

SOUL KITCHEN- COOKING WITH WUMA



PROJECT AIMS

- Explore the topic of integration.
- Critical look and reflection at borders and the various agencies, discourses and practices.
- Reflect on migration and associated policies.
- Acquire knowledge in community building.
- Gain and exchange ideas, knowledge, experiences and expertise.
- Create and foster meaningful experiences.



WUMA

An institution within the social aid division of Basel-Stadt, undertaking the well-being of approx. 15 unaccompanied minors aged 14 - 18 years of both sexes, different countries of origin and varying levels of asylum-seeking status. The pedagogic focus of the social workers include integration, information provision and enablement of networking opportunities. A trauma pedagogy approach is followed, in attempts to foster a safe environment for its residents. WUMA prioritizes instilling self-reliance and self-sufficiency, with efforts to optimize previously acquired knowledge.



COOKING PROJECT

Community kitchens are a well-established concept, based on notions of community building, solidarity and informal forum to discuss common experiences¹. In the context of this project, the activity of cooking as a group was imagined as a tool that preserves food culture². Further motivations included the need to foster group cooperation during the project, and to design a well-balanced meal.

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



8.3 & 8.6

Discussions on future prospects, goals and motivations

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



10.2

Project fostered social inclusion and equality

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



16.3, 16.B

Support, foster & strengthen WUMA's vision

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



17.17

Build & enhance partnerships, share knowledge and expertise

Defining Project Ideas
OCT 9

"Let's Cook Together": First Event at WUMA
NOV 1

"Weihnachtsbacken": Second Event at WUMA
DEC 4

OCT 1

Kick off/Meet the Mentors Event

OCT 15

Propose ideas for approval to WUMA

NOV 5

Reflections on first event, strategize second event

DEC 8

Reflection on second event & future outlook



REFLECTIONS ON SERVICE-LEARNING PROJECT

Overall, the ability to connect project through topics of migration and integration.

Takeaways and Areas for Future Improvement:

- Improved understanding of group dynamics and challenges
- Project vision, conception, execution and management
- Effective division of tasks
- Planning for unforeseen complications
- Time management
- Conflict management

REFLECTION ON PROJECT

The Afghan cooking event, particularly the conception of a meal from their homeland, proved to be an enjoyable and meaningful experience, with the teenagers expressing interest to participate in future activities. Conversations during the evening constituted largely of prospects for future advancement, alongside dreams and aspirations.

As participation was voluntary, the large turnout reassured the relevance of this project, providing momentum to further develop ideas with a similar focus. Overall, the experience, interactions and observations at

WUMA provided a platform to gain a deeper understanding of the work involved, and to refine and adapt project expectations, whilst building trust and a working relationship. The conception of this project provided a preliminary framework to further develop activities, such as the second event.

FUTURE OUTLOOK

Following ideas for future involvement are being considered:

- participatory filmmaking
- sex education with young adults from varying cultures, with emphasis on different cultural traditions and practices



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