



SOCIAL COOPERATIVE
ACTIVITIES FOR VULNERABLE GROUPS

SPORT EVENT PANATTICA

FRAMEWORK

Taking into consideration research and findings in the current Greek societal context, people with disabilities are still facing - to a large extent- subtle prejudice and negativity, experiencing every day in multiple ways the requisite business, financial and social exclusion.

In addition, the prevailing perception for people with disabilities formed under conditions of incomplete information defines incorrectly the level of our tolerance towards difference. As a result, the problems faced by persons with disabilities are too many: exclusion, limited sociability, poor education and information capabilities of these individuals, lack of access to workplaces, lack of the appropriate building infrastructure (ramp and lift), etc.

In contrast, however, to the lack of education and social provision on specific needs that characterizes our society, people with disabilities -with the support of NGO's and associations- beat constantly with their actions the prejudice towards them and continually demonstrate that they are equal members of society. Accompanied with the specialization and training of such agencies,

persons with disabilities are claiming equal opportunities and access to all social goods: education, employment , new technologies, health and social services, sports and entertainment. Today there are quite a few examples of associations working towards that direction.



Mental health service users of Hipokratris I boarding house of "EDRA" in their weekly swimming program.

OUR OBJECTIVES

To establish right practice and stimuli, the Social Cooperative Activities for Vulnerable Groups «EDRA» and the Panhellenic Union of Adapted Activities in collaboration with the Sports Organization of the Municipality of Peristeri, are materializing for seven consecutive years Panattica Sport Event for Children, young people and adults with mental health problems.

The Panattica Sport Event, dedicated to the World Persons with Disabilities Day (December the 3rd), has become an institution for Western Attica, having performed with great success over the past three years in the Municipality of Peristeri.

The main target of the event is the socialization through sport, which is included in the main program of the event, and secondly, the therapeutic results of this athletic procedure. Also the awareness-raising (against stigma) among adults but especially the awareness among children, who will be the receivers and tomorrow carriers of a new concept of people with disabilities. For this purpose, awareness material has been collected for all types of disability, which was then disseminated to a simple and understandable way for everyone.



General event guideline: All participants undergo medical tests over the last year to confirm that they can take part in sports activities. The sports event has an ambulance throughout all its duration. All participants are awarded with medals. Trainers and assistants are allowed to encourage and accompany the athlete during the event.

All events at a glance...

Initializing our efforts in the partnership event in Germany ...

The effort to establish the particular institution was launched to coincide with the World Cup in Germany in 2006, where a team from "EDRA" represented our country. A total number of 32 teams from other countries such as Brazil , Austria , France , Estonia ,USA, were competing together. Participants were young adults with mental health problems. The city that hosted the activity was Herzogsagmuhle and the event was materialised from 12 to 18 June 2006 (more on the event's website: www.championskick.de , and www.herzogsagmuehle.de)

2nd Panattica Sport Event 2007

2nd Panattica sports event took place on November 29, 2007 in the athletic center "Andreas Papandreou" (Tzon Kenedi & Yannitsa Str., Peristeri), which was organized by NGO "EDRA", the Sports Organization of the Municipality of Peristeri and the Panhellenic Union of Adapted Sport Activities.

3rd Panattica Sport Event 2008

The 3rd Panattica sport event took place on November 29, 2008 in the athletic center "Andreas Papandreou" (Tzon Kenedi & Yannitsa Str., Peristeri), which was organized by 'Nestor', the Sports Organization of the Municipality of Peristeri and the Panhellenic Union of Adapted Sport Activities. As a side event, Panattiki honored athletes who participated in the Paralympic Games in Beijing. Awareness material for all forms of disability were disseminated to visiting athletes, including students from primary and high schools in the area.

4th Panattica Sport Event 2009

The 4th Panattica sport event took place on November 26, 2009 in the athletic center "Andreas Papandreou" (John Kennedy & Yannitsa Str, Peristeri), which was organized by NGO "EDRA", the Sports Organization of the Municipality of Peristeri and the Panhellenic Union of Adapted Sport Activities. Known athletes from HDF5 Olympiakos honored the event with their presence.



5th Panattica sport event 2010

The 5th Panattica sporting event took place on November 25, 2010 in the athletic center "Andreas Papandreou" (Tzon kenedi & Yannitsa Str. , Peristeri), which was organized by NGO "EDRA", the Sports Organization of the Municipality of Peristeri and the Panhellenic Union of Adapted Sport Activ-

ities . The joy on the faces of participants throughout the duration of the event was enhanced by the vibrancy and humorous coverage of the actor and presenter of the event Mr. Thanasis Viskadourakis, who embraced with great affection all athletes and was photographed with them. All participants were winners at the end, since all they

took an honorary medal for participation. The organizers honored Paralympian Ms. Anthi Karagiannis, whose enormous courage, has been repeatedly given positive example for sports. Paralympian Ms Karagiannis, moved, thanked for the award and made a promise to continue the difficult struggle. The audience applauded enthusiastically the team of Gener-

al Gymnastics Association "EIRINI"- "Crashers " who presented a program acrobatic gymnastics in hip-hop and breakdance style.

6th Panattica Sport Event 2011

The 6th Panattica sport event took place on November 24, 2011 in the athletic center "An-



dreas Papandreou" (Tzon Kenedi & Yannit-
sa Str., Peristeri), which was organized by
NGO 'EDRA" , the Sports Organization of

the Municipality of Peristeri and the
Panhellenic Union of Adapted Sport Activ-
ities .





Throughout the race the athletes had an uplifting applaud by the actors Thanassis Viskadourakis and Glika Stoiou, who gave a lively pulse to the event . In the vivid climate also contributed the Team of the General Gymnastics Association "EIRIN-I"- "Crushes" which presented a program of acrobatic gymnastic hip hop and break dance, thrilling the audience . A moving instance of the



event was the awarding of the following Paralympic athletes, who had worthily represented Greece in international competitions, and received from the organizers of a symbolic gift :

- the Paralympian Paul Mamlou, athlete in Weight Lifting , Silver Paralympian in Beijing , European record holder in 2011 in Dubai.
- the Paralympian Mary Stamatoula, athlete and "bronze" Paralympic Beijing Holder of four times World Records and one time the Pan-European record.
- the Paralympian John Costaki, swimmer, 4th Beijing Paralympian , with two medals at the European 2011 (second place in the 100m freestyle and third in the 50m freestyle).



7th Panattica Sport Event 2013

The 7th Panattica sport event took place on December 3, 2013 in the athletic center "Andreas Papandreou" (Tzon kenedi & Yannit-

sa Str, Peristeri) , which was organized by NGO "EDRA", the Sports Organization of the Municipality of Peristeri and the Panhellenic Union of Adapted Sport Activities. The event honored athletes that glorified the Greek colors

with their performance. The Paralympic athlete Voula Gantza is one of them. Also athletes from Peristeri and especially the longtime captain of the basketball team G.S.Peristeriou , Anthony Mantzaris , was honored for his ethos in the Greek basketball . The event was presented by Basilis Drimousis . The 7th Panattiki sport event attended children with special needs, students from schools Avgouleia - Linardatou and the first special school of area Peristeri.



8th Panattica Sport Event 2014

The 8th Panattica sport event took place on the 18th of March at the 3rd Gym / Stadium of Ano Liosia area, co-organised by NGO "EDRA" and "PARNITHA" cultural and athletic body of

Filis Municipality, under the patronage of the European Parliament. The event was enagurated by a judo race demonstration by the Greek champion with special needs Gianni Micho and his coach Elias Batsinilas.





PARTICIPATING ATHLETES

In Panattica Sport Event from 2006 to date have involved more than 900 athletes from various institutions and structures such as the Special Schools in West Attica , the Greek Society for Psychosocial Support , Rehabilitation and Community Care, Boarding - Aeneas Odysseus Center Special "Hara", the NGO "NEFELI", the ANIMA NGO, the IPIONI

NGO, Boarding Lykovrysis, the JSB / Disabled , the athletic association " Olympic Flame", the Vocational Rehabilitation Centre for Persons with disabilities and children with special needs , the Centre for children and adolescents with Autism "In the courtyard of the world" , the Panhellenic Association of Parents and Friends of People with visual impairments and additional disabilities " AMIMONI ", the Naval Association of

Parents of Children with disabilities "Argo", the Company Systemic therapy to individuals, families and larger systems EPATMOS internship, and finally boarding - Protected Units Apartments of EDRA.

THE IMPORTANCE OF SCHOOL VISITS AT PANATTI-CA EVENT

The audience of the event always includes local schools , private and public , in order to raise awareness of the school community. Until now, Panattiki Sport Event was visited by: the Private School Avgouleia - Linardatou , Primary and Special Schools of Peristeri area, Public Primary and Secondary Schools, etc. We believe that student participation will give an opportunity to come into direct contact with the concept of diversity and alternative thinking, seeking for further information / awareness for the benefit of the family and the society.

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