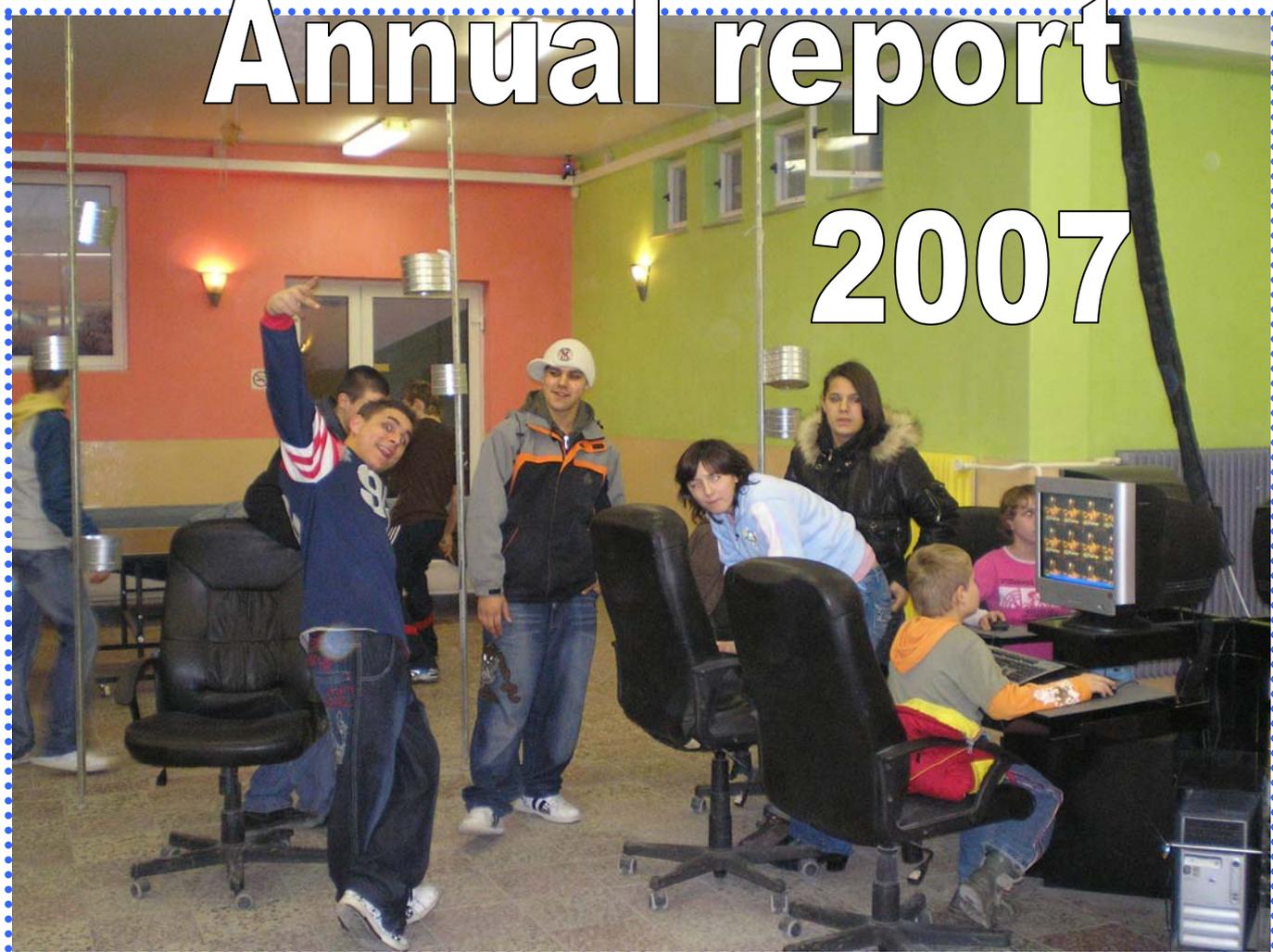


# Annual report 2007



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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. 04. 2008  
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 2007 we had two volunteers at our center: Morten and Helly**



Morten Nielsen arrived from Denmark in december 2006 and spent 1 year here in Velky Meder. After a short time he adapted to the new place and became a useful member of our team. The children were glad because they could learn English from him. Morten is a quiet, modest but very intelligent, prudent young man with a good humor. The children liked him very much because he was always ready to pay attention to them. He never refused anyone. He likes sports very much therefore he took an active role in organizing different sport events like table tennis, biliard, table football etc. tournaments at our center. He regularly taught english for the kids from the local childrens home. He was preparing decently for every single lesson. He made it very interesting and fun. The children also appreciated his efforts and many of them joined his lessons. We were very sad after the year had passed but he promised and we know that he will visit us again very soon.

Heliana Velinová came from Bulgaria (Sofia) in July 2007 and will also stay here for 1 year. Heliana is a totally different personality. She is very funny, cheerful girl with a lot of optimism. She didn't have any problems either to fit in. Children accepted her and started to like her right from the beginning. She is hardworking and eager to help at our activities. She „inherited“ Mortens job as a teacher for the kids from the childrens house. She has very good manual skills and often organizes activities in handicraft for the children. Her relationship with the children is very good. She can play with them joke with them or just talk to them no matter of the age or gender.



## Articles written by Morten and Helly

### /EVS volunteers/

#### 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.*



#### ... and Helly

*There is no place like VMCM*

*Hello everyone,*

*My name is Hellyana Velinova, I'm 27 old girl from Sofia, Bulgaria. For the last eight months I'm a part of the of VMCM team in Velky Meder and I can say that this is one of the greatest adventures of my life.*

*Of course like everyone else I was also a little bit scared from the beginning, but because of my friend Nadia, who used to be a volunteer here I knew a lot about the town and the people.*

*So I decided to make the big step and to come to live in Slovakia for a while. Who said that the girl from the big city can't live and work in a small village?*

*Exploring this beautiful country, finding new friends from Slovakia and from all around the world is a great experience which I will remember all my life. Now I can proudly say that Slovakia is my second home and I will always keep a piece of this country in my heart.*

*To teach and to learn – the greatest experience ever.*

*Velký Meder is an adorable small town. My work in VMCM is very interesting. It inspires me to learn more about working with children and to continue my work at that area after I finish my EVS project.*

*Here I realize how interesting and satisfying for me is to work with children.*

*I started to teach English for the kids from The children's home and every lesson became a big challenge for me – to keep these young's attention for more than 30 minutes.*

*But I'm happy and I hope the kids also enjoy our lessons and some day the things they learnt with me will be useful for them.*

*Also I found very interesting to participate on the regular workshops that we are organizing for the children. Cooking, making decorations, playing games and other activities with kids here in the center is great experience and makes the place more interesting for them and for me.*

*At the end I can say that to be a part of European Voluntary Service, to live in a different country and be part of such a good and interesting project like VMCM centrum mládeže is a wonderful experience and I'm happy that I have the opportunity to be here!*

*With Love Helly*



# Life in the cafe'



# Activities in 2007

We can declare that 2007 was again a successful year for us. We managed to offer the youngsters a pleasant 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 were able to stay for a longer time 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 birthdays here in a company of their friends.

Our Break-dance group is also very popular. The guys usually try to create different choreographies 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.



**„Mars meets Venus: Dialogue between Genders“**

**a project realised in Greece!**

Yes, we were in Greece, thanks to project: **„Mars meets Venus“**  
This Youth exchange project was financed from EU Programme. The idea of the organisers was to get together people from 8 different countries and for 6 days to create connection between them.

**It was the first really big international** experience for our participants. At the beginning they had some fears, mostly because of the unknown place and culture differences and the language barriers, but I'm glad to say that after few days they fears passed away the children could communicate and work together without problems.



The youth exchange took part in a city called Xylocastro in Greece with the participation of 50 people from 8 different countries like Czech Republic, Estonia, Litvania, Hungary, Malta, Austria, Sweden, Slovakia. The program included different curses and discussions. The main topic of these discussions was to show the differences of the cultures. Every participant worked very hard because they knew that this is the big possibility to get new friend and to learn more about their cultures. Even all of these efforts this was not a work for them it was rather an



enjoyable spending of time. For our members it was the first ever international experience where they could rely only on themselves.

At the beginning they were a bit afraid because of the unknown place, cultural and language barriers but in a short time got closer to each other and they felt good. They were communicating and working together with their new friends without any big problems. We can almost declare that after 6 days they became adults.

They also visited quite a few historical places and monuments. They said that it was a beautiful trip and unforgettable experience for them.

# 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 its 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 crowdiest hours are usually from 4pm. to 8pm. The children are using the café in different way. 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 uses 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 wants 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 childrens 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 hollidays in the year, where kids decorate the place.



# Future perspectives, new ideas

1.

For the future we plan Youth Exchanges:  
with Portugal, Bulhary, Turkey 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.

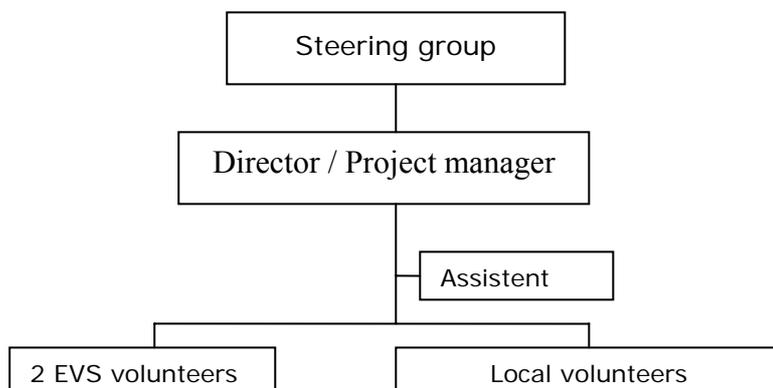
We want to keep our computers in a good state, so we always have plenty  
of visitors, and can keep cooperating with the local schools and the  
children's home.

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)

**Mgr. Alžbeta Sebőová** 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 café. 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)			
	2007		
	Main non-taxed activities	Taxed business activities	Total
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>1087</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>1423</b>
Consumption of material and energy	190	43	233
Sold goods		42	42
Expenses of representation		0	0
Maintenance	1		1
Travel costs	54		54
Other service expenses	324	120	444
Salaries	302	100	402
Lowful social insurances	96	31	127
Lowful social charges	17		17
Other social charges	0		0
Other taxes and charges	1		1
Exchange rate loss	0		0
Other charges	8		8
Depreciation of long-term tangible and non-tangible property	94		94
Creation of lowful rectifying item	0		0
Administration allowance of other accounting entity	0		0
<b>Income</b>	<b>1127</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>1379</b>
Service incomes	0		0
Income for the sold goods	0	210	210
Interests	0	42	42
Exchange rate income	0		0
Profit from sold material	0		0
Assumed contribution from other organizations	568		568
Assumed contribution from individuals	0		0
Assumed contribution from payed taxes	559		559
Operating grant	0		0
<b>Total - before taxation</b>	<b>+40</b>	<b>-84</b>	<b>-44</b>
Taxes from incomes	0	0	0
<b>Total - after taxation</b>	<b>+40</b>	<b>-84</b>	<b>-44</b>

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

Total assets of VMCM at 31. 12. 2007 were 444 thousand SK. Economic achievement in year 2007 represents income of 44 thousand SK.

From Dan-Slovakia Agrar, a.s. we received a financial benefaction of 300 thousand SK, and from NEVITEL, a.s. 260 thousand SK.

The contribution of 2% from the taxes in year 2007 was 559 thousand SK, from which we received 321 thousand SK from Dan-Slovakia Agrar, a.s, 41 thousand SK from NEVITEL, a.s., 191 thousand SK from Edscha, and 6 thousand SK from others.

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

The predominant part of the income in year 2007 was created from the income for services e.g. operation of table football and Internet, which represented 900 thousand SK. The income from saled non-alcoholic drinks constituted 42 thousand SK. In year 2007 MadNed allowed the sing of Internet for free.

Contribution form other organisations in year 2007 for VMCM together with the 2% of the taxes was : 1 127 thousand SK. From this amount 171 thousand SK came from YOUTH for financing the volunteers from abroad (EVS).

Further for advertisement VMCM received benefactions for Panta Rhei 70 thousand SK, and from Uni Credit Bank 50 thousand SK.

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

At 31. 12. 2007 VMCM had office-furniture in first-cost of 567 thousand SK and little fixed assets in total amount of 237 thousand SK.

Debts from business contacts form debts of 1 183 thousand SK, from what we have debts towards to Dan – Slovakia Agrar, a.s. of 1 092 thousand SK.

In Velky Meder, 25th April 2007

# Our sponsors...

...Who helped us in year 2007



*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.*