

# VMCM Monthly Newsletter

**September 2007**

It is September, but for VMCM it is still not autumn! In this month many important things happened in our Youth Centre:

Till now we were "only" hosting organization, but Judit did everything to get the accreditation for sending volunteers too. In September we received an official letter, which says, that: VMCM's EI (expression of interest) in the future will be: 2007-SK-24, so from now we can also send volunteers!

## Youth Exchange in Greece!!!

Mars meets Venus: Dialogue between Genders was a Youth exchange project, organised in Greece. The idea was to get together young people from different countries and for 5 days to create connection between

them, and to discuss the differences between gender, the stereotypes, the similarities, etc. The exchange took place in Xylokastro, a nice small town by the sea, and involved 54 people from 9 different countries: Austria, Czech Republic, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Slovakia and Sweden.

For our participants it was a real big experience, which started at the airport (they never flew before), than continued every single day. At the beginning they had some fears, mostly connected with the unknown place, culture and language barriers, but I'm glad to say that after a while they felt themselves in confidence and could enjoy and work without problems.

The workshops were really serious discussions, but we also had a little rest while visiting the ancient Korynth. At the end it was a nice instructive Youth Exchange!

## Breakdance carpet

...we didn't get a magic carpet, but something similar: we put a carpet in the small room, because the break dancers are training there and they often fall, and the carpet will make the landing a little softer. This made them so happy, that at the beginning they were "only" looking at it, and were afraid to step on it with shoes. After some minutes they recognized, that the carpet is really for them, and since that time they are happy to use it...



## Table-tennis competition

We haven't had a table tennis competition for a long time now, so we thought it was time to make a new one. The kids really love it and very fast we had 16 contestants competing in the tournament. First everybody played one match against the rest and then the first 8 went to a knockout stage to determine the winner. The first prize was a table tennis racket and for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> there was VMCM-money which they can spend in the café.



## Nadia came again!

Our former volunteer Nadia came to visit us again this autumn. She is still in touch with us and her friendship with some of the members of the club is still very strong. Nadia was welcomed from the new members as well. She stayed 2 weeks in Velky Meder and together with the other Bulgarian volunteer Helly they organized two workshops where they create some cute, some sweet and some funny things.

## Handmade postcards!

The first workshop took time in the sunny afternoon of 24th of September. The girls invited everyone who was ready to take the challenge of creativity. Color paper, glue, scissors, a bit yarn and lots of good mood and fantasy helped the youngsters to spend 2 hours full of joy. And at the end we made an exhibition from what they had had created – postcards and puppets. Helly give a promise that this won't be the last workshop and she is willing to make those creativity hours on regular base every second Monday.

About second workshop you can read more in our next month newsletter 😊



*"I've spent lovely time here as always. VMCM stays in my heart and I'd love to come back here every time I can. I'm happy to see the place full of youngsters and also that there are new people coming here. I believe the center has the potential to be one of the best free time opportunities for the youngsters in the town and the area." said Nadia.*

*As she said: "VMCM stays in her heart"...*

*... and she stays in our heart...*

VMCM team