

Information leaflet on a nature training and awareness-raising project

Context

City / Country: Graz, Austria **Structure :** LebensGross

Website: https://www.lebensgross.at/en/

Field of activity: Support and training centre for people with disabilities (motor and

cognitive) and professionals in the medico-social sector.

Identified needs

Lebensgross has produced an initial information brochure on the European INE (Inclusive Nature Experience) project. The project managers wanted to improve the design and accessibility of the document. So they asked the Les Apprimeurs team to come up with a plain-language adaptation of the document.

Objectives

The aim of this document is to inform the project's target audiences about the opportunities and activities offered by the INE project. The leaflet will be freely available, distributed at events and sent by email.



Target groups

The document is aimed at:

People with cognitive disabilities

- People with oral/written communication difficulties
- People who are far removed from culture, education and nature
- The professionals who work with them
- Carers (families, friends, volunteers, etc.)

Existing

First version of the 3-part double-sided leaflet



Why was this project set up?

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INE is the acronym for Inclusive Nature Experience. It is a project as part of the Erasmus+ programme, which is funded by the European Union.

The climate crisis and the decline in biodiversity affect everyone in society.

In addition to knowledge about environmental protection, it is also necessary to be emotionally involved: experiencing and connecting with nature strengthens the willingness to protect it.

On the other hand, our everyday life is getting faster and the associated stress leads to mental strain and illness. Nature is becoming increasingly alien to us and we do not get enough exercise.

Consciously experiencing nature again and reconnecting with it is an important step for the quality of life of all people.

People with intellectual disabilities, people with learning difficulties and people with fewer opportunities often have limited access to nature. They are hardly aware of the health benefits of nature and hardly experience nature in their everyday lives.

Website

..... ine-project.eu



Contact

How can I get involved? projects@lebensgross.at

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INE

Inclusive Nature Experience

LOGO



Project information

TARGET GROUPS

- · Adults with and without disabilities, especially intellectual disabilities (focus on young adults)

 People with learning difficulties

 Marginalised people

 People with fewer opportunities
- · Youth workers

- Social workers
 Nature mediators
 Carers for people with disabilities

PARTNERS

The INE project involves four partners from Austria, Slovenia, Romania and France.



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What do we want to find out?

- 1. What is the connection between health, well-being and experiencing nature?
- 2. How can you do something for your health and at the same time learn something about nature, biodiversity and climate protection?
- 3. What do people with disabilities need to be able to use this knowledge for themselves?

Results

The INE Curriculum supports facilitators and nature educators in facilitating inclusive nature activities.

INE promotes health and environmental awareness among people with disabilities and learning difficulties through the INE Ebook and the INE Inspiration Cards.

INE promotes networking between relevant organisations and raises awareness through the INE Guide and Regional

Project aims

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WHAT DO WE WANT TO ACHIEVE?

The aim is to improve opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities, learning difficulties or fewer opportunities to benefit from and learn about nature

The benefits include health, well-being and informal learning of ecological skills.

We believe that our perception of nature depends on our personal attitude.

Experiencing nature helps to develop ew perspectives and behaviours

INE aims to pave the way for an individual approach to nature through multisensory, informal education.

participatory process to jointly develop practical materials and tools that promote an environmentally friendly and healthy lifestyle.





Proposal

Rather than a leaflet in 3 sections, which makes it more difficult to handle and access the information, we proposed a document in A5 format folded in half.

We chose **a flat font**, Century Gothic. This font is also interesting because it saves over 30% of ink compared to other fonts.

We have streamlined the text to keep only the essential information.

We have restructured the entire document with headings, boxes and bulleted lists.

Adaptation process

The first meeting took place on 23 October 2024. We then made an initial proposal and exchanged e-mails before finalising the document and carrying out the translations.



Final proposal

What is the connection between:

- health.
- · well-being,
- and experiencing nature?

How can you improve your health and learn about:

- nature,
- biodiversity,
- and climate protection?



Find out how with INE project!

We believe that nature helps us live better every day.

INE project wants to help people with:

- · learning difficulties,
- intellectual disabilities,
- or fewer opportunities

to enjoy nature to improve their health and well-being.

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CONNECT WITH NATURE. CONNECT WITH YOURSELF.

The climate crisis causes a lot of anxiety for everyone.

Many people are disconnected from nature because of:

- or their lifestyle.

It is important to reconnect with nature to reduce anxiety and improve well-being.

Experiencing nature helps you:

- to relax
- to feel happier
- to understand why biodiversity is important
- to preserve nature.

INE involves:

4 organisations from Austria, Slovenia, Romania









What is INE?

INE helps people enjoy nature to feel better and be healthier.

Who is INE for?

- People with disabilities, learning challenges, or anyone who wants to enjoy nature.
- Youth and social workers, carers...

Results and activities



INE Curriculum to train educators and carers to implement inclusive nature activities



INE E-Book and INE Inspiration Cards

to share ideas about health and nature with people who have disabilities or learning challenges



INE Regional Conferences and INE Guide to connect groups and share knowledge



How to join?

Write us an email at: projects@lebensgross.at

Feedback and assessment

The new version of the template has been evaluated by:

- -> people with cognitive disabilities
- -> accessibility and plain language experts

Coverage

We changed the cover image.

The first image was judged to be too dark and not very evocative by the target audiences.

The second image was judged to be too complicated to read by the target audiences.

The third image has been validated.









WHAT NATURE
CAN DO FOR YOU?

INCLUSIVE
NATURE
EXPERIENCE
INE-PROJECT.EU



Version 3

Version 4

We have also rearranged the titles and information.

The catchline was reworked with the target audience.

We've avoided putting too much text on the visual to make it easier to read.

In the end, the target audience chose Century Gothic over Lexend font.



Text

We've reworked the text with a number of different reading levels.

We asked ChatGPT to work with a language level similar to the European Framework of Reference for Languages.

We then made the necessary adjustments with the collaboration of the target audience.

Languages available

The document has been translated into English, Austrian, French, Slovenian and Romanian.