



## **PISCESINEUROPE**

PISCESINEUROPE is an acronym for Partnerships in Social and Community Enterprise in Schools, Skills for Life and Social care. It is a unique Community Interest Company dedicated to brokering partnerships amongst all sectors of community organization to address major issues of local, regional, national and international concern.

It is managed through a Board of 4 Directors each of whom brings a specific area of interest and expertise and has developed a significant portfolio of work around these themes, many of which are delivered within a European context in partnership with agencies across Europe.

Its executive Director has extensive and long term experience in international exchange programmes. He has co-ordinated a number of projects involving an ECOGE in North Eastern France and has, through PISCESwM, hosted a number of placements over the past years.

PISCESINEUROPE has developed several special programmes and concepts including H.A.L.O. (Health Activity Leisure and Opportunity), go Eco/Be healthy which focus on people who are over 50, and have either long term health problems or physical/mental impairments. It has working contact with over 130 Public, 3rd sector and Private organizations/companies addressing issues around social exclusion and poverty.

In Europe it has responsibility for co-ordinating the involvement of the city of Wolverhampton in a 9 City Urbact II programme lead by Rome, is a number of a 4 partner programme looking at a new initiative for over 50, under the Social Experimentation programme and is linked into 4 other ongoing applications involving 15 Countries. PISCESwM works on the basis of facilitations rather than direct delivery. Yet, within the scope of the proposed it sees a major opportunity to contribute to transnational collaboration particularly in addressing groups and individuals who are marginalized on where they live.

Over the past years of existence we have become arguably one of the fastest growing and innovative Social enterprises within the West Midlands – an area which has some of the highest levels of unemployment and deprivation in the U.K. particularly among people age 18-25.

PISCESINEUROPE consciously works in areas where there are high levels of social exclusion and through its extensive network of contacts and collaborators has built up a wide level of expertise and knowledge on issues relating to this project which are transferable to other European institutions. The Executive Director is also a Board Member of the Brussels based LUDEN organisation and has regular and ongoing dialogue outside formal programmes with organisations across Europe.

A core partner is West Smethwick Enterprise, a community based NGO supporting Children, Families and older people in one of Britain's most excluded communities and whose staff have contributed extensively to learning including specific contributions within the Czech Republic. All are suitably qualified in Child and Family matters.

The organisation is well known for its extensive networking ability and skills for working with local authorities and other government agencies specifically the Police in tackling issues confronting young people of all ages within a multi-cultural and often challenging environment.

PISCESINEUROPE enjoys special friendships with colleagues in France, Slovenia, The Czech Republic and Lithuania and part of its ongoing programme is to develop a network of internships to enable Graduate students from these countries to come to the West Midlands to work within Socio Economically focused projects.

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