

Training Employment: Work and Stability

On the 1st of April 2022 Czech Streetwork Association started a project "Training employment: Work and Stability", no. 62500-2021-005-0102. The project will last till the 30th of September 2023.

The project promotes financing, support and implementation of training employment for people with fewer opportunities (vulnerable or socially excluded people). There is no systemic support on returning or progressing in the labour market. Without a stable job these people come back to the system of social welfare repeatedly. The method of training employment is functional and necessary, but it is not part of the system of public policies for our target group (vulnerable or socially excluded people) in the Czech Republic and therefore it is not financed or supported. We want to change this through advocacy work at the level of local governments and at the national level. Through advocacy, implementation of round table discussions, conference and media campaigns, we turn to stakeholders and the professional public in order to work on the necessary legislation and combine providers of training workplaces into a strong professional and lobbying platform.

The aim of the project is to get system support for training jobs for socially handicapped people.

The main activities of the project are (1) strengthening the internal capacities of the organization (2) advocacy work - promotion of the training employment method, specifically personal meetings with stakeholders and round tables in four regions of the Czech Republic (3) personalized media campaign (4) PLATZ Training Employment Platform.

The project is being supported by the Open Society Fund Prague from the Active Citizens Fund. The programme promotes citizens' active participation in the public life and decision making and builds capacities of civil society organizations. It promotes respect of human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and the respect for human rights including the rights of persons belonging to minorities. Active Citizens Fund came to the Czech Republic in September 2019 with the goal to support CSOs regardless of their size and experience. It is operated by the Open Society Fund Prague, Committee of Good Will - the Olga Havel Foundation and Scout Institute. The Active Citizens Fund is

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Program Active Citizens Fund: <https://www.activecitizensfund.cz/>

Fondy EHP a Norska: <https://eeagrants.org/>

Nadace OSF: <https://osf.cz/>

Výbor dobré vůle – Nadace Olgy Havlové: <https://www.vdv.cz/>

Skautský institut: <https://www.skautskyinstitut.cz/>

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