

# Annual report 2006

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Youth Centre  
in Velký Meder

*A place where young people can meet  
and participate in different activities!*

## Introduction

The idea to found a youth café in Veľký Meder was born in February 2004 and the café was officially open on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July in the same year.

### THE INITIAL IDEA

The idea of an Internet café in Velky Meder came along in 2003, when the directors of Nevitel and Dan Slovakia Agrar met and discussed it. They found out, that they had similar ideas of creating an Internet café for the young people of Velky Meder. Later on the concept developed into a youth centre. The café should be an active place where young people can have fun, participate in spare time activities as well as make their own projects and to learn about team work, etc.

This report is written by director Judit Bial and with help from the staff.



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*Veľký Meder, 28.03.2007*  
*Judit Bial, Mgr.*

# What is VMCM?

This is not only an internet café!

*The NAME of THE YOUTH CENTRE is : VMCM*

*it means: Velký Meder Centrum Mládeže.*

The café should be an active place where young people can have fun, participate in spare time activities as well as make their own projects and to learn about team work, etc. We also contacted the 3 local schools to set down a working group to develop the project idea further and support us in the process of making the youth centre.



## VMCM-Facts



The youth club is situated in the centre of the town Velký Meder and therefore it is very easy to find the place. It is on the first floor of a building where there are shops on the ground floor. The café itself is situated in one big room to keep everything in one place, that is the best way for the kids to be with and meet friends and it also provides a good overview for the staff of whats happening. Together with the café there is a small kitchen and a small conference room which can also be used for any activities. In the corner of the main room there is a place where the children can relax, with comfortable sofas and chairs.

Close to the sofas is a playstation, and the tablefootball table. There is also a tabletennis table which is free to use. Kids can play darts, and different games in the café. In the room there are twenty computers in five groups of four.



## VMCM Profile and mission



The target group for the café are young people between 10 and 26, the people in this age-group can sign a free membership with the café and get even cheaper internet. The main goal of the café



is to provide cheap internet for symbolic prices for the kids that have no computers at home. The secondary goals is to create a nice place with a good atmosphere for young people to spend their free time, and to offer a place where they can participate in

different activities organised by the staff and the action group. The idea is to host a bigger events once every week, mostly on weekends, e.g. discos, tournaments, to celebrate the big holidays, and other events that are of interest to the age of the target group.



## Opening hours

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>14.00 - 20.00</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>14.00 - 20.00</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>14.00 - 20.00</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>14.00 - 20.00</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>15.00 - 21.00</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>15.00 - 21.00</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>15.00 - 20.00</b>

These are the opening hours of the centre through the year. The youth centre has different opening hours in summer time, when kids are not going to school, and we also have some tourists, who come to our centre... In summer we close the cafe a bit later, depend on the demand...

## EVS - European voluntary service

*At our café there is a large interest in hosting a foreign volunteer. The members of the café have few opportunities to practice their language skills and the challenge of speaking English or German with a foreign volunteer is really interesting for them. The young people are also interested in foreign countries and cultures. The volunteer will add a new dimension to their daily life. The project will allow the volunteers to be able to improve their ability to communicate, implement small scale projects, work together in a team, etc. The main tasks of the staff and all volunteers are to help in getting ideas, plan and organise all aspects of such activities within the team.*

**In 2006 we had two volunteers at our center:**

### *Nadia and Morten*

**Nadia Kafková** came from Bulgaria in 2005 and she stayed until October 2006. She enjoyed the year spent with us very much. She liked the children and the center. She taught English in the children's house and she helped us in organizing different activities with the children. It was a very sad moment to say good bye to her after her project was over because we also liked her very much...



**Morten Nielsen** came to us from Denmark in December 2006 and he will also stay for one year. The children and the youngsters are glad because he speaks very good English and they can learn a lot from him. For the „smallest” from the children's house we organize English courses weekly.

## Articles written by Nadia and Morten /EVS volunteers/

### From Nadia with love...

*Here I am – smiling , 8 months after I started my EVS project in VMCM in Velky Meder. My name is Nadia and I'm from Bulgaria.*

*The first time I heard about VMCM was more than a year ago when I read the project description in EVS database. It looked just perfect for me, because I like to get to know new people, I like to work with computers, I always want to learn new things and it looked like the people in the center had a lot of fun. Then I had a really nice chat with the project manager on the phone and I made my decision to apply as a volunteer in VMCM.*



*Now I can say that it was one of my best decisions in life. For these past 8 months I met plenty of new friends, learned alot about the whole YOUTH program, I've traveled a lot and I've learned a new language.*

*The work in VMCM is more pleasure than real work. At the begging it was a bit difficult because I didn't know even the simplest sentences in Hungarian or Slovak and it was hard to communicate with the visitors. But then I realized that there are universal languages like music and movies and it was a surprise to realize that most of the people that visit the center like the music I like. So, the months are passing and little by little I got know most of the regular visitors and I've made some really good friendships. Now what do i actually do at the centre you might ask.*



*Well most of the time I'm helping people with the computers and Internet, and with my colleagues we discuss and organize different activities. I'm also responsible for the monthly newsletter and twice a week I teach the kids english in the local children home. There were some special activities which I made to represent my culture and country – Martenica for 1<sup>st</sup> of March, eggs painting for Easter, Bulgarian cooking day. I've also got some meetings with students who were curious about the EVS program and different possibilities to travel and work abroad.*

...and from Morten ☺

*Hi all, well what can I say other than, I am back!  
2 years ago, when the café was opened, I worked here at the café for 4 months, not as an EVS-volunteer though. During last summer I didn't really know what the next step in my life would be, whether if I should start studying or find a job. In the end I decided to try and go abroad again, because I really missed it. I started looking for different projects and I found out that they were looking for an EVS-volunteer at VMCM. So I applied and luckily the project was approved. So now I have been here for 3 months and so far its been great. I have also meet a lot of other volunteers that are also in Slovakia and we are planning to do some things together. Well don't know else to sat other than I am looking forward to being here for the remainder of my project.*



# Life in the café



# Activities in year 2006

We can declare that 2006 was again a successful year for us. We managed to offer the youngsters a cosy environment to spend their free time and we also encouraged them to participate in different activities which in most of the cases were successful. 2006 was full of different events in our center so the children had quite much fun here that year.

The children of course had many opportunities to participate in different activities. Every week we tried to organize something for them. Especially at the weekends when they had more time to stay at the center. Table tennis was occupied non-stop. We organized a tournament for them which was very popular.



We also had puzzle making, table football, darts, billiard and skateboard competitions. The atmosphere at these events were very nice, competitive and fair. Usually we celebrate the holidays at our center. The children make decorations for such holidays like Christmas and Easter or they can celebrate their birthday here with the company of their friends.

Our Break-dance group is also very popular. The guys usually try to create different choreographs to be ready to perform them in different break-dance competitions or appearances. If somebody is interested in folk-dance it is also being taught in our center by a master couple of this art. We can also mention the youth exchange in Macedonia which was also remarkable.



## “Art – our common language”

a project realised in Macedonia

Yes, we were in Macedonia, thanks to project: **“Art – our common language”**. This Youth exchange project was financed from EU Programme. The idea of the organisers was to get together people from 6 different countries and for 11 days to create connection between them, using universal languages like dance, theater and music. The exchange took place in Ohrid, Macedonia and



involved 50 people from 6 different countries: Albania, Macedonia, Poland, Portugal, Serbia and Slovakia. The program included morning workshops led by trainers, coming from 3 different countries. Also we made a lot of intercultural games and everyday we had one country presenting itself to the others.

**It was the first really big international** experience for our participants. At the beginning they had some fears, mostly connected with the unknown place and culture plus the language barriers, but I'm glad to say that after few days they feel themselves in confidence and could enjoy and work without problems. And I even can say that for those 11 days they've

changed and grown up.

When the workshops have started, they've build new connections between themselves.

**Except the workshops** there were other interesting and funny things. For example we made INFOTOWN game, where the participants had to explore the Ohrid town by themselves, trying to solve some task the leaders gave them.

Also there were **MISSION IMPOSSIBLE** game, challenge for their creativity and fast thinking. But the most successful “game” was **SECRET FRIEND**. Everybody was part of it during the whole exchange. The game is simple - every person has somebody, as a secret friend, person who should give him/her some small presents, nice wishes and etc. trying to make him/her happier. Of course the most interesting thing is to know “who is my secret friend?”, so that made the game so attractive and exciting.



*Nadia Kafkova, volunteer of the VMCM*

# Members and visitors

The café has approximately 600 **members** :

Age group	Number of members of different age groups
5-10	50
10-15	220
15-20	230
20-25	60
25-26	40

Our café also has some **visitors**, who usually come to use internet, or sometimes families who are coming with their children and friends to spend a nice time at us.

Since the opening the café has been used mostly by children between the age of 10-18, about 70-80% of these children belong to this age group. We have 600 members so far. Recently more and more older children discover the club (high school students, university students). Surprised by the pleasant atmosphere and low prices they usually come back and become members. During the weekends it's very crowded (Friday, Saturday) and less crowded during the schooldays (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday). During the weekdays we have around 40-50 children on average in the café. At the weekends this number climbs up to 80-150. The busiest hours are usually from 4pm. to 8pm. The children are using the café in different ways. Some of them are spending all of their afternoon in the café doing different activities (table tennis, playstation, internet), and some of them come for shorter time mostly to use the internet. The schools, especially the Slovak primary school, also use the café for computer lessons in the morning. For them using the computers is free of charge. We also have an agreement with the local children's home and with the special school so the children have free internet for a set period of time. A lot of them come daily in the afternoon and spend their time here.

We also have a playstation, a ping-pong table, a table football, board and card games. Among them the most popular are the playstation and the table tennis. The utilization of these is close to 100%. We have to make a timeschedule each day to ensure that all the children who want to play have access to it. We also arrange different competitions for them which are also popular. So far we have organized two table football championships and a table tennis championship, offering them reasonable prizes. During



these activities the atmosphere is really good and the children's attitude is nice too. It also helps them to improve their competitive spirit and the willingness to play fair. All our activities are organized with the wishes of our members taken into consideration, and they are very active in suggesting new activities. They can also celebrate their birthdays in the cafe and have a fun time with their friends doing some activities too. We celebrate all major holidays in the year, where kids decorate the place.

# Future perspectives, new ideas

1.

For the future we plan Youth Exchanges:  
with Hungary, France and Portugal and Czech Republic.

2.

We always want to have 1-2 volunteer from different countries, because  
they make our centre more interesting and colourful.

3.

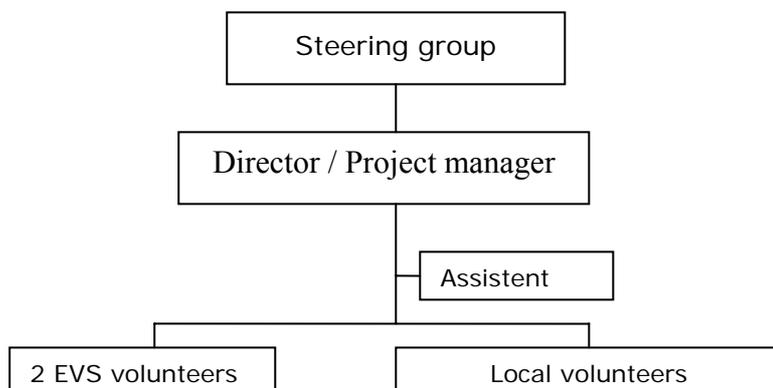
We want to keep our computers in a good state, so we always have plenty  
of visitors, and can keep cooperating with the local schools and the  
children's home.

4.

We want to organise activities, which make the centre more attractive for  
the kids and youngsters.

If you have any good idea, how to make our centre even better or nicer,  
**we are open for new suggestions!**

## Structure of the non-profit organization



## EMPLOYING STAFF

- **Director and manager** Judit Bial - her main task is to take care of the daily running of the café, making it a good place for young people.
- **Assistant of the project manager:** Tibor Czajlik – in part-time position, who is the right hand of Judit
- **Two foreign volunteers** – help us to make café more interesting for young people to come.

The project manager the assistant and the volunteers are organizing small and big events during the season, such as exhibitions, day trips, decorating the café for special events, table football and tennis tournaments, parties, discos, dancing groups, painting workshops, etc.

## STEERING GROUP – partners of VMCM

### Chairman:

**Ing. Alexander Néveri** NEVITEL, a.s.

### Members:

**Mogens Hansen** Dan-Slovakia Agrar, a.s.

**Ing. Peter Boros** MadNet (spoločnosť s ručením obmedzeným)

**Ing. Zuzana Véghová** Hungarian Secondary School (Obchodná akadémia a gymnázium vo Veľkom Mederi)

**Mgr. Mária Estergájošová** Slovak Primary School (Základná škola vo Veľkom Mederi)

**PaiedDr. Ernest Nagy** Hungarian Primary School (Základná škola Bélu Bartóka s vyuč. jaz. maďarským)

Members of the steering group are all sponsors, schools and the director of the cafe. There are steering group meetings in every 3 months in the café, where everybody of our partners can express opinion, get new information of the youth klub, find solution together for some problem, give ideas for developing, etc. For all sponsors is written an information letter monthly, with aim to inform them of all happenings and actualities.

## Simplified overview of the economy

Account of Expenses and Incomes (in Thousand Sk)			
	2006		
	Main non-taxed activities	Taxed business activities	Total
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>1330</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1353</b>
Consumption of material and energy	173		173
Sold goods		20	20
Expenses of representation		3	3
Maintenance			0
Travel costs	20		20
Other service expenses	577		577
Salaries	331		331
Lowful social insurances	105	0	105
Lowful social charges	13		13
Other social charges	0		0
Other taxes and charges	1		1
Exchange rate loss	0		0
Other charges	4		4
Depreciation of long-term tangible and non-tangible property	106		106
Creation of lowful rectifying item	0		0
Administration allowance of other accounting entity	0		0
<b>Income</b>	<b>1162</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>1472</b>
Service incomes	0	281	281
Income for the sold goods	0	29	29
Interests	0	0	0
Exchange rate income	0		0
Profit from sold material	0		0
Assumed contribution from other organizations	1162		1162
Assumed contribution from individuals	0		0
Operating grant	0		0
<b>Total - before taxation</b>	<b>-168</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>119</b>
Taxes from incomes	0	0	0
<b>Total - after taxation</b>	<b>-168</b>	<b>+287</b>	<b>119</b>

### **Valorisation of the base evidence in the annual accounts**

Total assets of VMCM at 31. 12. 2006 were 381 thousand SK. Economic achievement in year 2006 represents income of 119 thousand SK, since the management of Dan-Slovakia a.s. decided to accommodate a financial gift of 752 400,-SK.

### **Abstract of the amount of income – in segmentation according to resources and charges**

The predominant part of the income in year 2006 was created from the income for services e.g. operation of table football and Internet, which represented 281 465,- SK. The income from saled non-alcoholic drinks constituted 29 thousand SK. In year 2006 MadNed allowed the sing of Internet for free. Contribution form other organisations in year 2006 for VMCM: 359 797.74 SK, from that 89 317,07 SK came from Foundation of Central Europe. Further VMCM received benefactions from Nevitel 50 000,- SK, from Dan-Slovakia Agrar, 752 400,-SK and from Uni Credit Bank 100 000,-Sk.

### **Balance and motion of the assets and debts of the non-profit organization**

At 31. 12. 2006 VMCM had office-furniture in first-cost of 566 948,- SK and little fixed assets in total amount of 237 272,70 SK.

Debts from business contacts form debts of 1 114 thousand SK, from what we have debts towards to Dan – Slovakia Agrar, a.s. of 1 092 thousand SK.

In Velky Meder, 29th March 2007

# Our sponsors...

...Who helped us in year 2006



*MadNet*



*If you have never been in VMCM,  
we hope, after reading this annual report  
you will visit us soon!*

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In the name of all members I would like to thank the help of our sponsors!

Thank you for supporting us!

*Judit Bial, Mgr.*