managers and members will join these meetings.
2. Local meetings of the project: Migrant women, volunteers, The Association Managers and woman Platform's members will join these meetings.
3. Information meeting about the project meetings program for participants: These meeting will arrange before project meeting for participants.
4. A presentation about migrant woman's status in Turkey and Adana: This presentation will prepare by project manager and potential participants.
5. A questionnaire about disabled woman's barriers on their daily life: This questionnaire will include disabled woman.
6. Allocated a rayon at municipal folk bazaar for woman immigrants who skilled hand craft: This activities will arrange with Cukurova Municipality.
7. English course for potential participants: This course will arrange for potential participants.
8. Dissemination meeting with other associations and Cukurova Woman Platform: These meetings will arrange by project manager.
9. Representation for migrant woman in the City Council by Our Association: Our two woman members will apply to Seyhan and Cukurova City Council.

UK

In the UK we will plan the following activities:

1. **Women's workshops.** We organize and run a number of women's only workshops throughout the year. These include English speaking women's group, a Farsi and Tigrinya speaking women's group and a parenting workshop. They run weekly and bi-weekly. For Wi-Can we will organize practical activities based on the project themes at times suitable to women. We open late on a Wednesday evening and also all day Saturday.
2. **Recruitment of participants:** We will use several methods to recruit participants:
 - Leaflets and posters: We will design leaflets and posters which will be displayed in local venues and public services such as GP surgeries and local voluntary and community organizations.
 - Local and regional networks: We will send group emails to all our professional contacts asking for the workshops to be advertised.
 - Face to face recruitment: We run a number of other services at the Centre to support refugee and asylum seeking women which include practical welfare support and group and one-to-one psychological support. Our community development staff will speak to women to advertise the new workshops and will through, other outreach activity in the community, advice women of the planned workshops.
3. **Fundraising:** The Centre raises monies from public sector and trust sources to support their activity. We also use a number of volunteers/mentors to support our work. These include qualified psychotherapeutic volunteers and also mentors who are training as medical students. We will use our existing resources to staff and facilitate the workshops and will use trust funding to support the required materials.

This summary papered for dissemination and project participants.

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