

“Tod@s Cabemos”

This document is part of a larger collection of examples of current policies for young people in Europe. The collection is an outcome of a European research project called “UP2YOUTH – Youth: actor of social change?”

The basic idea of the “current practice” collection is to see how current practices and policies relate to young people as active agents in shaping their lives. Therefore, our intention is not a collection of “good” or “best” practices. Rather, it includes also practices, which are interesting because of their relation to young people’s agency but which involve problematic aspects, such as restricted financial resources, a very thin spread, or no clear evaluation criteria. We have applied a searching pattern which asked for “strengths” and “weaknesses”. This explicitly opens space for your own evaluation, because also policies are included, which definitely do have weaknesses, but are highly interesting for specific reasons. Therefore we have to stress that the researchers did not evaluate these practices themselves.

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Section	Indications of contents
Title of programme/ practice	Tod@s Cabemos
Location	Spain; District: Nazaret in the periphery of Valencia Local municipal initiative funded by the regional government.
Main theme	Social integration of young immigrants: children and young people. Related to the processes of transition of young people belonging to ethnic minorities and immigrants.
Practice/Programme-related keywords	Community work, participation, self-evaluation, learning, coexistence, diversity, exclusion, labour abilities, areas of coexistence, immigration, young people, integration.
Summary of programme/ practice	The district of Nazaret is part of the periphery of the city of Valencia, next to the sea. Immigrants from all around the world live there. Most immigrants have carried out an individual “migration project”, and they also express the wish of staying in Spain. The neighbourhood association of the district of Nazaret has developed a network with other social movements of the city and carries out multiple activities directed to improve coexistence and integration of the population. They offer legal advice job-finding services. They support activities that promote associationism and volunteering among the population (immigrants and natives); they promote intercultural activities through music and dancing, gastronomy... and offer courses with contents such as legal issues, and labour abilities and skills. In the district (with approximately 6.000 inhabitants) there is a large presence of immigrants and the Roma ethnic group. During the last

	year, 6% of the population of the district has made use of the services.
Target	This programme is directed to young immigrants, especially Africans, and the children of immigrants that live in Nazaret.
Objectives of programme/practice	The objectives the program aims to achieve are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome people from other countries that arrive in the district. 2. Favour their integration as neighbours and develop a model of coexistence that respects diversity. 3. Provide areas of reception and facilitate the access to housing, promote structures for them to live in and share certain common areas with other inhabitants of the district. 4. Develop shared areas of coexistence. 5. Favour counselling of young immigrants to teach them the official languages (Spanish – Valencian) 6. Acquire skills to improve the chances of labour insertion.
Content of programme/practice	Different spare-time activities are offered to the children of immigrants, theatre, camps...and educational support courses as a consequence of high school failure rates among this group of the population. There is a high level of satisfaction among users and the promoting associations. This program has been active for over six years.
Time scale	Annual programming, although there is continuity from one year to the next one. Annual programming has to adapt to the demands – which determine funding and economic support – stated by the regional government.
Programme/practice design	See above
Resources involved	Human and financial resources of the association Barrio Nazaret and economic support by the regional government.

<p>Evaluation</p>	<p>1) Evaluation process: Periodic assessment of the program, during the process of realization of activities and when the activities are finished, through regular and specific meetings with those involved.</p> <p>2) Results / impact of programme: Impact of objectives and specific activities carried out on users is analyzed; as well as human resources and involved experts. The same actors that take part in the programme carry out the assessment. Assessments carried out are made public and delivered to official organizations that subsidize the program.</p> <p>3) Difficulties encountered: The activities carried out show the usual difficulties of this kind of practices. There are difficulties in terms of available resources, especially regarding physical areas and funding, as activities are not carried out in public places, but in premises belonging to the neighbourhood associations. People and entities promoting the project make up for the lack of resources with effort, imagination... One of the most urgent needs of the programme is to stabilize the labour position of those experts participating in the project. This need stands in opposition to the limited resources provided by the administrations. Volunteering cannot make up for an activity that needs stability and time to achieve objectives.</p> <p>4) Assessment of programme/ action/ practice in terms of sustainability: The assessment team is made up by the whole group of experts working on the Project. They use surveys to get information provided by different actors, as well as group meetings, and corresponding individual reports.</p>
<p>Lessons to be drawn from programme or practice implemented</p>	<p>Due to the absence of specific institutions that work on the integration of immigrants, the neighbourhood association has decided to helping and offer advice to immigrants in a district that is rather hostile towards differences.</p>
<p>Contact information</p>	<p>http://www.avnazaret.com/</p>