



Annual Report Downkids International foundation 2015

The annual report of the Downkids International (DKI) foundation gives an overview of the activities that took place last calendar year.

Setting up trainings in basic motor skills (BMS)
Setting up trainings in self-reliance for Down
Research into the development of an online platform in the form of a game
Sponsor activities with the Lions club NHN

Other projects:

Slovakia and Hungary

Learning partnership Grundtvig 2/Erasmus

Shared objectives: self-reliance and job creation.

This project lasted for two years.

In March, a total number of 14 guests, including a number of Down youth, visited Kosice in Slovakia.

On the first day, the guests from Hungary and the Netherlands joined Slovakian youth to rehearse a play under the guidance of a Dutch director.

On the second day we visited an ethnological museum.

Kosice has an old town center, where we experienced a pleasant time in the evenings.

The foundation in Slovakia was unable to make any progress with the government with respect to job creation.

By giving performances, the youth attempt to generate some income and during the day they were busy rehearsing.

One of the youth had clearly made progress as the result of being assigned a buddy.

The buddy took her to the cinema and also to the café. Moreover, they participated in sports together, giving the youth more self-confidence.

Peru:

A second training took place in the fall of 2015. This training proceeded successfully.

Thus far, 60 physiotherapists have been trained. Our three selected physiotherapists to take the lead in Peru are both serious and supportive.

In the meantime, our contact person has moved to a bigger city in order to expand her work for Down syndrome.

We received the amount of € 20,000 from the NSGK (the Dutch Foundation for the Handicapped Child) and Lions International to conduct research into the possibility of creating an online game. The Lions Club North Holland and Lions International

raised this amount by organizing a Mystery Movie evening. In addition, several steady sponsors have continued to give us financial support this past year!

Online game:

Down Syndrome Nederland is prepared to work together with us.

Together with a group of Down youth, employed at the Westergas fabriek in Amsterdam, we had a meeting with advertising agency IJfontein to research how they deal with the computer and telephone.

As the result of above experiences, IJfontein drafted a plan. This plan is brief and needs to be expanded. Meanwhile, a number of funds have been contacted in writing with a request for financial support.

Board of Downkids International

Len Dingler	chairperson
Jet Stoutenbeek	vice chairperson
Peter Fokker	secretary
Judith van Overbeek	treasurer

The board meets 4x per year.

Third parties are hired for specific assignments.

An audit report for the financial year has been submitted.

DKI maintains sound contact with the Dutch Down Syndrome Foundation, The Upside of Down, NSGK and other network partners.

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