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Project Fact Sheet

Workshop 8

“Managing Gender and Diversity – Key Competencies in Cultural and Citizenship Education?”

	Section	Indications of content
1	Title of project	One Thousand and One Empowered
2	Location (City/Country)	Utrecht / The Netherlands
3	Main topics (select 5 max)	Inclusion of immigrant women, volunteering, chain approach, integrated policy, participation, citizenship
4	Practice-related keywords (5 max)	Validation of prior learning, training and counselling for organizations, language courses and empowerment training
5	Brief description of project (150 words)	<p>The One thousand and One Empowered programme has the ambitious goal to enhance the social inclusion of 50.000 female immigrants in the Netherlands by promoting their participation in/through volunteering. Through a coherent set of activities – including language courses, empowerment training, low profile participation, volunteering, and eventually access to labour – female immigrants can gradually strengthen their position in Dutch society.</p> <p>As an important precondition for success, volunteer organizations and institutions are offered training and counselling to adjust their organizations to the needs and wishes of women from different cultural backgrounds.</p>
6	Objectives of project	To enhance the social inclusion of 50.000 females immigrants in the Netherlands and to enable the local government to work with a chain approach to make programmes and to come up with activities for female immigrants to strengthen their position in society and to enable them to participate.
7	Impact of the project on education and social cohesion (250 words)	<p>The impact on education is to upgrade the (practical) knowledge of the immigrant women of the Dutch language by letting them volunteer in a Dutch-speaking environment on the one hand and by offering language courses on the other hand. Very often immigrant women are too shy to speak Dutch in public. Their opportunities to strengthen their position become much better once they are willing and able to speak Dutch on a practical level.</p> <p>But it's not only up to the immigrant women. Also the volunteer organizations and institutions need to prepare themselves for the coming of immigrant women into their organizations as volunteers. The programme One thousand and One Empowered can only become a success:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When all the parties involved in the programme are willing to cooperate and to work within the frame of a chain approach; • When the local government has an integrated vision on encouraging participation; • When there is a local business plan for the programme of One thousand and One Empowered;

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8	Target groups	Female immigrants, local government, volunteer organizations and institutions on national and local level, volunteer centres, local women's groups.
9	Project methods/ Project format	Chain approach and participation wheel
10	Project Time scale	2008 – 2011
11	Project Initiator	MOVISIE with funds of the Dutch Ministry of Education
12	Resources involved (financial, human, others)	There are twenty-five municipalities that receive from the Ministry of Education a budget of € 50.000 per year for the programme One Thousand and One Empowered. Each of them should add another € 50.000 from their own resources.
13	Evaluation/Materials	
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