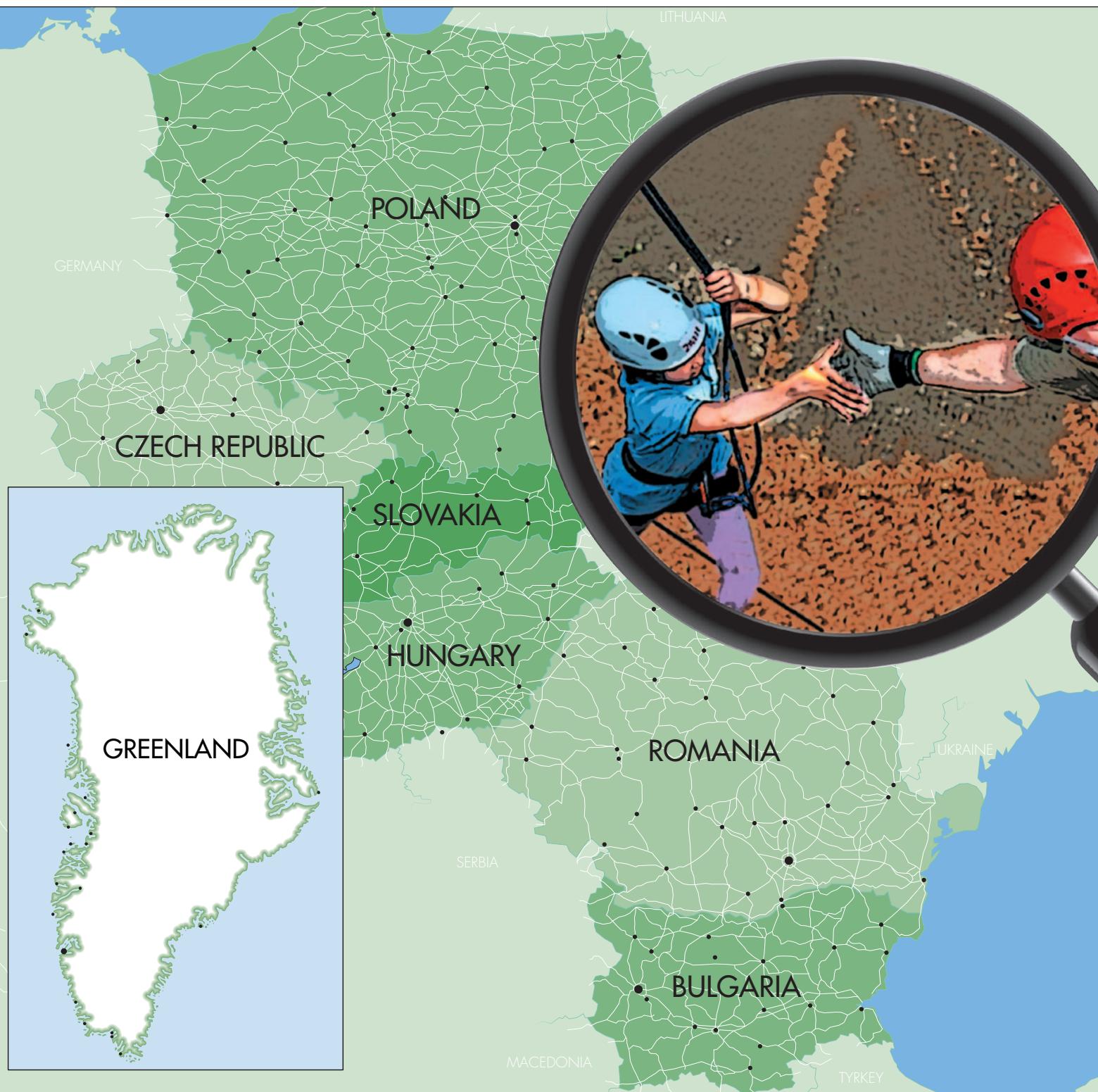


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About the VELUX Foundations

Civil engineer Villum Kann Rasmussen, Msc. Dr. techn. h.c. (1909-1993), established the VILLUM FOUNDATION in 1971 by transferring his entire holding of B-shares in the company to the Foundation. Ten years later he established the VELUX FOUNDATION by a cash donation. Outside Denmark, the two Foundations are known collectively as the VELUX Foundations and are administrated by a secretariat located in Copenhagen.

The VKR Group, established by Villum Kann Rasmussen in 1941, develops, manufactures and markets VELUX roof windows, which bring daylight, fresh air and a better environment into people's everyday lives. The VKR Group employs approx. 15,000 people in more than 40 countries. Net turnover reached DKK 16.8 billion in 2010. The VKR Group's parent company is VKR Holding A/S, with the VILLUM FOUNDATION as a principal shareholder.

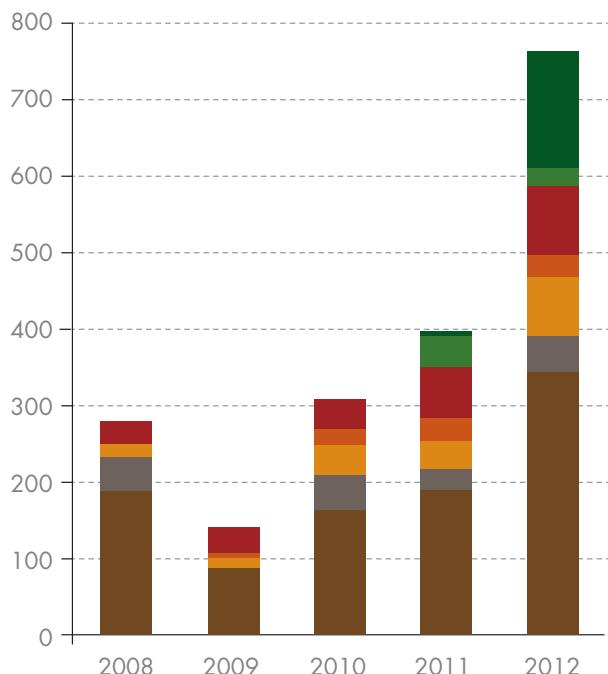
The VELUX Foundations draw on dividend from the VKR Group and proceeds from invested capital to finance donations to social and non-profit projects.

The Foundations have a wide non-profit scope and support scientific, artistic, cultural, environmental and social purposes.

The VILLUM FOUNDATION especially supports research activities within technical and natural sciences and also projects that focus on the dissemination of natural science and technical research. Furthermore, the Foundation supports major social and cultural projects in and outside of Denmark. Since 2007, the Foundation has supported social projects in Poland, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic and Slovakia in Central and Eastern Europe and in Greenland. Environment and sustainability funding started in 2008.

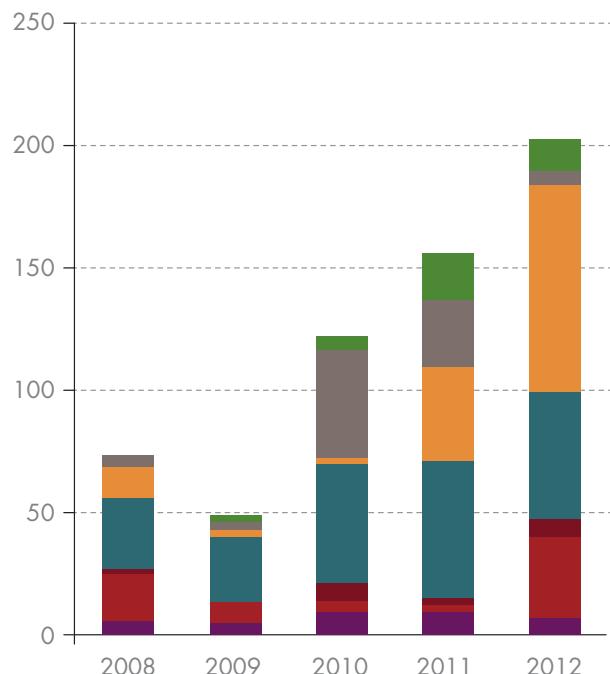
The VELUX FOUNDATION donates grants to encourage an active lifestyle among elderly people. The Foundation furthermore supports research within gerontology and ophthalmology. Since 2007, the Foundation has increased its support of research projects within the humanities. The Foundation also supports cultural, artistic and social purposes. Environment and sustainability funding started in 2008.

**The VILLUM FOUNDATION's total grants
2008-2012 (DKK millions)**



- Environment abroad
- Environment Denmark
- Social projects Eastern Europe
- Social projects Greenland
- Social projects Denmark
- Culture
- Research and research dissemination

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- Environment
- Culture
- Social projects in Denmark
- Humanities
- Ophthalmological research
- Gerontological research
- Active senior citizens

What purposes do the VELUX Foundations support?

Vision

The VELUX Foundations' international programme seeks to promote improved conditions and better opportunities for the future for socially at-risk children and young people in Central and Eastern Europe (the CEE) and Greenland on a democratic and socially sustainable basis.

The intention is to achieve improved conditions for at-risk children and young people by the power of example, by funding projects developed by upstanding civil society actors, dedicated enthusiasts and NGOs seeking to work on projects to promote better conditions for sound childhood and youth in the CEE and Greenland.

Mission

The VELUX Foundations' international programme targets long-term social investments in model, exemplary projects promoting improved childhood and youth and better prospects in adulthood for at-risk children and young people. The object is to support projects embodying innovative and socio-educational trial components with an anticipated inspirational and dissemination potential, among other things, within:

1. Welfare protection and relief of social distress, e.g. drop-in centres for street children or the

like, where there is also long-term potential for making the intervention self-sustaining

2. Preventive activities, e.g. information activities, education, etc.
3. Support for integration into the labour market, e.g. bridge-building between school and enterprises, re-education and entrepreneurship courses, small local technical schools, agricultural development centres, etc.
4. Development and reform of the social and welfare system, e.g. establishment of model institutions, improvement of schools, training of teachers and social workers, creation of scholarships and training of future resource persons, etc.

The VELUX Foundations support both new innovative initiatives and initiatives that in other contexts or other settings have proved their worth in promoting long-term socially sustainable developments.

Instruments

The instruments range from dialogue with the applicant environment and assistance to detailing out project descriptions, from audits of goals, interventions and finances to amicable sparring and monitoring throughout the project period and support for the preparation of reports and

experience gathering. In addition to this are financial resources for funding the projects with 'what is needed' for implementation to a high standard of quality, while securing an exit strategy and testing out sustainable interventions that point the way forward for tangibly improved conditions for at-risk children and young people.

Administratively exemplary ambition

We aim to be, and to be perceived as, a dedicated partner with a high level of ambition, who sets logical and understandable requirements and poses critical and rational questions 'to' the projects we cooperate with. Our ongoing dialogue with the project applicants – before, during and after a grant – must be relatively un-bureaucratic and highly receptive to sound arguments and good sense.

Practice when processing applications

A grant application to the VELUX Foundations normally begins with a 1-2 page concept note, in which the applicant describes the problem which the project intends to solve and the ideas and activities that are to be put into practice. Finally, the applicant provides an estimate of the expected amount applied for (in EUR or DKK).

The concept note is then processed and if it complies with the Foundations' strategy and current priorities, the applicant is asked to fill in and forward an application written in a specific application format. This principle is called "by invitation only".

The application is pre-processed in the Foundations' secretariat and then presented to a working group appointed by the board. The working group decides whether the application is to be recommended and presented to the board. Subsequently, the board processes the application at two consecutive meetings. If endorsed by the board at the first meeting, the application will be subject to external assessments and second opinions in the intervening period. At the second meeting, the board makes the final decision whether to deny or approve the application, including terms and conditions.

For more information or contact details, please visit the Foundations' website:

www.veluxfoundations.dk





Volunteers from Bulgarian Red Cross campaigning to recruit foster families

From Children's Home to Foster Care

Bulgaria has one of Europe's highest number of children living in children's homes. More than 3,000 children live in institutions, many of which are very large. The children are often orphans and

do not receive sufficient care and attention. However, a shift of the official policy within this area is seen. The authorities – inspired in part by experiences from neighbouring countries like Romania

– plan to close down some of the large, outdated institutions and to place more children in foster care. Furthermore, there is a wish to improve the conditions among the oldest children in the institutions. Today, they leave the institutions at the age of 18 with no support, but with a need for social integration opportunities. Unfortunately, there are few willing and suitable foster families, and the financial means do not match the ambitions in Bulgaria so help is needed from abroad.

Inspired by this, International Red Cross, in collaboration with Bulgarian Red Cross, has launched an innovative model project which has received funding from the VELUX Foundations.

The project comprises several elements and began with the establishment of a centre in the capital city of Sofia. In collaboration with local NGOs and state authorities, the centre makes campaigns to recruit more foster families and instructs coming foster families how to take care of the children. Social workers and psychologists continually monitor whether the children are doing fine in their foster homes. The aim of these activities is to recruit more than 60 new foster families each year and train volunteers who can conduct local information campaigns throughout the country after the project period has ended.

When 18-year-olds leave a children's home, the majority of them receive no further support. As a result, many of them encounter difficulties and have a poor outlook. As part of the project, Red Cross will build a halfway house for this group of young people. They will participate in an individually tailored programme involving job counselling, help to obtain traineeships and a social integration strategy.



A child from a children's home gets a big hug

The halfway house will be located outside Sofia and affiliated with the training centre run by Bulgarian Red Cross. During the project period, Red Cross will work to forge alliances with authorities and local businesses. The plan is that all parties will benefit from the centre and that it can continue by means of local funding after the project period has ended.

Country: Bulgaria

Project organisation: International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and Bulgarian Red Cross

Project period: 2011-2014

Grant from the VELUX Foundations: DKK 8,516,562

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Finishing a challenging climb strengthens the self-confidence and spirit of a boy who has gone through a severe disease

The Camp – that gives your life back

“Bátor Tábor is a machine that you put a sick child into, and out comes a happier, healthier and braver child.” That is how Peter, 15, charac-

terises a unique camp that has existed in North-eastern Hungary since 2001. Peter was recovering from a severe cancer disease a couple of

years ago and, along with many other children and young people, he was given the opportunity for a recreational stay at the special camp. The camp offers a free stay for children who have or have had a severe disease. The aim is to make the children happy again and strengthen their spirits. The camp employs doctors, psychologists and social workers and is supported by more than 400 volunteers who take turns participating in activities with the children.



At the camp the children can learn to shoot with bows and arrows, climb, sail in a canoe, ride on horseback and many other physical activities tailored to the individual child. Most important, however, is the positive and revitalising time spent with other children and young people going through the same problems as oneself. It is not about disease and limitations but possibilities, laughter and solidarity as stated in the camp's programme.

“Bátor Tábor is a machine that you put a sick child into, and out comes a happier, healthier and braver child.”

The results have been promising from the beginning, and three years ago the organisation behind the Bátor Tábor camp expressed a wish to expand the activities to give even more children the opportunity to participate in a recreational stay and to try something completely new. The organisation therefore sought funding from the



Social life is a high priority at the camp

VELUX Foundations which donated a grant for a two-year period. The grant has enabled the camp to erect new, more modern buildings to accommodate the new activities. The new initiatives include a stay where both the child and its family can participate in a therapeutic programme.

Thanks to the large grant, it has been possible, for the first time ever, to invite children from the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Poland for a stay at the camp. The various projects have been so successful that the organisation now sets even higher goals. Over the next ten years the organisation wants to give 6,000 children from all over Eastern Europe the opportunity to stay at the camp.

Country: Hungary

Project organisation: Bátor Tábor Foundation

Project period: 2009-2011

Grant from the VELUX Foundations: DKK 7,282,584

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The computer club house signals both work and play

Computer Club Houses for young people in Hungary

Many young people in Hungary have never learned to use a computer or surf on the Internet. Unfortunately, schools are still unable to solve this problem, and the situation is worst

in the eastern part of the country where living standards are lower and young people have poorer access to IT than in the rest of the country. This has prompted the independent organi-

sation Kék Vonal Child Crisis Foundation, which helps socially at-risk children and young people, to launch an innovative project.

The project is about establishing two computer club houses in the Hungarian cities of Kecskemét and Miskolc which can be used by children and young people aged 12 to 20 who are not doing well in school, have dropped out, are disabled or find themselves in a vulnerable situation. In the club houses the children will learn to use computers and how to use modern information technology. Each child is assigned a personal mentor with special qualifications in helping children and young people.

Besides improving their IT skills, the children and young people also receive personal counselling and help to continue in the educational

system or to find a job. With a grant from the VELUX Foundations this exemplary project, for the duration of the project period, will help 600 children and young people in each city to improve their IT skills. It will increase their options in the future. Furthermore, the local job market will gain a better qualified workforce. Kék Vonal collaborates with schools, authorities and businesses in the cities, thereby creating a strong network that ensures support and integration in the local community. The goal is that the project becomes permanent.

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Working intensively at the club house

Already in the first phase, the training of the children has been a success. In the final part of the project, the organisation hopes that the good results - development of IT skills, personal and vocational development among the young people and lower unemployment among marginalised groups - will convince the authorities, schools and local businesses that the computer club houses must continue and that it will be possible for them to be funded locally.

Country: Hungary
Project organisation: Kék Vonal Child Crisis Foundation
Project period: 2011-2013
Grant from the VELUX Foundations: DKK 4,411,193
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Nuns at a school for the blind are happy with the new system

Electronic Reading Help in Poland

Until a few years ago, it was difficult for people with visual impairment or reading difficulties to have printed texts converted into sound or Braille in Poland. It had to be done manually, a very time consuming and expensive process. The

problem especially affected children and young people since getting an education depends on the help you can get to 'translate' teaching books and other material.

For this reason, Synscenter Refsnæs – the national centre for blind and visually impaired children and youth in Denmark – applied for a grant from the VELUX Foundations to carry out a preliminary survey in Poland. The survey showed a great need for help to young people with visual impairment and reading problems. Furthermore, it was observed that the rate of unemployment among Polish people with visual impairment was much higher than in other European countries.

Therefore, an initiative was taken for a major project concerning the introduction of a new email-based service that can ‘translate’ texts of all kinds into synthetic speech or Braille.

The system already existed in Danish and English, but with a grant from the VELUX Foundations it was possible to make a Polish version. In collaboration between the Polish institute for the blind, a university and other partners, the system, RoboBraille, was introduced in 2010. The system works as follows: The user emails a document to an address and after a few minutes, the text is converted into a sound file and returned to the user who can then play it from his or her computer or mobile phone. The system can also convert text into Braille which is then printed out using a special printer.

The system is free and can be used by everyone 24 hours a day. RoboBraille is developed by Synscenter Refsnæs in Kalundborg in collaboration with the specialist company of Sensus in Hillerød. “With RoboBraille we have found an



Polish and Danish partners talking about the introduction of RoboBraille on the radio

easy way to make digital texts accessible to the blind, the visually impaired and dyslexic students. In this way, society can use the fine minds that until now have had a hard time finishing an education”, says Lars Ballieu Christensen, the brains behind the development of the system.

The system has won several major awards and has been introduced to other European countries.

Country: Poland

Project organisation: Synscenter Refsnæs

Project period: 2009-2012

Grant from the VELUX Foundations: DKK 3,251,313

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An old house will be renovated and turned into the new ArtHostel

ArtHostel

– a hotel run by young people

Is it possible for young people who have spent most of their lives in a children's home and have no education to run a hotel in Gdansk, a large

city by the Baltic Sea? It is if you ask the Gdansk Foundation for Social Innovation. For many years the foundation has worked with socially at-risk

children and young people in the most socially disadvantaged neighbourhoods. The foundation also runs children's and youth homes, and it is from these homes that young people will be recruited for the new hotel. They just need some training and then it will be fine. So goes the optimistic message from the foundation.

Young people over the age of 18 will be offered employment at the hotel where they will attend special classes while also servicing guests and tourists spending the night at the hotel.

The inspiration for the classes comes from the Danish production schools with which the Gdansk Foundation has become partners. The partnership is about upgrading the teachers' qualifications and working out lesson plans.

The hotel will offer various courses aimed at the service sector, for instance reception work, catering, tourist guiding, cleaning and marketing. The project aims to give the former children's home residents a good start in their adult lives so that they can move on with a solid educational basis and work experience, which will give them more options in society.

Another purpose is to show that it is possible to run a socio-economic business project which is both sustainable and has a relevant content. As something unique in this bridge-building project, which has received a grant from the VELUX Foundations, the lower floors of the hotel will



function as a gallery in which artists from Poland and other countries can exhibit their works. When the tourists no longer want to look at art, they can rent a bicycle and go on a trip in the old part of Gdansk.

Close collaboration has been initiated between Gdansk City Council, other humanitarian organisations and various local associations. This partnership, along with the expected success of the ArtHostel concept, is expected to secure the hotel's continued existence after the project period has ended in 2015.

Country: Poland

Project organisation: Gdansk Foundation for Social Innovation

Project period: 2012-2015

Grant from the VELUX Foundations: DKK 6,850,000

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The community

In the small town of Bercini, an hour's drive away from Romania's capital, Bucharest, the economic situation is very difficult for many families. Unemployment in the area is extremely high because the oil refinery that once employed many people has closed down. More than one fourth of all families in Bercini have asked for help to get food and clothing. In such a crisis situation it is no surprise that the municipality's revenue is too small to maintain even a basic level of public service. As a result, schools and other institutions are falling into disrepair and it is difficult to attract qualified teachers. Lack of IT equipment and teaching materials is also a problem and there are no proper after school activities available for the children.

When children leave elementary school, no further educational opportunities are possible. The municipality simply cannot afford to offer secondary education, and the municipal economy has deteriorated further after the latest cutbacks

on the state budget. Therefore, many young people aged 15 to 18 spend their day on the streets because it is virtually impossible to find a job.



Children in Bercini participating in a sack race

Under these difficult circumstances, the charity organisation Asociatia Second Chance works to improve the living conditions of the citizens in Bercini. The organisation has one employee only, a project coordinator. Apart from the project co-



centre as a dynamo in town

ordinator, roughly 200 volunteers work on various projects, for instance building playgrounds, collecting and fixing toys and donating them to children in the community. The organisation also arranges various sports activities for children and young people as well as events for the elderly.

All projects have so far been a success and the organisation therefore wants to go a step further. It plans to establish a new community centre where the town's 800 children and young people can play badminton, table tennis, do gymnastics and play handball. There will also be a football field outside.

The centre will also have other functions, for instance helping children with their homework, teaching maths, English and French as well as IT

“ The idea is that the community centre will become a force that unites the town... ”

and Internet support. Furthermore, there will be a library and various cultural activities for adults and elderly people.

The VELUX Foundations have supported this multi-functional community centre which the volunteers at Asociatia Second Chance expect will become a dynamo in the community and will support the children as they progress in life. The idea is that the community centre will become a force that unites the town, strengthens the feeling of community and gives people energy to work with the problems.

Country: Romania

Project organisation: Asociatia Second Chance

Project period: 2012-2013

Grant from the VELUX Foundations: DKK 2,310,000

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Social worker, teacher and nurse students participating in the project

A better child life in Greenland

There is general agreement that the conditions of children in Greenland need to be improved, and one of the most important things in this regard is to reduce sexual abuse of children. Accord-

ing to some studies, 9% of boys and up to 28% of girls aged 12-19 have been sexually abused. These figures are much higher than in the other Nordic countries, but several researchers believe

that the number of sexual abuse cases in small towns and villages in Greenland is much higher than the figures above suggest.

Fortunately, steps have been taken to change the situation. In 2010, the Self-Rule Government of Greenland established a special children's house in Nuuk that takes care of abused children. As for prevention and long-term improvement of children's situation, this is something that the volunteer organisation Meeqqat Inuunerissut (Better Child Life) takes care of. The organisation has planned a major project to prevent sexual abuse of children.

In autumn 2011, a national charity event broadcast on TV brought in more than DKK 1 million, and this amount grew tenfold following a grant from the VELUX Foundations. This provides a solid basis for the ambitious plans that Better Child Life aims to carry out by 2014. The plan is to raise awareness about sexual abuse of children, to influence people's opinions in a positive direction and change the behaviour of parents and relatives.

Over a period of three years the organisation will travel around Greenland with a large campaign container called Iluliaq. The container can be used for small events, exhibitions and classes for citizens who are going to become 'children's ambassadors'. These persons are to serve as role models and counsellors and will be the children's advocates in various contexts. The idea is that the container is transported to at least

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Vice Chairman Katrine Nathanielsen and project coordinator Nivé Heilmann packing letters for the project

ten of Greenland's 18 towns. Debates, concerts, role playing games for young people and similar events will also be arranged.

In order to reach a wider audience, Better Child Life is going to launch an extensive media campaign that includes posters, ads, TV commercials, radio and TV programmes and a website where you can get additional information and help. The organisation estimates that the campaign's message will reach 70% of Greenland's population. The people working on the campaign hope that the number of sexual abuse cases will decline by 10% over five years and that the positive effects will continue in the long term.

Country: Greenland
Project organisation: Meeqqat Inuunerissut
– Better Child Life (MIBB)
Project period: 2012-2014
Grant from the VELUX Foundations: DKK 10,439,000
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The project is going to help young mothers in Poland

Safe childhood on the Internet

Although living standards have improved significantly in Poland in recent years, the country still faces problems with children's living conditions which need to be dealt with. Paradoxically, one

of the problems on the rise is a result of Polish families having more money to spend. Families buy computers and Internet connections which children are allowed to use.

But besides the benefits of letting children learn to use IT, dangers also occur that have received little attention so far. Children risk exposure to harmful web content, being contacted by paedophiles, being bullied on the Internet or becoming addicted to computer games.

The highly respected Polish NGO Nobody's Children Foundation wants to address the potentially harmful consequences of increased IT use. In the years up to 2014 the organisation wants to carry out a number of initiatives, mainly locally based, to raise awareness among teachers, parents and children about the possible dangers of using IT and the Internet.

However, the methods to be used will be somewhat untraditional. Every year the plan is to make a national bidding round in which local associations, schools and other institutions can apply for funds to carry out local information campaigns and seminars or provide assistance to children who have encountered problems on the Internet.

The local players will be assisted by a specially developed website with guidelines and teaching material where the players can exchange experiences.

Furthermore, a conference for all local players is planned to be held every year in order to strengthen voluntary social work in Poland in the future.

There are two more problem areas to which Nobody's Children Foundation wants to apply its special method of having a centrally developed campaign model carried out by locally based organisations and institutions.



The children are fully concentrated learning about safe Internet conduct

One of the problems is abused children aged 0-3 in poorly functioning families. Child abuse is especially a problem for children who were born when the mother was under 19, and this is the case with one in three children in Poland. Furthermore, the organisation will work to bring down the use of corporal punishment of children in families and institutions. In this case, too, the method will be education and counselling of parents. The VELUX Foundations have funded Nobody's Children Foundation before and has once again chosen to fund the untraditional and exciting project.

Country: Poland:

Project organisation: Nobody's Children Foundation

Project period: 2011-2014

Grant from the VELUX Foundations: DKK 7,750,000

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"If you cannot talk, call." That is the message on the posters which the organisation has put up throughout Romania

Helpline for children in Romania

The poor economy in Romania has weakened the country's childcare institutions and schools. Many children in families, who have disintegrated during the economic downturn, suffer from

loneliness, depression and discrimination and in severe cases child abuse and exploitation in the form of child labour or trafficking.

For several years The Child Helpline Association, an independent organisation, has run a telephone helpline where children and young people can receive advice on their problems. The organisation is the only of its kind in Romania. It is completely dependent on financial contributions in order to be able to conduct its work, for which there is a great need. The Child Helpline receives phone calls from more than 150,000 children and young people per year. Besides lending a friendly ear, the Child Helpline's counsellors can give professional advice and refer to relevant authorities in case further help is needed.



The helpline for children and young people received much attention from the press when it opened

Furthermore, the organisation's counsellors often intervene directly and take personal contact to children and young people in case of an emergency situation. This happens thousands of times each year.

The VELUX Foundations have supported the Child Helpline twice in its endeavours to pro-

vide necessary and qualified help to children and young people with problems. The grants have allowed the organisation to expand its staff of social workers and psychologists and to give them a necessary upgrade in qualifications. Furthermore, it has been possible to extend the phone line's opening hours and to make the line open for parents, who increasingly use the helpline.

The helpline is now open from 8 o'clock in the morning until midnight, and the line is being promoted extensively through ads and press coverage.

The Child Helpline has also more resources now to react when prompt and direct help to socially at-risk children and young people is needed. Furthermore, the new financial situation and the higher number of employees enable the organisation to establish a more permanent partnership with authorities, schools and day care institutions so that the legislation and living conditions of children in Romania can be improved. ■

Country: Romania

Project organisation: The Child Helpline Association

Project period: 2011-2015

Grants from the VELUX Foundations:

DKK 377,571 and DKK 525,000

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The school is surrounded by snow many months of the year

An educational lift in Greenland's villages

Only 40% of Greenland's population has a qualifying education. This is especially a problem in Greenland's villages where the number of edu-

cated people is even lower. It is estimated that approximately 1,500 young people aged 16-30 have no education.

This group has to work in unskilled jobs that are often temporary. They are furthermore threatened by permanent unemployment and poor social relations, which often results in substance abuse problems.

In 2010 a pilot project for at-risk young people was initiated in the village of Itilleq. They were all unemployed or had dropped out of school. In a specially tailored programme almost all of the participants experienced a surge in motivation and subsequently started going to school in one of the bigger towns.

The good results from the pilot project are now to be spread all over Greenland. A large grant from the VELUX Foundations will make it possible to reach approximately 180 young people who will receive special support and counselling to get out of unemployment and into a qualifying educational programme.

The activities will be conducted in 12 selected

villages and will include special courses in elementary school subjects which will enable the young people to graduate with a 10th grade diploma. Simultaneously, the students and their families will receive personal counselling and support to choose which education to pursue. However, there are not many educational opportunities in Greenland and the distances between them are long. Transportation is therefore a major expense. It is pivotal for the students' motivation that they can visit their future educational institutions and that they can get help after having moved from the comforting community environment to the bigger towns where the schools and apprenticeships are located.

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Greenlandic students doing their school work

In the long term, the project is expected to lead to a change in attitude among the villages' inhabitants and make it more acceptable to get an education. At the same time, the project will raise the educational level and strengthen social development in the villages and Greenland as a whole. Greenland's Self-Rule Government will afterwards use the experiences from the project to launch long-term initiatives to maintain positive developments for children and young people in the villages.

Country: Greenland

Project organisation: Greenland's Self-Rule Government, the Department of Business and Labour Market, the Department for Education and Research

Project period: 2012-2017

Grant from the VELUX Foundations: DKK 16,400,000

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Grants to social projects outside Denmark 2007-2012

COUNTRY	APPLICANT	PROJECT TITLE	AMOUNT GRANTED DKK	YEAR
Poland	Danish Red Cross and Polish Red Cross	Windows of Opportunities – Social Project for Children and youth in Eastern Poland	8,162,853	2007
Poland	Nobody's Children Foundation	Childhouse Centre of Support and Protection for Children and Families at Risk in Warsaw	5,569,737	2007
Poland	BARKA Foundation	Vacation Camps for Disadvantaged Children and Child families	2,929,804	2007
Poland	SOS Children's Villages Denmark and Poland	Apartments for SOS families in Siedlce, Poland	2,791,961	2007
Poland	»The Little Prince« Hospice for Children in Lublin	VELUX roof windows, flashings and VELUX solar energy collectors for building the Sanatorium	276,244	2007
Hungary	Folkekirkens Nødhjælp – DanChurchAid – and Hungarian Interchurch Aid	You are not alone – Launching Support Services for Children and Families Facing Crisis	5,492,273	2007
Balkan countries	CCPA – Cross Cultures Association	Support to Football Schools for conflict reconciliation in Ex-Yugoslavia	3,000,000	2007
Hungary	Foundation for Equal Rights	Employment and Transition Home for Disabled Youth	4,487,435	2008
Hungary	Hungarian Maltese Charity Service Association of South Lowland Region	Straw Homeless Support and Rehabilitation Centre, Kecskemét, Hungary	6,480,856	2008
Romania	Rumæniens Projektet af 1992	The Youth Transfer Home Casa Clementina, renovation of buildings and education support program, Lugoj, Romania	248,000	2008
Bulgaria	UNICEF Denmark partnering with UNICEF Bulgaria	Support for Reaching the Unreachable Children, Vidin, Bulgaria	5,644,518	2008
Poland	Gdansk Foundation of Social Innovation	Academy Compass – Street centre project for disadvantaged children and youth	2,517,039	2008
Poland	BARKA Foundation for Mutual Help	The BARKA construction of two educational buildings	5,991,270	2008
Central and Eastern Europe – in general		Child Protection in Europe	4,583,086	2008
Poland	The Danish Centre for Visual Impairment, Children and Youth (Synscenter Refsnæs)	RoboBraille, education and improved life quality for blind and visually impaired children and youth	3,251,313	2009
Poland	Nobody's Children Foundation	Micro Grant project, »Threats to Children«	5,626,584	2009
Hungary	Folkekirkens Nødhjælp – DanChurchAid and Hungarian Interchurch Aid	The Andersen Job Training Programme	4,019,884	2009
Hungary	Bátor Tábor Foundation	A Turning Point for Seriously Ill Children	7,282,584	2009
Hungary	Hand in Hand Foundation	FECSKE Service	4,618,000	2009
Bulgaria & Romania	SOS Children's Villages	Micro Grant projects in Bulgaria and Romania	5,560,800	2009
Romania	Rumæniensprojektet af 1992	»Casa Clementina« Renovation, education and knowledge sharing programme	1,565,000	2009
France	Les Petites Soeurs des Pauvres	Renovation project »Ma Maison«, Dunkerque	1,862,548	2010
Poland	Danish Red Cross	Windows of Opportunities (follow-up study)	400,000	2010
Bulgaria	Int. Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies	Social programme for providing services and support to children and young people leaving social care institutions	8,516,562	2010
Hungary	Kék Vonal Child Crisis Foundation	Kék Vonal Computer Club Houses	4,411,193	2010
Bulgaria	Workshop for Civic Initiatives Foundation	Rainbow (Children and Youth Development Programme)	1,369,297	2010
Bulgaria	Association Demetra	Live skills education for successful social integration after care	891,198	2010
Poland	Specialist People Foundation	Specialisterne – Creating jobs for people with autism in Poland	5,657,448	2010
Poland	The Powisze Communal Foundation	Psycho-preventive community programme for children and youth at risk of social exclusion	5,563,237	2010
Romania	The Child Helpline Association	Strengthening the Child Helpline's human and logistics capacity	377,571	2010
Hungary	Danish Red Cross	Hope for vulnerable children	10,215,000	2010
Hungary	Baltazár Theatre Foundation	The development of Baltazár Theatre and Art Centre by an own home	6,789,182	2011
Poland	SOS Children's Villages	Construction of a youth facility in Koszalin, Poland	3,863,711	2011
Hungary	SOS Children's Villages	Renovation of six existing SOS facilities in Hungary	4,955,361	2011
Poland	Nobody's Children Foundation	Privileged Partner Framework application, Safe Childhood – preventing child abuse and neglect	7,750,000	2011
Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria, Romania, Czech Republic & Slovakia	IBA Kolding	VELUX scholarship program for Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria, Romania, Czech Republic and Slovakia	14,912,000	2011

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Hungary	Folkekirkens Nødhjælp (DanChurchAid)	Privileged Partnership	15,400,000	2011
Romania	The Child Helpline Association	Development and sustainability for the Child Helpline's services offered to the Romanian Children	525,000	2011
Poland	The Yes Society	Zakatek School	1,905,000	2011
Hungary, Bulgaria & Romania	Syncenter Refsnæs	RoboBraille in Central Europe	4,658,170	2011
Romania	General Direction of Social Assistance and Child Protection	Romanian-Danish Centre for Integrated Education	4,962,210	2012
Poland	Gdansk Foundation for Social Innovation	ArtHostel	6,850,000	2012
Hungary	Central European University	Roma Access Program	5,794,362	2012
Romania	Asociația Second Chance	Multifunctional centre, sports hall and outdoor facilities for sports and recreational activities	2,310,000	2012
Bulgaria	Danish Red Cross	Partners for Social Change	4,300,000	2012
Bulgaria	BIS BARD Theatre Formation Association	School for Arts and Crafts for Socially Disadvantaged Children	7,505,000	2012
Bulgaria	Hope and Homes for Children	Strategic deinstitutionalization and childcare reform in Bulgaria	7,997,355	2012
Bulgaria	New Bulgarian University	Suspending the process of marginalization of the Roma in the city of Kyustendil through creating a model of community development	7,100,000	2012
Bulgaria	Karin Dom Foundation	Modelling new services for children with disabilities in Bulgaria	3,194,405	2012
Poland	Doktor Piotr Janaszek Stiftung PODAJ DALEJ Foundation	Start-up for young disabled people	7,904,250	2012
Poland	GAJUSZ Foundation	Let me be – development of pediatric palliative care in central Poland	6,400,000	2012
Czech Republic	National Training Fund	Street work for children and youth	7,772,525	2012
Poland	Polish Association for Persons with intellectual disabilities	Self-reliance training – the way to autonomy and independent living of children and adolescents with intellectual disabilities	5,538,003	2012
Poland	Polish Red Cross	Windows of Opportunities Project Reload. Development of institutional and civic support networks for poorest children's social clubs	5,294,595	2012
Poland	The Autistic People Help Association »Together Forward«	Employment market opened for people with autistic spectrum disorders	7,950,000	2012
Greenland	Bygge- og anlægsskolen	Establishing a dorm for engineers, Sisimut, with A.P. Møller Fonden and others	22,500,000	2006
Greenland	Red Barnet	Centre for vulnerable children and young people in Upernivik	10,305,575	2007
Greenland	Grønlands Hjemmestyre, Familiedirektoratet, Cand.Psych. Connie Gregersen	Publishing the educational book »Social-pedagogical and psychotherapeutic treatment of children in Greenland«	295,000	2008
Greenland	Peter Sabroe Socialpædagogisk Seminarium	Pedagogical and social upgrading of skills for employees working with vulnerable children and young people in Greenland	1,924,200	2009
Greenland	Foreningen Grønlandske Børn	Children and neglect	1,459,000	2009
Greenland	Grønlands Selvstyre	Establishing a micro grant programme for children and youth projects in Greenland	1,200,000	2009
Greenland	Kommuneqarfik Sermersooq, Velfærdsforvaltningen	The House for Families' competence development programme: »Continuing education for life«	1,700,000	2010
Greenland	Qaasuitsup Kommunia	Family and prevention centre in Ilulissat (together with the A.P. Møller Fonden)	13,874,000	2010
Greenland	Børne- og ungehuset Mælkebøtten	Home for neglected children	5,005,270	2010
Greenland	Qasapermiut	Education of employees specifically regarding neglect	1,142,000	2010
Greenland	SFI - Det Nationale Forskningscenter for Velfærd	Social initiatives for children and young people in Greenland	340,000	2011
Greenland	Foreningen Grønlandske Børn	Conducting educational courses about children and neglect in Uummannaq, Upernivik and Kangaatsiaq	1,885,373	2011
Greenland	Departementet for Erhverv og Arbejdsmarked, Grønlands Selvstyre	Village project in Greenland	16,400,000	2011
Greenland	MIBB	Ever-widening circles	10,439,000	2011
Greenland	Velfærdsforvaltningen i Tasiilaq	Multi-playground in Tasiilaq, Eastern Greenland	775,000	2012
Greenland	Qeqqata Kommunia	Sisimut as sustainable arctic society 2020	2,000,000	2012
Greenland	Ungdommens Røde Kors	To create possibilities for young people in Greenland	5,389,059	2012
Greenland	Syncenter Refsnæs	Synthetic Greenlandic voice, Kalaallisut	7,831,964	2012
Greenland	Fonden Kanonen	Social initiatives for children and young people in Greenland	5,881,000	2012
Greenland	Landsforeningen LEV	Parents for change, improvements and progress – a project to benefit mentally disabled children and their parents in Greenland	6,500,000	2012

