



**“SYNAPSIS Different Things Workshop”,**

is the first social enterprise for persons with autism in Poland,  
established in March 2007.

Created within the framework of the “Partnership for Rain Man”  
project with financial support from  
the European Social Funds within Community Initiative EQUAL.





***“SYNAPSIS Different Things Workshop” employs:***

- 24 persons with autism
- 20 Job Trainers

Management team:

- manager
- designer
- administrator





## **SITUATION**

### **of persons with autism at the beginning of the project (2005)**

- dramatically low level of employment and social activity of persons with autism
- lack of specialized institutions working for inclusion and employment of persons with autism
- lack of social awareness concerning needs of persons with autism
- lack of specialists prepared to work with adults with autism
- great difficulties experienced by NGOs, when starting up initiatives aiming at social and vocational inclusion of persons with autism





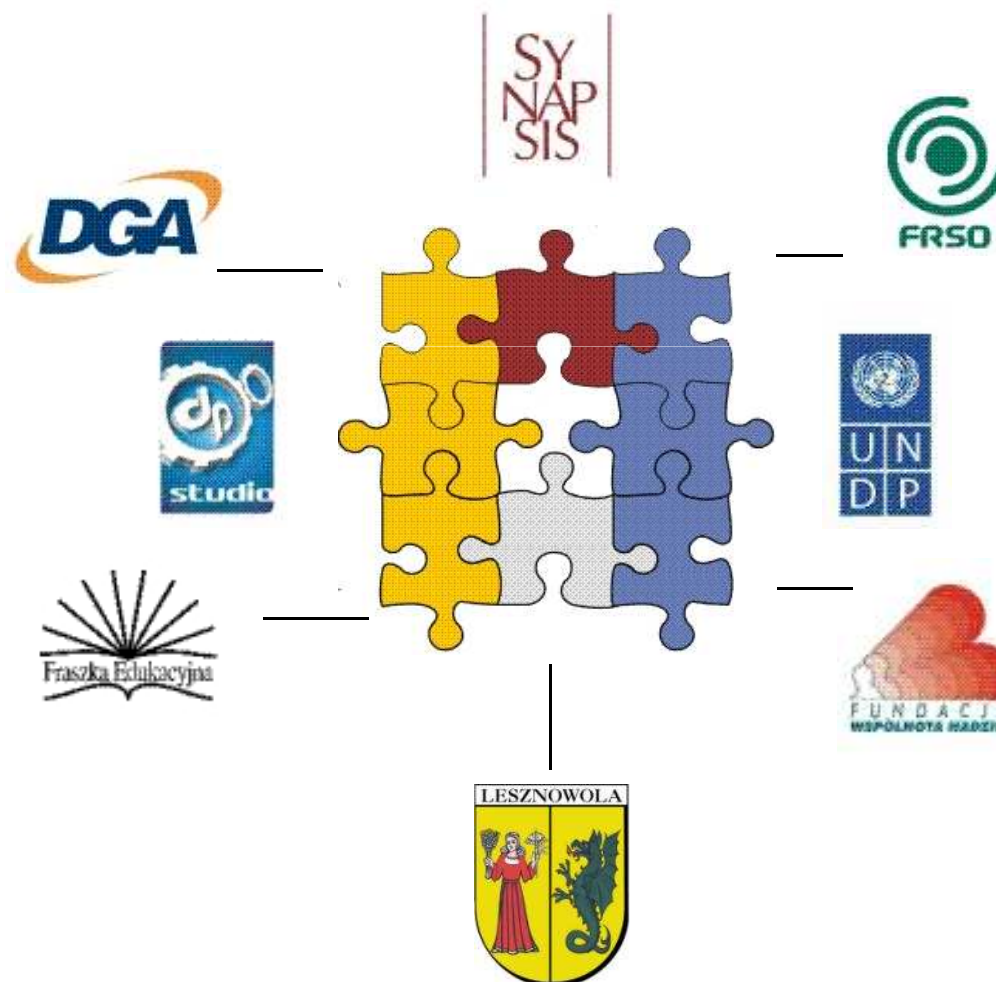
## **RESULTS** **of the “Partnership for Rain Man” project:**

- the first, model social enterprise for persons with autism
- market profile of the enterprise
- professional Job Trainers’ Team
- employment of 24 persons with autism
- model of work preparation and social skills’ improvement
- model of cooperation between NGOs and local authorities
- integration of the enterprise with local community
- social campaign promoting social inclusion of persons with autism



## The project was made possible by the cooperation of 8 institutions representing 3 sectors:

- SYNAPSIS Foundation
- Lesznawola Municipality
- Civil Society Development Foundation
- United Nations Development Programme
- Consultancy Company DGA S.A.
- Community of Hope Foundation
- Advertising Agency DD Studio
- Fraszka Edukacyjna Publishing House





**OUR AIM WAS**

**to connect**



**RULES OF ECONOMY**

**+**

**VALUES OF CIVIL SOCIETY**

**+**

**SUPPORT OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**





## The “Partnership for Rain Man” project was awarded

- **European Enterprise Award**  
Awarded by the European Commission on national level
- **Good Practices European Social Funds 2008**  
Awarded by the Ministry of Regional Development











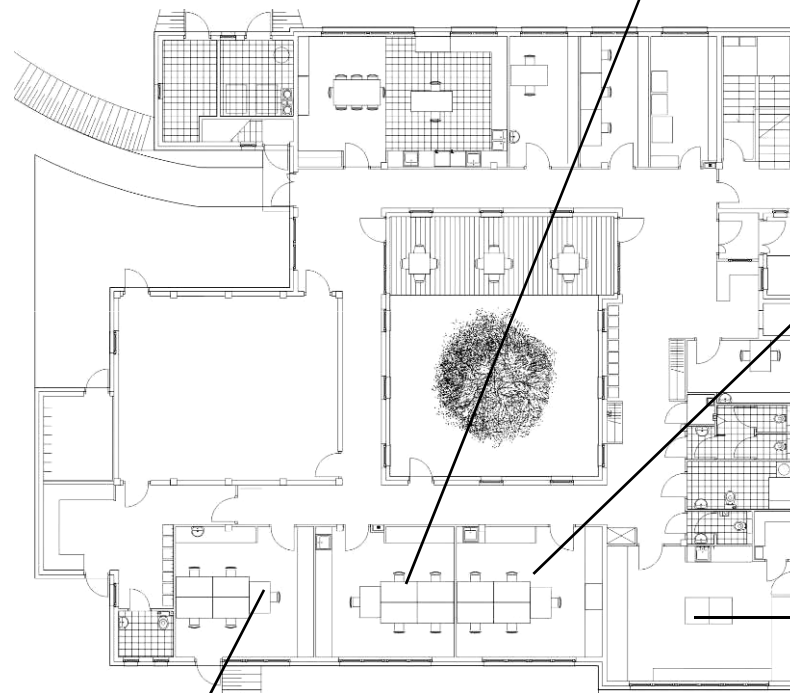
## Four workshops:

Stained glass

Ceramics

Woodcraft

Bookbinding





**CERAMICS**

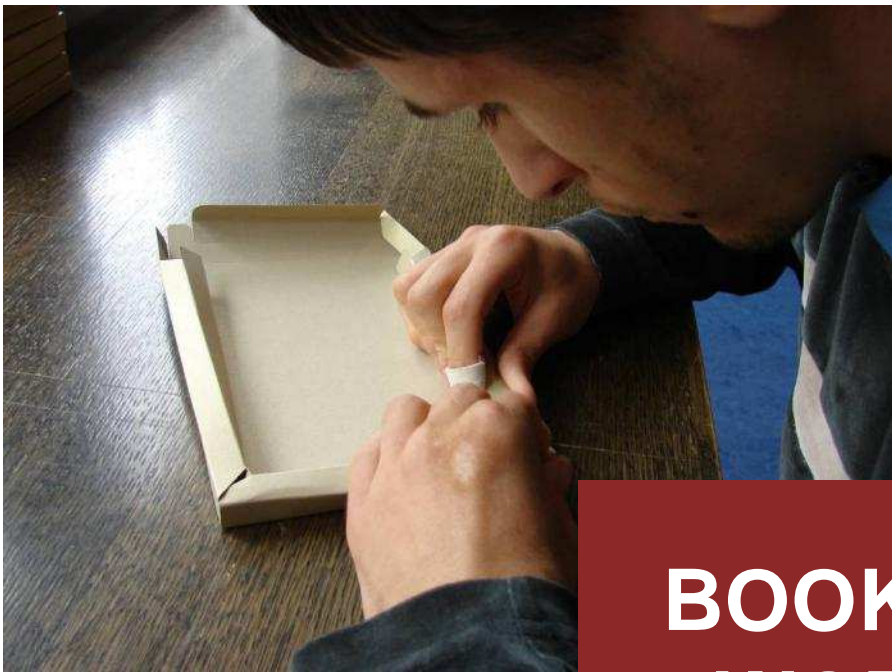


**Ceramics workshop  
– 9 persons work here**





**BOOKBINDING**



**BOOKBINDING  
WORKSHOP**  
– 12 persons work here





**STAINED GLASS**



**STAINED GLASS**  
– 6 persons work here





**WOODCRAFT**



**WOODCRAFT  
WORKSHOP  
– 6 persons work here**





**PRODUCTS  
OF  
THE WORKSHOP**



**Thank you for your attention**

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