

The Friends of Disabled Society



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Description of our organization and its main activities



The Friends of Disabled Society

- ✓ non- governmental organization having legal status since 1992;
- ✓ main objective is to help people with mental problems and their families
- ✓ runs:
 - the Community Self-help Center in Lodz;
 - the Relationship Club in Lodz;
 - the Rehabilitation & Recreation Center in Jedlicze near Lodz:
 - Sheltered Flats
 - Therapeutic Care Unit (which provides round-the-clock care, social readaptation, hippotherapy and medical establishment)



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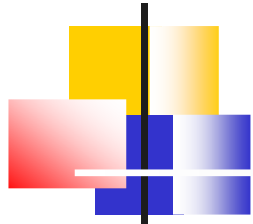
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- ✓ cooperates with: public & local authority, representatives of private & non-govenmental sector in Poland;
- ✓ gained rich experience on the field of **international cooperation** in Transnational Project SENDI
- ✓ is the leader and administrator of two partnerships in the frames of Community Initiative EQUAL
- ✓ the „**LODOLAMACZE**” price winner in 2007 and in 2008
- ✓ the most important implemented projects:
 - Polish-Scottish (1999-2001);
 - Coalition for Breaking Social Barriers KLOS (2004-2008)



Coalition for Breaking Social Barriers KŁOS

„The best human investment”



Implemented from the European Social Found resources in the frames of Community Initiative EQUAL from 2004 to 2008;

Constitued from initiative of the Friends of Disabled Society in Lodz;

Partners: Zgierz Community, University of Lodz - Faculty of Management, Social Support "Me - You - Us" Association, Primary and Secondary Schools in Grotniki, Roman-Catholic Parish in Grotniki;

Beneficiaries: long-term unemployed persons, mentally diseaded persons

The main objective is come back to labour market of people from rural areas thanks to running and testing a dual model of social firm (Social Economy Center & the Training Center - Hotel);



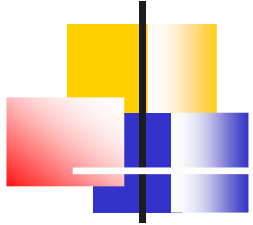
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The main results of the project are:

- ✓ creating new tools of occupational readaptation of persons excluded from the labour market;
- ✓ developing the solutions of managing social firms run by the non-governmental organizations;
- ✓ developing the model of co-operation with local environment (specific attitude to business);
- ✓ developing the methods of spreading the knowledge about social economy;
- ✓ developing the methods of management and financing of social firm and supporting structure for social firms (Social Economy Center);
- ✓ improvement of beneficiaries' situation on the labour market;
- ✓ Polish social firm bill.





Thank you for your attention