

Introduced by hobbies

What?

Identifying the needs of young people who have just moved to Finland and channeling them to those who organize leisure activities

Why?

Two-way integration, inclusion of immigrants, developing the inclusion of youth field

How?

Participatory workshops, hobby projects, trainings

To?

Young immigrants seeking leisure activities, youth aged 15-29, youth clubs, 7 different cities in Finland



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Obstacles recognized
and ideas on how to tackle them

Lack of knowledge and communication: young people are not aware of their opportunities

- Use different languages in marketing
- Diversity in visual materials
- Invest in clear and high-quality materials

Lack of networks and contacts: going to an activity without a friend might be difficult

- Attention to diversity of coaches and instructors
- Involve people from different backgrounds
- Provide mentoring/similar support

Socioeconomic obstacles: lack of economic and social resources

- Organize low-threshold activities
- Make sure the activities are free of charge
- Free trials for youth to try the activity
- Co-operate with other actors (e.g. projects)

Obstacles related to time and area: young people have a lot going on already

- Collect feedback from youth
- Locate along good public transport connections
- Organize joint transports, ridesharing, etc.

Insecurity and feeling of discrimination: need of awareness and tools for it

- Train coaches to understand culturally sensitive activities
- Inform participants on who to contact in case of discrimination
- Offer non-competitive activities, too