



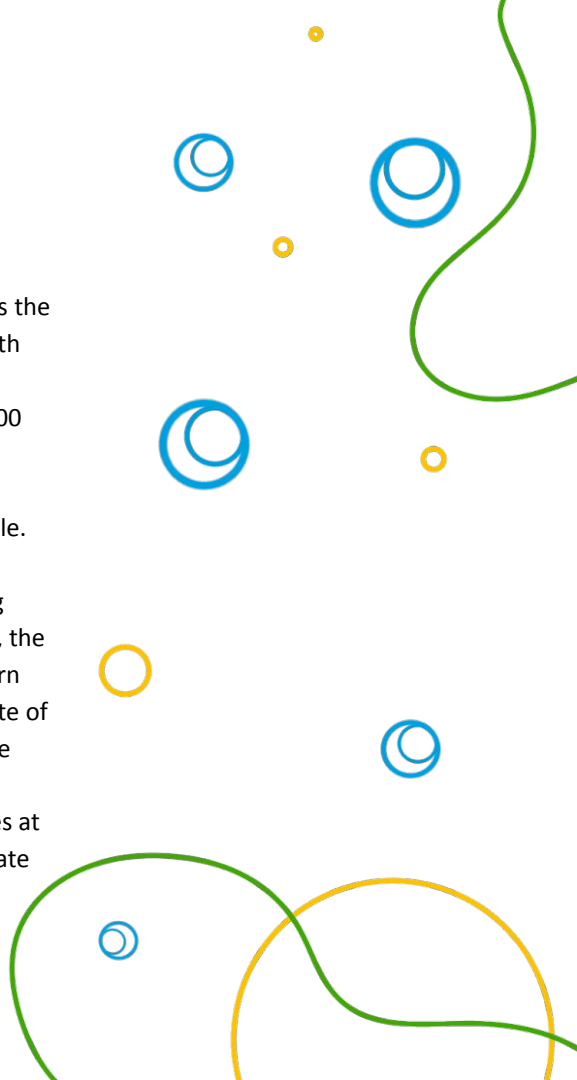
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Olga Napiontek

Co-founder and vice-president of the Civis Polonus Foundation, PhD in sociology. She believes that civic education is the heart of democracy and should be universal, therefore she has been running Civis Polonus since 2004. She deals with civic education in various ways: she is the author of research and articles in the field of civic education and civic dialogue, a trainer who designs and conducts workshops for teachers, librarians, officials and young people (over 900 training hours), the creator and manager of the Foundation's projects, enabling significant civic participation for children, youth and adults. The most important of them is the Youth Councils of Districts and Municipalities, under which, since 2004, we have been developing procedures for consulting local authorities' decisions with young people. Creates projects for better civic education in schools, especially student boards. She strengthens civic education for adults by developing consultation and co-decision making at the local level. For several years, she has been working with public libraries to strengthen their functions as places of education and gaining civic experience. In 2013-2015, the content manager in the system project " School of Cooperation. Students and Parents - the social capital of a modern school ", led by the Ministry of National Education (www.szkolawspolpracy.pl). Previously, she worked at the Institute of Public Affairs, where she dealt with good governance, researching the first public consultations in Poland, and at the Foundation for the Development of Local Democracy. She studied sociology at the Institute of Sociology of the University of Warsaw and at the University of Bielefeld (thanks to the GFPS scholarship), she did her doctoral studies at the School of Social Sciences of the Polish Academy of Sciences and at the Institute of Social Studies. She is a graduate of the Human Rights School of the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights.



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Joanna Pietrasik

Co-founder and president of the board of the Civis Polonus Foundation. She graduated from the Institute of International Relations (University of Warsaw) and the Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology (University of Warsaw). A graduate of the Human Rights School of the Helsinki Foundation, with the right to conduct educational activities in the field of human rights. A graduate of the School of Non-Governmental Organizations Trainers (STOP). Tutor in the "PAFF Leaders" Program (Program of the Polish-American Freedom Foundation implemented by the School for Leaders Association). Participant of the "International Visitor Leadership Program" leadership scholarship for innovation in youth work, organized by the US Department of State. In the last 15 years of her work with young people, in local communities, with authorities and schools: she has implemented over 80 civic education projects addressed to young people, dealing with the subject of civic participation of youth, including particular emphasis on Youth Councils of Municipalities and student boards as institutions of civic dialogue. Systematically supports the activities of 44 Youth Municipal Councils in Poland, working directly with youth councilors, training youth council supervisors and working with the authorities and management, building the readiness and openness of the authorities to cooperate and conduct dialogue with young people.



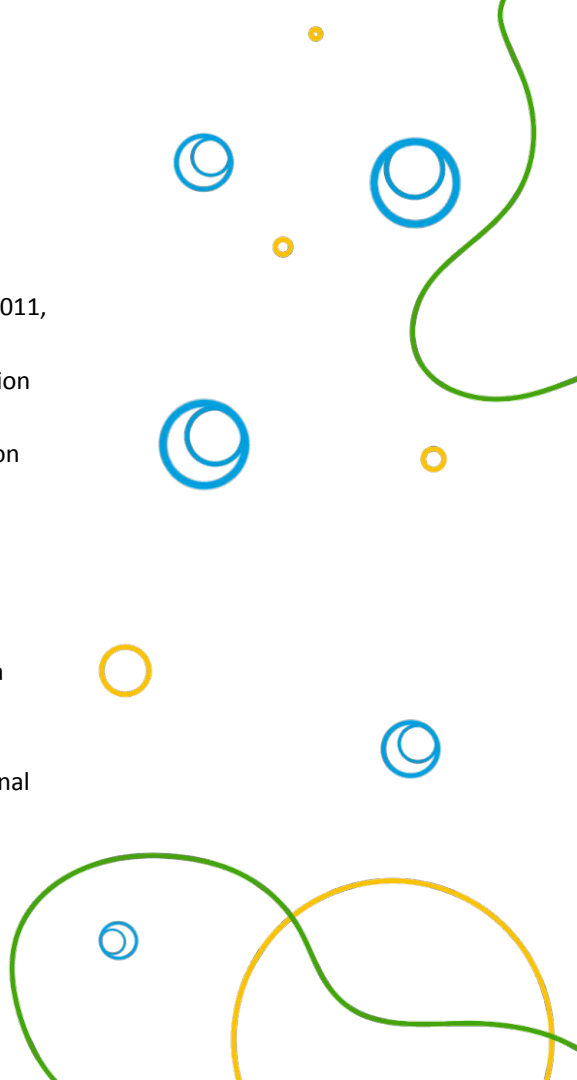
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Darina Čierniková

She has many years of experience in formal and non-formal education. In the field of non-formal education, since 2011, she has been the creator of methodologies and several accredited educational programs, and a lecturer for young leaders and youth workers. Her particular educational focus is soft skills, participation of young people and promotion of human rights. She is the director and project manager of the Project Management Office of the Youth Council in Žilina and the head of the Association of Regional Youth Councils. In Erasmus + programs she works as an application evaluator and project manager.

Martin Šturek

He has been working with young people for over 15 years. As part of the activities of the Youth Council of the Žilina Region, he won experience in educating members and coordinators of student councils and youth parliaments, conducting discussion meetings of young people with representatives of local governments and preparing strategic documents on youth issues at the local level. He is a trainer and creator of the methodology of accredited educational programs: "Teacher in educational activities for the participation of young people" and the Leader of the Students Board.



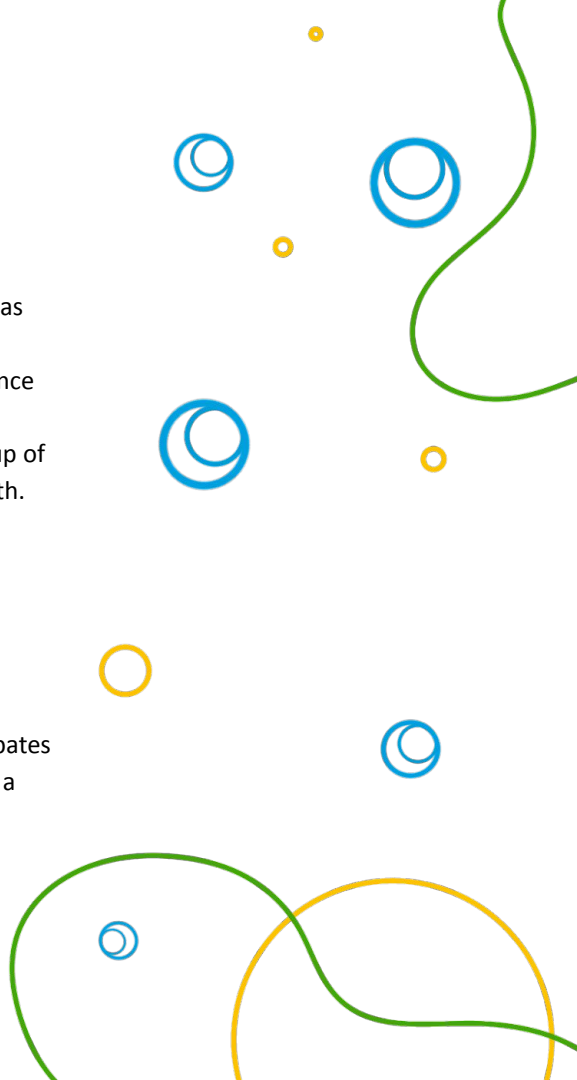
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Marta Hanečáková

Director of a recreation center and president of the Association of Recreation Centers in Slovakia. Since 2010, she has been a tutor of the Youth Parliament of the city of Stará Ľubovňa. She actively participated in the preparation and creation of methodology for local governments focused on supporting work with young people at the local level. Since 2006, she has been intensively supporting youth and youth workers as a trainer of international youth exchanges, intercultural learning, volunteering and project management. She is a member of the inter-ministerial working group of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic for state policy in the field of the youth. She participated in the preparation and development of the 2018 Youth Report.

Miloš Ďuratný

Young activist, member of the presidium of the Youth Council of the Žilina Region. He participates in projects that change the environment in which he lives for the better. In addition to working as an IT project manager, he participates as a trainer in developing skills and using available and one's knowledge. For over 10 years, he has been working as a volunteer, lecturer and organizer of educational activities in various youth voluntary organizations.



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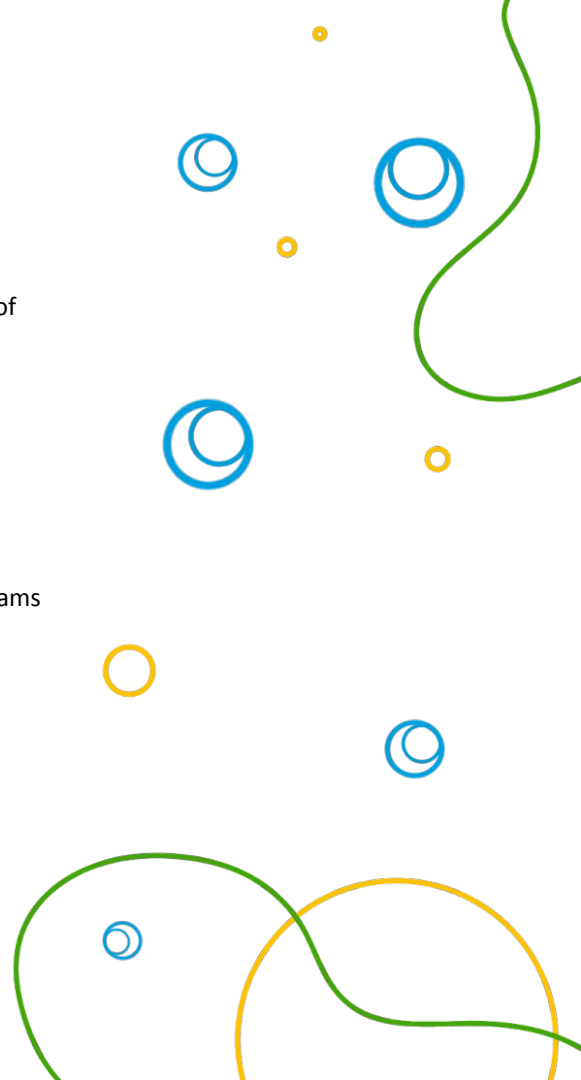
Matúš Čiernik

A young man with extensive experience in working with young people. Strategic management specialist, graduate of Ladislav Hanus Social Education Programs and Nexteria Leadership Academy. He focuses on project management, communication, leadership and digital skills. He also gained experience during foreign internships. He excels in communication skills and the ability to work with people and motivate them.

Silvia Habovštiaková

A long-term project manager at the Žilina Local Government Office in the Interreg V-A PL-SK Poland-Slovakia programs in the years 2004-2006, 2007-2013 and 2014-2020.

She also deals with the preparation of project plans, their implementation, supervising microprojects and the preparation of new 2021-2027 projects in the above-mentioned programs.



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Lukáš Kisza

Implementer of many national and international projects in the science, investment and non-profit sectors. For over 10 years he has been working as a lecturer in soft and managerial skills, specializing in life coaching and holistic personality development. It is a great pleasure for him to accompany another person who discovers, develops and realizes their talents and gifts with which they enrich not only themselves, but also the entire community and the wider environment in which they participate.

Petr Krejčí

Evaluates projects and research focused on social enterprises, social innovation and youth councils in the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Poland. He also visited social enterprises through ERASMUS + in Wales, Romania and Ireland. He is the coordinator of the Entrepreneurship Clubs project. PhD student at the Faculty of Management in Karviná.



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Zuzana Palová

Currently, she is developing the non-profit organization Center for Support of Entrepreneurship and Labor, which aims to contribute to the development of the Moravian-Silesian region. She works with a target group of young people in a project incubator, where she supports them in creative thinking and creating small community projects. In her professional career, she gained experience in the field of social entrepreneurship, management of non-profit and non-governmental organizations, formal and non-formal education and setting up socially responsible companies. She is teaching several subjects at the University of Silesia in Opava, where she has published several professional publications on social innovation and social enterprises.

