Youth at Risk The case of Larissa-Learning city



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The case of Larissa – Learning city

200.000 residents in a rural area of Greece

Challenges:

- Austerity policies,
- Increase of vulnerable groups,
- Young people The highest unemployment rates in the EU (40.4% in March 2019)
- Brain drain
- depreciation of democratic institutions

The City Council sets young Citizens at the centre of their community and promotes opportunities for learning, education and participation in everyday activities.



LARISSA LEARNING CITY

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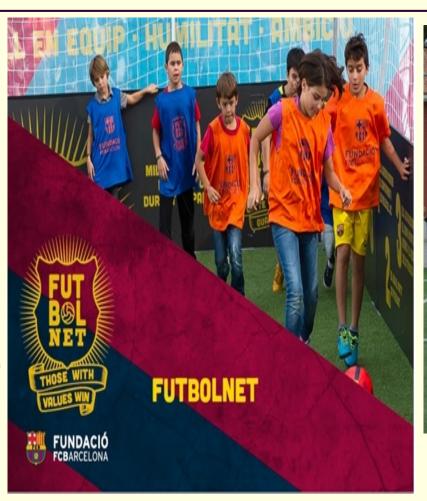
Larissa Learning City Key actions- Holistic approach

- Cooperation Agreement between Municipality of Larissa and Greek Institute of Employment
- Accomondation and inclusion homeless' programme
- 2nd chance schools / Alternative adult school for ex drug users
- "Laboratory of life" of Prevention Center for Addictions
- Social Tutoring School by the cooperation of 60 structures of private sector with agencies of municipality.
- "Citizens' University of Larissa"

Parenting Schools

Education Through Art

- Actions for Roma social inclusion
- Open Schools program











Key actions

- Networking at local level and communication with the young citizens
- Investing on culture and education
- Actions in favour of vulnerable groups and multicultural populations in a holistic approach aiming to social cohesion.
- offer to all young people access to knowledge and possibilities of developing their core skills (the ability to cooperate, to communicate effectively, to seek for common understanding and action).

"I dream because I aim high: to contribute in the creation of a free citizen, as Aristoteles envisioned. Citizenship requires discipline and freedom. A process that never ends and that we must always strive for. Every democratic education is a citizenship education. Responsible, honest, consistent and therefore a happy citizen!"

Paulo Freire, "Ten letters to those who dare to teach"

Thank you for your attention!

