

INCLUSION OF
YOUNG PEOPLE

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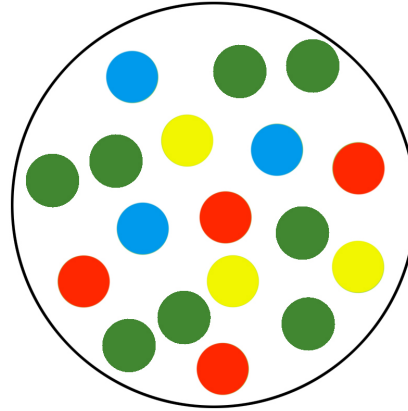
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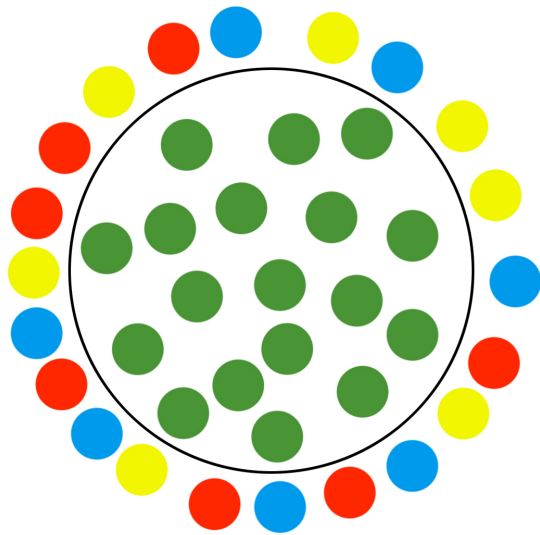
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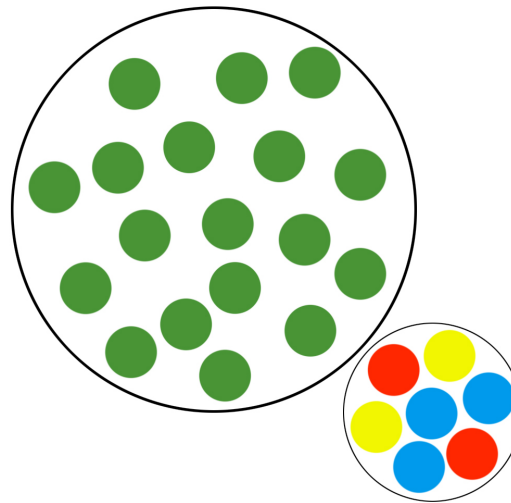
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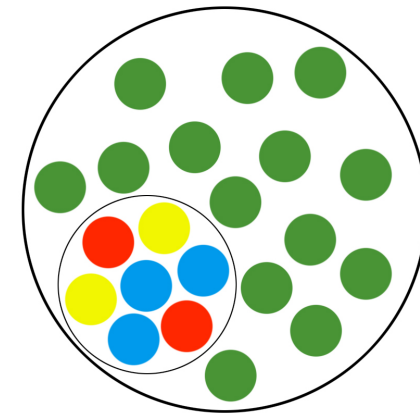
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SEPARATION



INTEGRATION

Rural development program (RDP) 2007–2013, Sweden

49 of 63 areas in Sweden had umbrella projects targeting youth

The umbrella projects were initiated by LAG – led by youth coaches

Target group: People between 13 and 25

Average cost: 1500 – 2500 Euros/project

Catchwords: By young people – for young people

Umbrella projects targeting youth RDP 2007–2013, Sweden

RESULTS

- ★ 331 subprojects, initiated by young people
- ★ 70 young people in youth LAG's
- ★ 9 new enterprises
- ★ 22 new organizations
- ★ 112 job opportunities
- ★ 146 (44 %) projects led to remaining activities
- ★ 114 new networks or cooperations
- ★ Economic support 400 000 Euros
- ★ Non-profit work worth 870 000 Euros

A successful method

- ★ A youth coach and a project manager was hired
- ★ The coaching included both outreaching and supporting
- ★ People between 13 and 25 developed an idea, alone or together with the youth coach
- ★ The project groups filled in an application and made a budget, alone or together with the youth coach
- ★ A youth LAG decided which projects that was granted
- ★ The project groups was implementing their projects and received continuous support from the youth coach with the planning, activities, contacts and marketing

12 positive effects

1. The bottom-up approach
2. Young people learn how to run projects
3. Young people make new contacts
4. There will be innovations
5. "Take-action" culture
6. Young people get to understand how society is organized
7. Rejuvenation and strengthening of the civil society
8. Young people get more self esteem and confidence
9. Makes the village more attractive
10. Makes young people believe in the future
11. Make young people's needs visible
12. Cooperation between generations

Wish list

- ★ Continue with youth projects/umbrella projects
- ★ Project manager
- ★ Knowledge and attitudes
- ★ Lift and spread young people's commitments
- ★ Beware of alibis
- ★ Set requirements for nomination committees

YOUTH IS NOT THE FUTURE
– THEY ARE THE PRESENT!