



# Preparation phase as a tool of learning



# Structure

1. Short introduction
2. Preparation as a tool of learning for volunteer
3. Preparation as a tool of learning for organization
4. Possible help of Grundtvig

*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. Margaret Mead*



# Defence for Children International

- Czech NGO based only on work of volunteers, mostly focused on children rights and their observation

# Voluntary Service International

- Irish NGO focuses on voluntary and community work

# Project „We are not gonna take it“

- FiftyUp.eu, 2009-2011
- Pilot project, 4 Irish and 4 Czech vols
- SOS villages, hospice, discussions, floods, workcamp...





Noah's Ark was built by  
**volunteers.**



The Titanic was built by  
**professionals.**



# Motivation

Be useful!

Daniela: „I would like to get to know the variations of the possibilities which volunteering could offer, especially helping even older persons than I am...“

Improve your own life!

Eva: „ I applied for this project because I would like to improve my communication skills in the current word. The best way how to help myself is to help the others.“





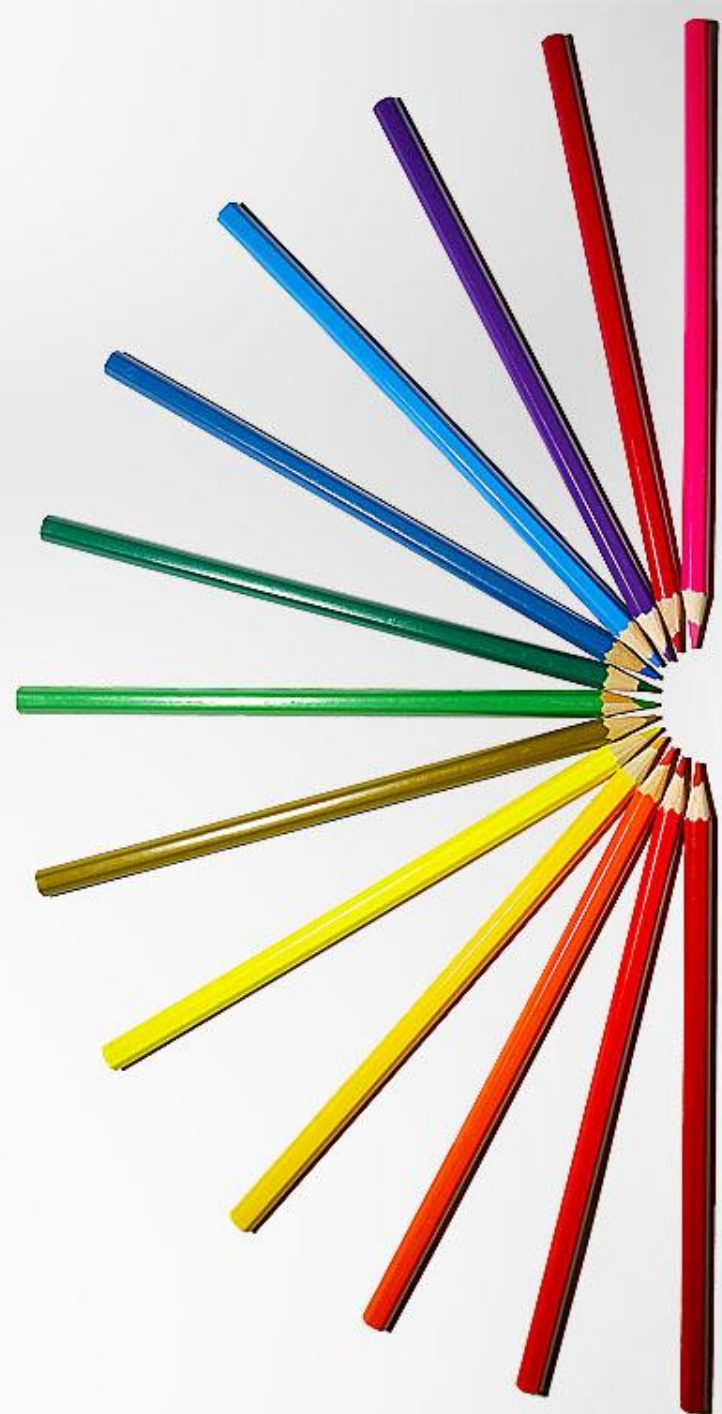
# Motivation

Be responsible to your community!

Jacinta: *„I am determined to share my experience  
About volunteering 50+ with others in my community.“*

Religion!

Ann: *„I was fifty when I wen to Kenya as  
A volunteer for the first time and it was magical!  
I am thrilled to also promote 50+ volunteering  
And to transfer all gained knowledge.“*





# Learning how to be a volunteer

- Know the main idea of volunteering
- Be cool with no salary
- Clarify the expectations
- Choose the right project
- Explore the country and culture
- Take time to plan

*A strong, positive self-image is the best possible preparation for success. Joyce Brothers*

# Learning how to organize voluntary work

## Ten Commandments

1. Choose the right partner
2. Choose the right vols
3. Repeated meetings with vols
4. Proper information package
5. Forms
6. Language course
7. Encourage them to keep their memories
8. Welcoming email from the hosting organization
9. Evaluation
10. Common future

*The most prepared are the most dedicated. Raymond Berry*





# How can Grundtvig help?

- Round tables with the volunteers with previous projects
- Meeting of NA and volunteers
- Seminars for new volunteers/organizations about:
  - time management & Teambuilding
  - project planning & proper accounting
- Sustainability of the project
- Promotion of informal learning

*We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone. Ronald Reagan*



# Volunteering

We don't pay, so no,  
you can't quit.



Thank you for your applause!

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