



International Women's Club of Sofia  
Since 1989

# CHARITY FOUNDATION



# AGENDA



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# ABOUT IWC CHARITY FOUNDATION



The Charity Foundation of the International Women's Club – Sofia IWC aims to assist Bulgarian groups and institutions to more effectively meet the needs of the most marginalized populations in the country, especially, but not exclusively

- Women;
- The elderly;
- Children deprived of parental care;
- Those who are mentally or physically disabled
- and ethnic minorities.

# PROJECT'S PORTFOLIO



- In 2016 the IWC Charity Foundation leadership continue to make some significant improvements towards making the charity more open to different needs by adding new charities in our portfolio.
- This is a process that begun in 2012 as a response to the constantly changing environment on one hand, and on other hand that was our main goal to create a diverse portfolio of different projects.

# PROJECT'S PORTFOLIO - 2



## New Projects:

- **The Duke of Edinburgh International Award** – the purpose of this program is to support young people's development in certain key areas, and to create a program that would be a 'do-it-yourself kit in the art of civilized living'.

# PROJECT'S PORTFOLIO - 3



## New Projects:

- **Association Solidarnost** - The basic activity of Solidarity Association is the development of a rehabilitation and re-socialization program for drug dependent people, based on the therapeutic community model. The program was established in 2003.

# PROJECT'S PORTFOLIO - 4



## New Projects:

- **Kofoeds Skole** – This is an independent, non-profit humanitarian organization that provides help in order to promote self-reliance for people with socio- economical problems. The school operates on a pedagogic model – help to self-help – to address problems associated with long-term unemployment, social isolation and loneliness.



# PROJECT'S PORTFOLIO - 5



## New Project based on partnership with external funding:

- **DreamUP** is the international programme for education through art was launched in 2015 by **Foundation BNP Paribas** and reaches 30,000 underprivileged youngsters benefiting from it in 26 countries. The project will last 3 years with the purpose of encouraging and developing each child's individual talent.
- In Bulgaria, the **International Women's Club** was chosen by Foundation BNP Paribas as its **DREAM<sup>UP</sup>** partner. During the first year of the programme 36 Bulgarian children from 4 to 16 years from 3 social homes for children participated in regular lessons revolving around drawing, pottery and dances. For the second year theater classes will be included in the programme followed later by other artistic activities.





# FUND'S DISTRIBUTION PROCESS



1. Call for papers – from mid December till Mid January;
2. Charity Committee – open for IWC members;
3. The IWC board approves the budget for the current year;

**Important:** The application process and the fund's distribution is supervised and regulated by the current board of IWC Charity Foundation currently represented by Maria Ilieva – Charity Chairperson (Bulgaria), Angela Bird – IWC President (UK), Kelsa Smith Mouskorova – Treasury (USA) and Toi Castelló i Reñé – Bazaar Coordinator (Spain).

None of them **CAN NOT** make independent decisions or to distribute funds without board approval.

# ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY



The **Charity Foundation of IWC** is following the standards for accountability and transparency by providing regular information on what is happening in the Foundation through various tools:

- by publication of information in the newsletter of the club;
- information posted on IWC's website, which is public and available to anyone interested;
- by announcing and publishing financial statements, presentations and meetings.

# ACHIEVEMENTS



- **Application process** - Since 2012 the leadership of the Charity Foundation developed new application procedures including application forms.
- The last update of the application forms were in December 2015 when the beneficiaries were required to provide information about their financial situation, to describe other resources of funding and clear descriptions of the project.
- **The Contracts for donations** - Till 2012 the Charity Foundation of IWC –Sofia didn't have clear contract procedure and the organization used protocols for donations.
- This motivated the Charity Foundation's leadership to launch a procedure for development of contracts and any single contract more or less to be designed to the specific requirements of the respective donation.