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## **ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP IN STUDY CIRCLES**

### **Background**

Study circles are demanded method of informal learning and socialising all around Slovenia that enables quality leisure time, develops social capital, stimulates lifelong learning and contributes to development of civil society.

### **Reading with Manca Košir**

Study circles Reading with Manca Košir are exclusively dealing with reading of literature and spreading of reading culture in local environment across Slovenia.

### **Access to Language Learning by Extending to Groups Outside – ALLEGRO**

The project aims to find ways to bring less widely used languages to disadvantaged groups through innovative approaches to the teaching of languages. The emphasis of the project is to take language learning outside traditional educational institutions and bring it to people who are for a variety of reasons restricted in their opportunities to take part in language learning. Since our target groups are very different, namely imprisoned, blind and weak-sighted, deaf and hard of hearing, people with head injuries and deficiencies in mental development, disabled students and war veterans, elderly, women recovering from breast cancer, it is crucial to use the method which enables adaptation to their needs and specialities. The method of study circles makes that possible. Besides that participants are able to decide the frequency and length of each meeting. Languages are taught in variety of ways using songs, games, physical activities, producing posters and publications, visiting cultural centres and museums, which is adding a cultural dimension to the project as well as contributing to the raising of foreign language awareness.

### **General Study Circles**

Overview of circles that could be understood as Active Citizenship Study Circles – Good Practices.

### **Is there a need for specialised Study Circles for Active Citizenship?**