

INSTITUTION FOR SUPPORTING CIVIL INITIATIVES AND MULTICULTURAL COOPERATION PEKARNA MAGDALENKE MREŽE



Institution for supporting Civil Initiatives and Multicultural Cooperation Pekarna Magdalenske mreže was established in 1997. In Cultural Centre Pekarna the Institution used the following spaces: hall Gustaf, spaces in Administrative building and managed exhibition hall Hladilnica.

Primary, the activities of Institution were connected on the field of culture and arts (concerts, exhibitions, theater, cinema) and civil initiatives (connecting people inside the Culture centre Pekarna, communication with the Municipality of Maribor in connection with the regulation of infrastructure in CC Pekarna, networking on local, national and international level with related organizations and initiatives with the aim to improve situation of so-called alternative culture). In 1999 the youth, counseling and informative program strengthened and the Youth

informative and counseling center INFOPEKA was established. A strong program of voluntary work by young people for young people was established alongside free professional counseling for young people in distress and free access to information technology.

Since 1999 the Municipality of Maribor supports programs and projects of Institution by public calls for proposals.

In 2006 the Institution in collaboration with EVS volunteers (now Otto Prod) created small exhibition space La Vitrine in the entrance of CC Pekarna.

In 2010 the Institution organized international conference New Times – New models where the starting points for management model of CC Pekarna were outlined. In the period of renovation of the Administrative building (2010 - 2012) the Institute was relocated on different locations.

Currently, the Institution has spaces in Administrative building in CC Pekarna, Gallery on Koroška 18 and residential ateliers in Vetrinjski dvor. It has status of organization in public domain on the field of youth (from the Ministry of Education's Office for Youth) and the fields of culture (from the Ministry of Culture) and is the member of Program council Pekarna as program coordinator. It is also a member of Trans Europe Halles (TEH) network, which connects independent European organizations from the fields of culture. Other networks where the Institution participates: network MaMa, Institutions of non-governmental field of youth Pohorski bataljon, CNVOS, Association and Slovenian network of volunteer organizations.

At the annual level we carry out about 2500 events.



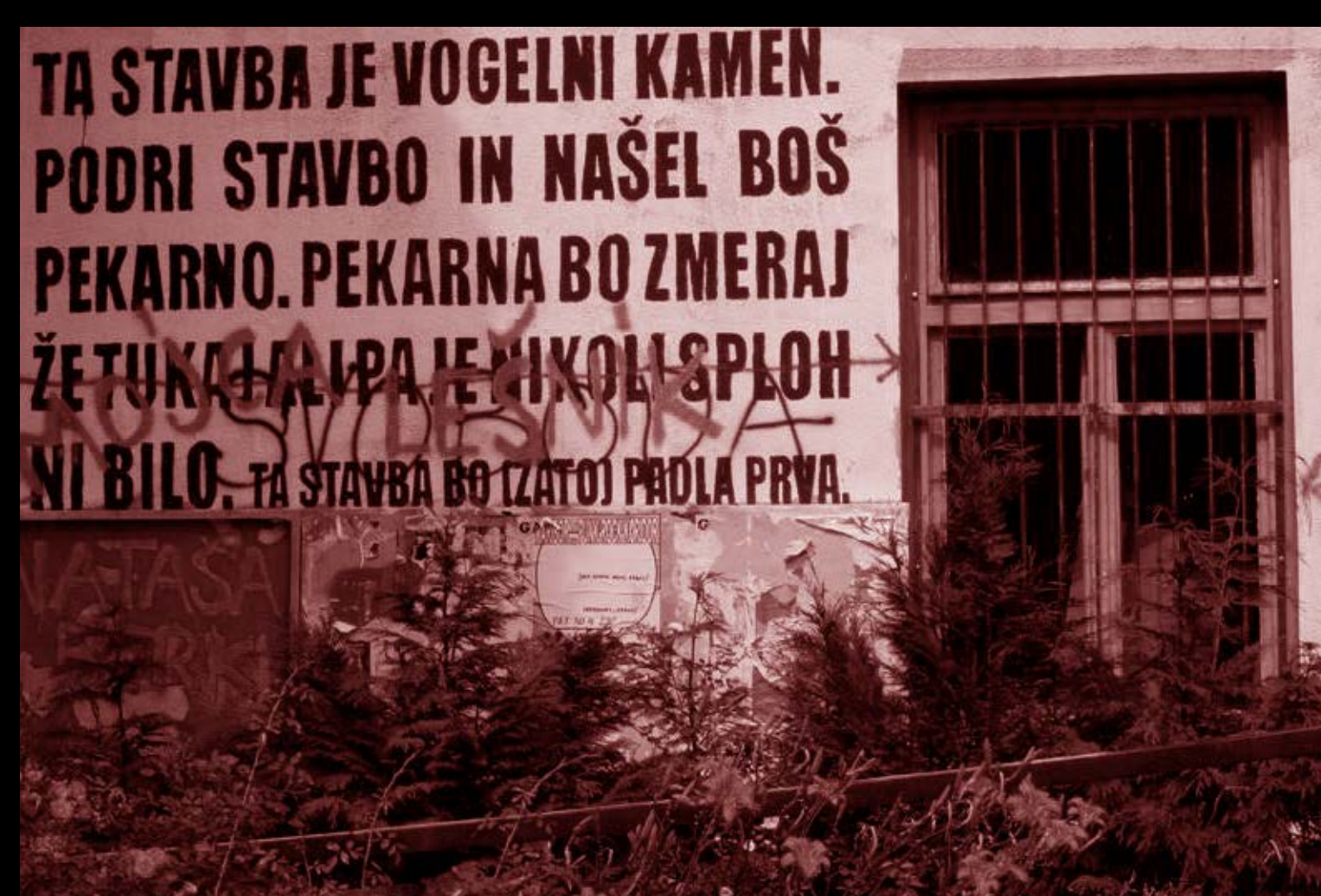
YOUTH PROGRAM

Under the name Youth informative and counseling centre INFOPEKA all institution's youth programs have found a home. Youth programs consist of: voluntary work, formal and non-formal education (Theatre of the Oppressed, Borderless world, Workshops and seminars of critical literacy, Rosa's school of labour rights, etc.), counseling (individual professional counseling for young people with learning difficulties, difficulties in communication and interpersonal relations), health (Psychosocial support to young people with eating disorders) and Aunt Rosa's library (literature on socialism, anarchism and other progressive social movements). We coordinate local network of volunteering organizations "Prostovoljstvo v Mariboru" and work as sending and receiving organization in European Voluntary Service (EVS) network.



CULTURE AND ART

From the beginnings we organized or co-organized many different culture festivals and events in the field of music (Garage Explosion, PRI1 PA V11 FESTIVAL, Solar Pulse, Mariboring...), visual art (La Vitrine, Hladilnica exhibition hall...), cinema (Summer Cinema, Art Cinema, Cinema Club), theatre (Teater za voglom, Gustaf Teater) and literature. We are still the executive producer of StopTrik International Film Festival of stop-motion animation and international artists in residence program GuestRoomMaribor. We organize, curate and host contemporary visual art exhibitions in K18 Gallery, organize creative writing workshops and literary evenings (Reading with Aunt Rosa) and produce theatre performances (Med dvema ognjema, Narcissus, Objem granatine kocke, Outopia, Za štirimi stenami...). In 2010 we published photographic monography about Cultural Centre Pekarna with photos by Matjaž Wenzel.



CIVIL INITIATIVES

As a non-profit organization of civil society we support and connect informal initiatives and cultural-artistic suggestions in CC Pekarna. We offer professional and infrastructural support to individuals, initiatives and NGO's in the field of youth, environment, culture and social activism. As a program coordinator of Cultural Centre Pekarna we are part of Program council of CC Pekarna. We actively collaborate and/or support various progressive social and political issues on a local, national and international level.



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