



eTwinning project Empathic storytelling shoes

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The project Empathic storytelling shoes draws its strength from new museology that believes that through direct action in the community to preserve and revitalize the heritage, it is achieving a spiritual flourishing of the community itself. In our project, heritage is an inherited ability for empathy. The spread of empathy would be to revolutionize interpersonal relationships and lessen the injustices and troubles that modern Europeans are facing. Through literary and fine arts workshops, young people become aware of the problems of modern men, especially those on the edge of society. They enjoy the lives of people by writing confessions from the shoes of the weak and disenfranchised. The shoes are painted with art history motifs that are analog in character and emotion with the confession attached. Pupils exchange experiences, change their perspectives, create understanding and exclude intolerance. Through the arts, they practice empathy!



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During the last four years, the schools from Croatia, Portugal, and Romania were creating a project that was fostering empathy.

The schools are: Gimnazija "Matija Mesić" Slavonski Brod, Croatia, Agrupamento de Escolas de Santo André, Barreiro, Portugal and Liceul de arte vizuale "Romulus Ladea", Cluj, Romania.

Despite new circumstances caused by the pandemic, we didn't give up.

We made a lot of art workshops, online meetings, and exhibitions.

In this book, we present our efforts to combat obstacles and conserve our mental health in difficult times.

We hope that you will be enjoying looking next pages. Let's go!



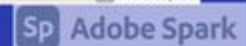
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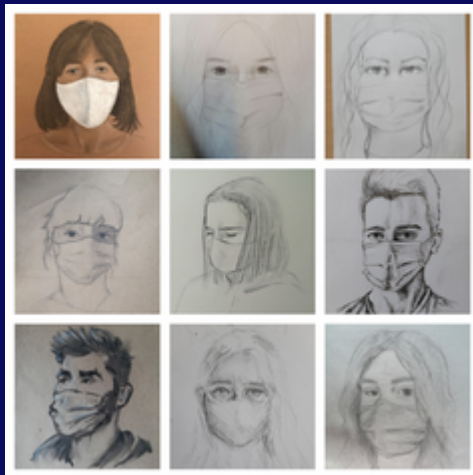
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Europe day 2021. Romania



After the first online meetings and first talks, we realized art workshops during the winter of 2020. All students get the task of creat self-portraits under the mask. It was a really difficult time for all of us. Some of us were ill and some of us stayed at home in isolation. The students applied different techniques of drawing. At the end of the workshops, we made a 3D online exhibition on the platform Artsteps.



Croatia



Portugal



Romania



The 3D exhibition We are under the mask on the platform Artsteps

In the spring and summer of 2021, when the pandemic was getting not so hard and we were in our schools we had a lot of activities. First of all, we created the logo for the project. We have a small competition to choose the best artistic solution from all schools. The Romanian student won.

Then we had art workshops at each school. The students were painting old shoes with motifs from art history or from their imagination. Also, they were painting artwork with motifs of different shoes. The inspiration for this activity is the Museum of empathy of Roman Krznarić.

Walk a Mile in My Shoes is a variation of the saying, "You can't really understand another person's experience until you've walked a mile in their shoes."

Finally, we presented all artworks in the digital exhibition on the platform Wakelet.

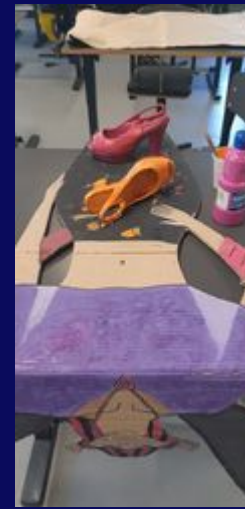


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ROMANIA





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The digital exhibition of the artworks on the platform Wakelet 2021.

We were spreading the excellent experience of the project in 2022.

We presented the project at the Open day of the school Gimnazija "Matija Mesić" in Croatia. The local television interviewed our colleague Sandra Blažević.

Also, we presented all activities in Croatia in the exhibition for Europe day in the school.

Sandra Blažević and Snježana Kauzlarić presented the project at the meeting of the librarians of the region Slavonia and at the meeting of the art teacher of the region.

Finally, we incorporated the project into the European year of Youth 2022. We put it on the map.

During the realization of the project (2020.-2023.), we informed the school and city community about the activities on social media and on the website of the school.

Europe day 2022.



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The Open Day of the school 2022., Croatia



Europe day 2022., Croatia



The meeting of librarians of the region Slavonia.



The European Year of Youth 2022.

The screenshot displays the website https://youth.europa.eu/year-of-youth_hr. On the left, there is a sidebar with several filter categories:

- Odaberite zemlju** (Select a country)
- Tema** (Topic): Odaberi temu (Select a topic)
- Vrsta aktivnosti** (Type of activity): Select a type
- Format** (Format): Odaberite vrijednost (Select a value)
- Status** (Status): All
- Filtriraj po datumu** (Filter by date): Od (From) and Do (To)

The main content area shows a map of Slavonski Brod, Croatia. A pop-up window is centered on the map, displaying the following information:

- 29** (Number of results)
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- SLAVONSKI BROD, Hrvatska**
- Saznajte više** (Learn more)

The map includes labels for 'Gimnazija "Matija Mesić"', 'O.Š. Antun Mihanović', and 'Dječji vrtić Seka i braco'. The map also shows the D72 road and the Petra Svačića roundabout.

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2023.

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