

L'arche Korablja

- The Love That Unites US



Info Brochure



People With Intellectual Disabilities - Partners in Building Tolerance in Society, Not Just Mere Users of Social Services

People with intellectual disabilities are at higher risk of poverty and social exclusion, as much as 70% more than the average. There are prejudices in society that these people are a burden and a shame, that it is not pleasant to be near them and that they cannot contribute to the community in which they live. As a result, they are often seen solely as users of social services.

The Korablja Association through L'Arche community shares the experience that the sincere friendship of people with intellectual disabilities and people without such disabilities gives birth to a new quality in which everyone discovers their own vulnerability and need for belonging and acceptance, but also their own gifts and capacities for development and growth.



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Why Do We Exist

The Korablja Association exists to provide people with intellectual disabilities with a safe environment in which they can develop their talents, but also to allow us all experience a friendship in which the stigmas about people with intellectual disabilities are broken down.



Some of the common problems people with intellectual disabilities face are physical, social and emotional exclusion - lack of friends with whom they can build stable relationships, and inadequate integration into society.



In spite of this, together we discover that people with intellectual disabilities are not only a vulnerable group in society that needs help, but that they have a lot to give to the world - joy, authenticity, love, the most heartfelt support that all of us need, and a friendship that changes us.

What Social Services and Activities Do We Provide in the Community

Our programs grew out of the needs of people with intellectual disabilities who have not been included in regular rehabilitation programs for a long time.



They also grew out of the needs of people who, although involved in the programs of other institutions and organizations, need friends and support to participate in the life of the local community in which they live and their families' need for respite and support in maintaining work-family balance.

In order to adapt all our activities to the needs of people with intellectual disabilities, their families, but also to the needs of young volunteers and all members without intellectual disabilities, we include many other programs and innovative elements in these forms of social services.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Mobile team - Counseling and assistance to people with intellectual disabilities and their family members – Psychosocial support

Multidisciplinary team for the protection of the mental health of people with intellectual disabilities

Half-day programs – Korablja's workshop

Meetings of people with intellectual disabilities with members of the local community

Weekend programs - acquiring skills for independent living

Publications: Educational children's book "Story of Vedran"

Workshops with school children based on the "Story of Vedran"

Volunteering of people with intellectual disabilities in the local community (Korablja's second-hand goods fair, educational workshops in primary schools, sales exhibitions and other public events, visits to isolated members of the association)

Spirituality - every person, if it is his / her desire, is called to deepen his / her spiritual life in accordance with the religious tradition to which he / she belongs.

M'arka - a brand that includes everything we produce in the workshop, but also a line of clothing and accessories for everyday use

“ For me, L’Arche is a love that unites. To be in L’Arche means to be accepted. If it weren’t for L’Arche, everything would be empty for me, I wouldn’t have company, I wouldn’t have anyone to talk to, to communicate with. I love working in L’Arche’s workshop. Work calms me down. When I work, then I am a happy man.



— Ladislav, member of L’Arche Korablja

“ L’Arche is love and happiness.



— Irena, member of L’Arche Korablja

How Did We Come To Be?

The Korablja Association has existed since 2007 and is part of the network of L'Arche communities that have been active in more than 40 countries around the world for 57 years, all gathered within the international organization L'Arche International (www.larche.org).

L'Arche in Croatia was founded by a small group of people who wanted to show how people with intellectual disabilities are valuable not only to their family but also to the wider community and how they can, in their own unique way, contribute and be active in the society.

“ I have been a part of L'Arche since its beginnings. Touched by the difficult life circumstances of people with intellectual disabilities (life in large institutions, social isolation), we wanted to see a change for the better in society. We were encouraged to take concrete steps towards in realizing this dream by a sentence sent to us by a friend: “When a man dreams alone, then it is only a dream, but when more people dream together, then it can become a reality.” Today, in Korablja’s half-day stay, I work daily with friends with intellectual disabilities. Allowing their specific gifts to come to the fore is, for me, the best job in the world. That is, it is not a job, but a calling.

— Slavenka, workshop manager

Enter the Ark - Why Do We Need Your Support

In order for people with intellectual disabilities to be able to live their lives joyfully and with dignity, the support of the entire community, each of us, is needed. First, through their acceptance and understanding of their needs, and then through concrete help.



Become of on our donors, become a friend of people with intellectual disabilities, enter the ark, so that together we can create a world of friendship, support and love.

Your donation will help people with intellectual disabilities to develop their talents and thus contribute to creating a better world and better relationships.



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