

Welcome to the third edition of the **You.Change.Com** newsletter!
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Community Actions Plans

The 6 partners of the project implemented the following 3 Community Action Plans during the period January 2018 - April 2018 in Spain, Greece and Cyprus, that took place at a discontinued/disused space or other relevant space related to the selected action:

Spain: Workshops for the empowerment of young people in the neighbourhood of “Los Almendros”, a ghetto area with a large population of roma youth, focusing primarily on social citizenship, commitment with the neighbourhood, sexual health and drugs.

Greece: Organisation of 8 educational theatrical workshops with the aim to sensitise the public on issues related to the Trafficking of Human Beings and the sexual exploitation of women.

Cyprus: Competitions of large-scale board games (e.g. chess, backgammon, etc.) in order to reinforce the interaction of citizens from various social groups.



Greece

The selected Action was the theatrical play called *“Princesses: A fairy tale for trafficking”*, which consisted in an educational theatrical play having as a theme the Trafficking of women”.

The purpose of the selected Action is the sensitisation of local community members on the major issue of trafficking of human beings for sexual exploitation, as well as on the social role of women, particularly women of vulnerable social groups. The sensitisation of the wider public was achieved through the enhanced and global information on sex trafficking, by bringing down myths around the sexual exploitation of women. The Education Drama for Trafficking of women took place in 8 different performances during March and April 2018 at two cultural centers provided by the Municipality of Athens, namely the Cultural Centre of the “Kypseli” Distict and the Cultural Space “Anna & Maria Kalouta” of the “Neos Kosmos” District of Athens.

The concept of the theatrical play is an allegorical drama that deals with real-life stories of four women who were victims of trafficking for sexual exploitation and have managed to escape from this slavery. During the actual plays, the audience was asked to actively participate through group educational activities aiming at the design of theatrical props and the 4 settings where the actors would perform. After the theatrical plays, the audience was asked to participate again through the performance of additional role-plays presenting the various possible ways through which a victim of trafficking could have escaped from its traffickers and saved. This group exercise was also performed in groups of four.

Cyprus

The idea that was selected was that by Marios Sotiriou whose project was titled **“Human Scale park”**.

The project was implemented on 16 April as part of the Agios Athanasios Municipality Easter event: **the event gathered approximately 600 people** and YouChange project was implemented as part of the event.

The community received the games with great enthusiasm and interest. It was exciting to see how recreational activities helped to bring together members of different age, background and ethnicity.



Spain

The **“CREATE YOUR OWN ENVIRONMENT”** project was implemented during the month of March 2018. A total of four (5) workshops, an educational talk and a final snack event were held on the last day as part of the project.

The 5 workshops were focused on:

- **Empower Yourself:** This workshop consisted in involving children to express their opinion about their neighborhood in a co-creation oriented exercise.
- **Hip Hop:** In the Hip Hop workshop the teacher showed the children a simple choreography, and finished the class doing relaxation exercises.
- **Mechanics:** In the mechanics workshop a boy from the neighborhood, interested in the subject and who has mechanics as a hobby, showed the young people how to use certain tools, apart from the odd basic lesson on mechanics
- **Sexual health:** The workshop involved activities and games about sexual diseases, prevention and contraception, facilitated by a professional from a Social Integration Center in collaboration with 2 Red Cross volunteers.
- **Hairdressing:** A young professional from the neighborhood provided training to the young girls of the neighborhood on how to make simple hairstyles.

One of the key lessons learned throughout the project implementation was the need to count on the help of people and professionals from the neighborhood. In this frame, Fundación Almería Social y Laboral (FASL) had the support of a work counselor working in the neighborhood, who helped FASL solving problems and giving advice on how to engage young people.

