

Rapport regarding *main activities* on two seminars in Ikast-Brande concerning the “Forward Together” with partners from Finland, Estonia and Latvia

Seminar in Ikast-Brande from Wednesday 31 - Friday 2 June 2023				
Activity	Relevance	Quality partnership	Quality in relation to the subject of the project	Effect
<p>Oksana Gorayvisit from the Ukrainian association 'Lastivka' gives a lecture about the association's work in the Ikast-Brande area and in Denmark</p> <p><i>See attached file</i></p>	<p>It is obvious relevant to hear what the Ukrainians have to say</p> <p>- in their own words - about being residents and/or refugees (in Denmark)</p>		<p>All partners gained a better understanding of the real needs of Ukrainians</p>	<p>It was uplifting to meet a representative 'in flesh and blood' from the Ukrainian refugees. And it was good for the Danish partners to make personal contact with the Ukrainian association 'Lastivka'</p>
<p>Lecture by consultant Anja Møller-Vestfal on “Integration of Ukrainians in Ikast-Brande Kommune”</p> <p><i>See attached file</i></p>	<p>The lecture was assessed as relevant by the participants. A good example of how a municipality in Denmark handles the reception of the Ukrainian refugees</p>	<p>The lecture provided an opportunity for the project's partners to be inspired and reflect on their own practice</p>	<p>See answer regarding dividends for partners</p>	<p>The lecture provided good learning and knowledge about reception and integration of Ukrainian refugees in Denmark</p>
<p>Guided tour at Museum Midtjylland</p>	<p>The guided tour of the Midtjylland Museum was a special experience, which gave insight to the industrialization of Danish rural</p>	<p>In a project collaboration, it is valuable to know each other's historical background. In meanings: "why have we become the way we are?"</p>		<p>The tour gave an interesting knowledge of Danish industrial history and the development of the Danish welfare society</p>

	towns. It helped to better understand the Danes in their development path to the present day			
Lecture about culture and health in relationship with the integration Ukrainians by special consultant Mikkel Ottow from Central Denmark Region <i>See attached file</i>	The lecture presented by the consultant Mikkel Ottow on culture and health in connection with the integration of Ukrainians (and others affected by a crisis) was so informative, sometimes touching and made us		The lecture made us see 'ordinary things' from a different side	It was a most interesting presentation which convincingly demonstrated how culture and mental health are closely related. It made the cultural field look from a new point of view: Society=Culture =Health
Summary	All together the seminar was an exciting and – in relation to the topic – fruitful seminar. We had a promising meeting with the Ukrainian association, heard about how the Danish municipalities receive the Ukrainian refugees, Danish history, and the importance of culture (read: libraries) for people in general and as here: the Ukrainian refugees			
Seminar in Ikast-Brande from Monday 11 to Wednesday 13 March 2024				
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Lecture and praxis about 'Shared reading' by Mette Steenberg from 'Læseforeningen' (Readers Association) in Denmark <i>See attached file</i>	'Shared reading' is relevant to the project because the method helps to bring people (including Ukrainian refugees) together in reading and conversations	Reading together and talking about what is read helps to form bonds between people - also in this partnership	The method: 'Shared reading' has the potential to be a qualitative and validated offer for Ukrainian refugees	The seminar participants of express, over a wide range, that they would like to try the method in their own libraries

	about common conditions and mirroring human life			
Lecture by Elena Tsedilina from the «Змістом» (Ukrainian NGO Organization) about the library's role in connection with internally displaced refugees in Ukraine	It was relevant and inspiring to hear about how the Ukrainian libraries have changed their services and invented new creative ways to help people.	The conversations about the Ukrainian libraries' challenges helped to create cohesion between the partners in the project	For the project participants, it was relevant to hear about what the NGO's and Ukrainian libraries themselves do to help the internally displaced refugees	Elena Tsedilina's lecture was interesting and it was good to hear about the efforts libraries in Ukraine have done for the displaced refugees as well as about the historical effects of Soviet censorship and propaganda causing problems for libraries in Ukraine today
Lecture by Victoria Mortensen (The Council on International Relations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark) on the churches' efforts for the Ukrainian refugees in Denmark.	The lecture was relevant as a practical example of how refugees can be helped	The conversation on the topic gave a good common understanding of the task	It was an eye-opening to hear about the study, where they studied refugees that had different kinds of trauma-backgrounds. It made me understand that only after the immediate needs (food, housing etc.) have been addressed, the refugees have the possibility to deal with their traumas and that usually this happens	The most important message was, that you need to know what people need so that you can offer the right kinds of services. If people don't come to library events, we probably aren't offering them what they need.

			approximately after two years from fleeing.	
Summary	<p>This seminar's presentations and the conversations along the way about Shared Reading, Ukrainian NGOs' great work in helping internally displaced refugees and the Danish church's work and experience with the reception and integration of refugees were meaningful and horizon-widening in advance of the project "Forward Together"</p>			