

## THE RESULTS OF THE RECRUITMENT FOR THE PROJECT 'LIBRARY AS A MEETING PLACE FOR MANY CULTURES' ARE ALREADY KNOWN

**45 libraries will take part in the project 'Library as a Meeting Place for Many Cultures'. 9 county partnerships from 4 voivodeships submitted applications for the project.**

**We received 8 application forms from voivodeships in which the recruitment was conducted: two from the Opole Voivodeship, two from the Pomeranian Voivodeship, and four from the Varmian-Masurian Voivodeship. There was one application of a partnership from the Lesser Poland Voivodeship, where the recruitment was not conducted. The commission decided to accept all the partnerships that had applied for the project.**

The application forms submitted by the county partnerships were assessed by the committee consisting of:

- **Tatjana Glazko** – of Lithuanian descent, a painter by profession, a volunteer and a translator at the Association for Legal Intervention, where she works with refugees. A multicultural library mainly means for her 'friendly atmosphere, literature and meetings which often are the only chance to go outside a centre or a hospital to start the relationship with environment and to share with others one's own culture'.
- **Lena Rogowska** – a culture animator, an anti-discrimination trainer and a rapper, cooperating with the Association of the Practitioners of the Culture. She mostly spends her daily routine on working with people experiencing difficulties with access to culture because of social or economic reasons such as girls from juvenile detention centres, young refugees, teenagers from remote villages. 'A place which is open for people and operates for people who usually don't arrive here' means a multicultural library for her.
- **Katarzyna Urbanowicz** – an educated and passionate librarian. Every day she manages a team of librarians in the 'Book Stop' in Ochota district in Warsaw. In her free time she realizes her potential as a community worker and a trainer. The most important thing in the multicultural library for her is 'that everybody should feel at home there, that it would be a place with no religious or ethnical boundaries, where every participant of the meeting feels that she or he has something to contribute by sharing her or his knowledge and observations, preferably in a multigenerational team'.
- **Bogna Włodarczyk** – the coordinator of the project 'Library as a Meeting Place for Many Cultures'. For a few years she has been carrying out projects connected with the development of Polish libraries – at present in the Information Society Development Foundation, earlier in the CAL Association. A multicultural library mainly means for her 'a place where people different from each other in many ways can meet, start new relationships, learn from each other, create something new and valuable together'.

### The criteria:

- Prior engagement of libraries which belong to a county partnership in working with cultural minorities.
- Cooperation of libraries with the local community (including representatives of cultural minorities).



- Innovative ideas for future activities and possibilities to use them by other libraries.
- Prior cooperation of libraries belonging to a county partnership.

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