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“Culture goes rural”

Activity report May-September 2016

“Culture goes rural” is a project supported by the German foundation Kreuzberger Kinderstiftung. A cultural offer should be made for children and youngsters living in the rural area of Kryoneri village in Corinthia, Greece.

In April 2016 in cooperation with the schools and all local associations of Kryoneri as well as the municipality Sikyonion, an introduction has been made, initially to the parents, to inform them about the philosophy of the project and to answer several different questions which have been raised.

As we've been aware of the need to convince the local community (especially the parents of children and youngsters living in a rural area), about the need offering cultural activities to their children, we managed to start successfully.

The cooperation with the local schools, the parents associations and the Cultural Association of Kryoneri, has been a crucial element of the project. All local pupils and youngsters, especially the girls, could be reached and have been informed about the project. Finally a participants' group has been formed and the project started in May 2016.

1. Art workshop

The Art workshop has been one of the first activities, which started in May 2016.

We could involve 22 children and youngsters in total:

- the children group consisted of 15 youngsters (9 girls and 6 boys).
- in the youngsters group we've got 7 girls.

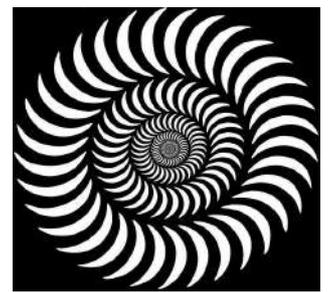
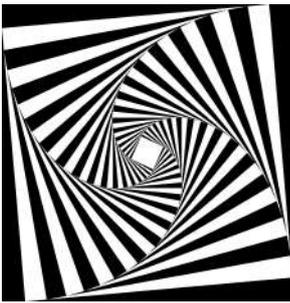
We divided the participants in 2 groups according to their age.

1. The group of kids has worked with the themes “Favourite animal”, “Grand mother / grand father”.
2. The group of youngsters has focused on more complex art compositions, with the specific theme “Bird”, given in an abstract way. We used op-art as a tool to work with teenagers, by using drawing and collage as one of the art's technique.

Young people and children have been working in different techniques such as painting, drawing, collage, etc. They have been learning step-by-step, fulfilling their artistic tasks.

An exhibition planned to take place at the end of July 2016 in Polykentro culture centre of Kryoneri, has been postponed for December 2016, as schools are very keen to include school classes in the exhibition, asking permission from the educational authorities to visit and hold artistic workshops in Polykentro. The exhibition will leave definitive a big impression for children and young people.

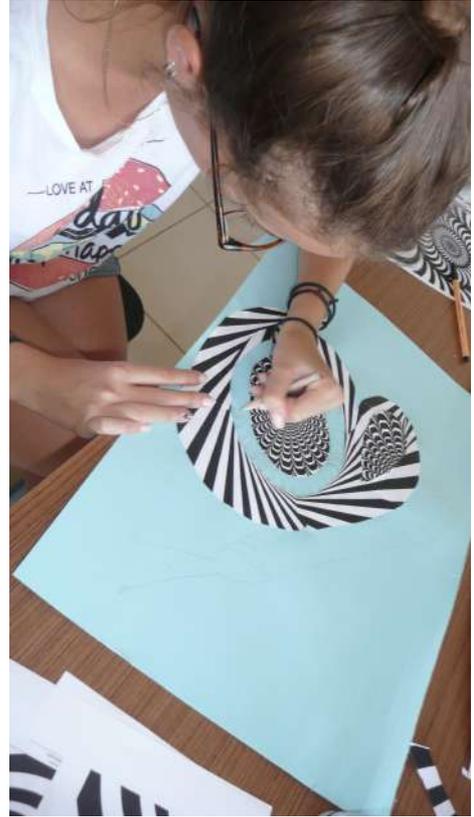
Some material used for the op-art workshop:



Photos from the art workshops:







2. Cinema Events

From May to September 2016 we organised different cinema events, involving young people in Polykentro, the Cultural Centre of Kryoneri. Two screenings have been organised every month, starting from 15 May 2016, the day of the official inauguration of Polykentro.

Exemption has been in June, where one cinema event has been organised, due to school exams. Instead of that, three cinema evenings have been organised at the Kryoneri open-air Amphitheatre in July, where the winner films of short-film festival of Drama (a city in northern Greece) have been screened.

As we have a good connection to both specific Film festivals in Greece, an arrangement has been made with the Drama Short Film festival and the Youth & Children Film festival of Olympia as well, to show the winner films of 2015 in Kryoneri.

The interest of local youngsters and the local community for the selected films has been quite vivid. We could also win the interest of young immigrants from Albania, Bulgaria and Ukraine living in Kryoneri and its surroundings, who are regularly visiting our cinema nights in Polykentro.

The films have been selected in cooperation with the young participants and have a certain educational level.

Cinema nights:

15.5.2016	Το Χρονικό της Νάρνια: Το Λιοντάρι, η Μάγισσα και η Ντουλάπα (The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe), USA 2005, Andrew Adamson
16.6.2016	8 Βασκικά επώνυμα (Spanish Affair / 8 apellidos Vascos), Spain 2014, from Emilio Martinez Lazaro
26.6.2016	Ακόμα και η βροχή (Even the rain), Spain-Bolivia 2010, from Iciar Bollain
14.7.2016	Drama short film festival 2015 (6 films) <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Τρεις αυγουλιέρες παραλίγο τέσσερις (3 egg cups, almost 4)2. Ιλένα (Ilena)3. For eternity4. Όταν αρχίζει το τραγούδι (When the song starts)5. II6. Drag me: an urban music tale
15.7.2016	Drama short film festival 2015 (5 films) <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Πέρασμα (Passage)2. Jennings lodge3. Maasai4. Προσευχή (Pray)5. Εβίβα (Salut)
16.7.2016	Drama short film festival 2015 (5 films) <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Βόλτα (Walk)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. A single body 3. Sunday 4. Δείπνο για λίγους (Dinner for few) 5. The Immortalizer
6.8.2016	Η Ζωή είναι Ωραία (La Vita è Bella / Life is Beautiful), Italy 1997, from Roberto Benini
20.8.2016	Youth & Children film festival of Olympia 2015 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Αντάμα (Adama), France 2015, from Simon Rouby
10.9.2016	Youth & Children film festival of Olympia 2015 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Εγώ, μια ρομαντική ρομά (Me a romantic romani), Bosnia & Herzegovina-Italy 2014, from Laura Halilovic
24.9.2016	Youth & Children film festival of Olympia 2015 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Νεαρός Τίγρης (Young Tiger), France 2014, from Cyprien Vial

See film information in the attachments

Photos from the Cinema events



3. Photography workshop

The photography workshop will start October, 2016. Young people will get acquainted with digital photo cameras, to be able to take pictures of their village and environment, focusing mainly on nature, old buildings and points of interest.

The next step will be, to put the pictures in movement, create a so called "Stop motion" video.

Some participants are newcomers and some others are continuing from the art workshop.

4. Graffiti workshop

The graffiti workshop will start in October 20, 2016, a little bit later as planned.

The venue of the graffiti is agreed to be a large wall by the Olympic sports place of the secondary school in Kryoneri.

As this fits better for the school programme, we are preparing a draft drawing for the wall, in cooperation with the school director, the art teacher and the group of the involved youngsters.

Challenges:

There were some challenges we had to handle with during our project up to now and some positive surprises as well.

Challenging has been the involvement of more girls in the project, to get them and their families interested for activities outside their house and outside the regular school.

This led us to more intensive cooperation with the local schools, associations, cooperatives and local authority.

On the other hand, we've got interest from adult women, mainly mothers of the participating children, to get involved into the project. They are very interested and have mentioned, that there is a lack of activities for their age in the village.

Unfortunately this is not possible to be done during this project, as it is targeting children and youth.

But a serious dialogue has started in the local community, for more cultural opportunities, targeting different age groups in the rural area.

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