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REPORT: Leadership Training in Munich (15-18.10.2015)

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Leadership Training in Munich (aka School for Leaders of Polish Community Abroad) was a project initiated by Szkoła Liderów (SL) (<http://www.szkoła-liderow.pl>), a Warsaw-based non-governmental institution which helps develop leadership skills, promote the public debate and support the leaders of the local communities. Numerous workshops for leaders of Polish community abroad already took place in Europe, Asia and North America; it is worth emphasizing it was the first time the Leadership Training took place in Germany. YPIN Munich <http://www.ypin.pl> was the regional partner of this particular workshop.

OUR ROLE

Our tasks included marketing, PR, recruiting and candidate selection (together with SL), accommodation, logistics as well as project coordination and supervision. We were also responsible for finding suitable speakers and presenters for the morning sessions.

Szkoła Liderów provided a program structure, took care of the recruiting process, coordinated communication with participants and sent a trainer to Munich.

PROJECT PARTICIPANTS

Team YPIN Munich:

- Anna Jaworek (YPIN Regional Coordinator, project coordination, communication with partners, on-site support)
- Marta Lang (communication with partners, recruiting, on-site support)
- Anna Miller (scheduling, reservations)
- Michał Młynarski (YPIN Regional Coordinator, speaker, logistics, supplies)
- Izabela Wilkosz (YPIN Regional Coordinator, PR, communication with partners, workshop participant)

External partners in Munich (friends of YPIN Munich):

- Tomasz Rybicki (project manager, communication, on-site support, logistics)
- Małgorzata Brzeska (scheduling, on-site support)

Szkoła Liderów:

- Magdalena Mazur (Board Member, project manager)

- Paweł Cieślak (trainer)

PROGRAM

For the full program, please see the documents attached.

The inauguration October 15th in the Polish Conference Center in Munich included many special guests, such as the new Consul General of the Republic of Poland in Munich Mr. Andrzej Osiak and Consul Dr. Aleksander Korybut-Woroniecki, who both gave a short speech, as well as representatives of numerous Polish organizations in Munich and members of YPIN. The Consulate in Munich was a generous sponsor of the event venue, catering and giveaways for the visitors and participants of the training - "Poland"-T-Shirts. Marta Lang from YPIN presented out network to the audience.

YPIN Munich was represented by following members:

Izabela Wilkosz (FXXIV), Anna Jaworek (FXXVI) Marta Lang (FXV), Justyna Kaczmarek (FX), Cezary Chabros (FIX) and Katarzyna Dell (FIX). We spoke about the possibilities of joint projects with the new Consul and hope to present some of our ideas to him personally in the coming weeks.



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The workshops started on Thursday, October 15th. Each day was divided into several blocks. The morning sessions included talks by invited guests (representatives of public administration, civic societies and business); the afternoon workshops focused on developing leadership skills and team work.



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PARTICIPANTS

The candidates were selected based on their involvement in the activities of the Polish community in Germany - each candidate had previous experience in working for a non-profit organization, some of them are still actively work in that field. The final group of 11 participants had very diverse background and included (among others) members of press, bloggers, lawyers, entrepreneurs and civil servants. The majority of them currently resides in Munich; other cities of residence included Berlin, Hamburg, Erlangen, Gottingen and Darmstadt.



OUTCOME

The participants wished to develop new strategies for efficient networking within the Polish community in Germany and the training addressed it accordingly. During the 4 days in Munich we exchanged project ideas and created a federal network of outstanding Poles, active in their environment and willing to do more for the community. In the training sessions the participants discussed SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) of the Polish Community in Germany and worked out the Priorities for the future. These included more networking and joint projects, engagement on political level and more positive PR for Poland. A Facebook group was created and first information is being exchanged. All participants gave us positive feedback on the organization of the workshops. In the meantime, YPIN made advertisement for its network.



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