

Annual report 2008



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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 Ve ký Meder was born in February 2004 and the café was officially open on the 1st 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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*Ve ký Meder, 18. 04. 2009
Judit Bial, Mgr.*

What is VMCM?

This is not only an internet café!

The NAME of THE YOUTH CENTRE is : VMCM

it means: Ve ký 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 Ve ký 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

Monday:	14.00 - 20.00
Tuesday:	14.00 - 20.00
Wednesday:	14.00 - 20.00
Thursday:	14.00 - 20.00
Friday:	15.00 - 21.00
Saturday:	15.00 - 21.00
Sunday:	15.00 - 20.00

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, depends 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 2008 we hosted 4 volunteers at our center:

Heliana, Cristina, Alexandra and Daniela

Heliana Velinová *came from the capital of Bulgaria from Sofia. hádza z hlavného mesta Bulharska, zo Sofie. She is a charismatic girl with good humor organizational skills. Right from the beginning she created a pleasant atmosphere in the center. With her familiar personality she became very popular. The children trusted her and wanted to be always around her. She was very active in organizing different activities in the center. She was a symbol of Bulgarian culture for us.*



Cristina Mina *from Italy arrived in february 2008 and stayed for 7 month. In a short time she became a useful member of our team. At the beginning she was a bit quiet but she was very friendly. She had big heart, intelligent with good sense of humor. Children liked her very much because she was always ready to play with them or speak to them. On the last month of her stay she painted the the wall in the NGO room with the picture of our breakdancers in action. The boys were very happy because the painting is wonderful and they felt honoured they were the chosen.*

Alexandra Schmidt *came from Germany and will stay here for 9 month. Alex is a different kind of person. She is very optimistic and funny girl. She also tried to be involved in our activities from the beginning. She started to teach the children from the children home after Cristina left. Her strong side are the handicrafts. Alex has good relationship with the children.*



Daniela Dannert *came also from Germany. Her project will last for 8 month. Daniela is a very intelligent and serious young girl. She has also American roots from her mothers side therefore her English is very good. She also teaches English at the center. She is very curious about the Hungarian and Slovak culture. Daniela is a creative person with good ideas. She also likes children very much. We are already convinced that her stay will be prosperous for our center as well as to her.*

Activities in 2008



Year 2008 was a successful year for our center. We managed to create a pleasant and special environment for our youth in the town. Also tried to help the young people to spend their free time by organizing different activities and programs for them.

We organized at least one bigger event every week. Since the children have more time on the weekends the activities mostly took place on Saturdays and Sundays. The ping pong table had been fully occupied throughout the whole year. We organized tournaments which were very popular. We also organized competitions in billiard, darts and puzzle making. The atmosphere of these events is usually very nice, also competitive and fair. We usually celebrate the holidays at our center. On Christmas and Easter the decorations are made by the children. We allow the children to celebrate their birthdays at the center which is getting more and more popular because of the wide scale of facilities in this center.



Our breakdance group is also very popular among the children. This group was established a year ago and they have been working very hard since that. Without any



trainers or teachers the boys create their own choreographies with which they participate on different performances and competitions. They participated in a competition called „Slovakia has talent“. Although they didn't qualify into the TV final but they were close to it and they were equal opponents even to some well-known groups.

We also organize at our center some regular courses like folk dance for the small children and English teaching for the children from the Children's home.

We also have to mention the youth exchanges in Portugal, Bulgaria and Italy.

Cooperating with the European Voluntary Service (EVS) we host volunteers in our center. In 2008 we hosted a Bulgarian volunteer-



Heliana Velinova, an Italian girl-Christina Mina and 2 girls from Germany-Alexandra Schmidt and Daniela Dannert. This EU project is funded from program-EU Youth-Action 3. We've had very good experiences with this project because the presence of the European volunteers carries revival into our club and its also prosperous for the volunteers.



Youth exchanges

- projects within the program EU Youth



Yes we were in Portugal, twice in Bulgaria and in Hungary. Thanks to the projects funded from the program EU Youth „Action 3“ groups of 5+1 (5 children and a leader) participated on these exchanges. These young people from Velky Meder had the opportunity to travel to Portugal in April

and to Bulgaria and Hungary in summer. Selection of the kids for these exchanges were realised through advertisements in the local schools. Each exchange had his own basic theme thereby the children had the opportunity to choose.

The aim of the organizators was to gather young people from various European countries and to build up



an aquintance between them in 6-7-8 days through different kind of activities. The exchanges contained various courses and discussions. The main idea was to present different cultures. Every participant worked very conscientiously because they realized that its their major task and this way they are able

to get new friends and they can learn their culture. For many of our participants this was the first real international experience where they were dependent on themselves and on the group leader.

At the beginning they were a bit shy because of the unknown place, people, culture and the language barrier but in a short time they started to communicate and made friendships.

Without any problems they were able to cooperate and communicate. The participants of these Youth exchanges returned home with unforgettable and inestimable experiences.



Life in the cafe



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 café 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 Italy, Bulgaria, Poland and Portugal.

2.

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

3.

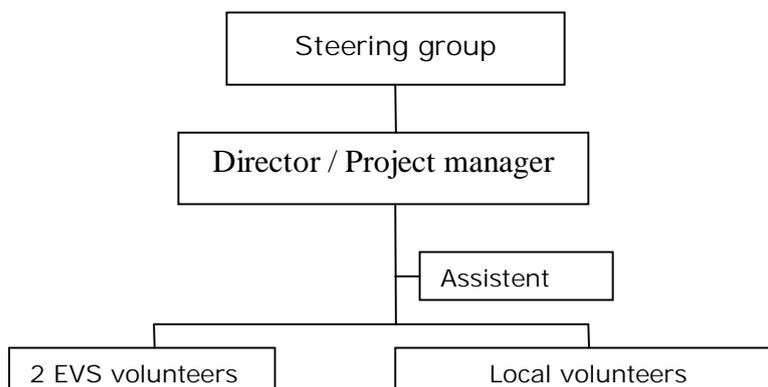
We want to keep our computers in a good state, so we always have plenty
of visitors, and can keep cooperating with the local schools and the
children's home.

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 rušením 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 Sebová Hungarian Primary School (Základná škola Bélu Bartóka s využitím 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 cafe, 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)			
	2008		
	Main non-taxed activities	Taxed business activities	Total
Expenses	1027	317	1344
Consumption of material	70	0	70
Consumption of energy	85	29	114
Sold goods	0	26	26
Expenses of representation	0	0	0
Maintenance	0	0	0
Travel costs	48	0	48
Other service expenses	302	120	422
Salaries	311	103	414
Lowful social insurances	93	39	132
Lowful social charges	16	0	16
Other social charges	0		0
Other taxes and charges	0		0
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
Income	829	1290	2119
Service incomes	0	172	172
Profit from sold goods	0	26	26
Interests	0	0	0
Legal fee	0	1092	1092
Profit from sold material	0	0	0
Assumed contribution from other organizations	745		745
Assumed contribution from individuals	0		0
Assumed contribution from payed taxes	84		84
Operating grant	0		0
Total - before taxation	-198	973	775
Taxes from incomes	1	0	1
Total - after taxation	-197	973	776

Valorisation of the base evidence in the annual accounts

Total assets of VMCM at 31. 12. 2008 were 399 thousand SK. Economic achievement in year 2008 represents income of 775 thousand SK.

From Dan-Slovakia Agrar, a.s. we received a financial benefaction of 650 thousand SK, and from NEVITEL, a.s. 95 thousand SK.

The contribution of 2% from the taxes in year 2008 was 83 thousand SK, from which we received 5 thousand SK from Dan-Slovakia Agrar, a.s, 58.5 thousand SK from NEVITEL, a.s., 15.5 thousand SK from IBG s.r.o., and 5 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 2008 was created from the income for services e.g. operation of table football and Internet, which represented 172 thousand SK. The income from saled non-alcoholic drinks constituted 26 thousand SK. In year 2008 MadNed allowed the sing of Internet for free.

Contribution form other organisations in year 2008 for VMCM together with the 2% of the taxes was : 829 thousand SK. From this amount 477 thousand SK came from YOUTH for financing the volunteers from abroad (EVS).

Further for advertisement VMCM received benefactions for Panta Rhei 50 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. 2008 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 1 205 thousand SK, from what we had debts towards to Dan–Slovakia Agrar, a.s. of which 1 092 thousand SK were resisted.

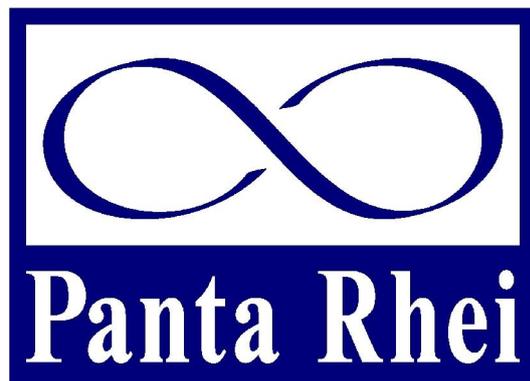
In Velky Meder, 18th April 2009

Our sponsors...

...Who helped us in year 2008



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If you have never been in VMCM,
we hope, after reading this
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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.