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WHAT IS MAMA FOUNDATION?

MaMa Foundation is an NGO established in June 2006 in Warsaw by young, highly educated mothers. Activities of MaMa Foundation are based on the promotion of idea to increase the participation of mothers with small children in the local public life. The ideas and projects of MaMa Foundation are rooted in social economy and feminism.

The activities of MaMa Foundation include: social campaigns, cultural initiatives, workshops and trainings, legal, psychological and civil advice, artistic and educational projects.

MaMa Foundation directs its activities to: parents with children, national and local authorities and organizations, national and local media, refugees, residents of Warsaw.

EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITIES

- „O Mamma Mia! I cannot drive my pram in here!": social campaign for adapting public space for prams and wheelchairs;
- „Warsaw Housewives' Club": workshops for women and expert debates on the economic value of housework and partnership model at home;
- „Moms' Cooperative": social cooperative of unemployed mothers manufacturing and selling regional and local handmade products inspired by folk art;
- „Local Moms' Clubs": workshops and trainings for mothers with children;
- „MaMa Perform": performative workshops for mothers;



MODES OF WORKING

- the people who conduct everyday work for MaMa Foundation are mainly mothers;
- the activities of MaMa Foundation are supported by lawyers, psychologists, trainers, scientists and artists;
- MaMa Foundation cooperates with organizations working with refugees, various women's organizations, think-tank research entities, local authorities and public institutions;
- its projects are financed by: The Accor Foundation, The Warsaw Labor Office, Trust for Civil Society for CEE, European Social Fund;

RESULTS

- growing awareness of the importance of mother and child-friendly architecture and local public infrastructure;
- emphasizing that motherhood is not an obstacle to woman's personal or/and professional development;
- promoting young mothers and fathers' participation in the local public life;
- dissemination of innovative activities among other organizations and institutions in Poland and abroad (e.g. Germany, Ukraine);



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