

WHY MY PLACE UNDER THE SUN?

“Kids in the school look on my children differently because they are poorer than the rest of the kids. It is almost impossible for us to enable our children the education at the faculty.”

“My son... he has learned by now that we don't have anything. And he didn't ask me much. Now we have a bigger problem because the other children mock him and I am embarrassed to explain to him why they do that.”

Quotes of the participants in the research of urban children poverty in Rijeka

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**Za djetinjstva jednakih
mogućnosti.**

Once more, why My Place Under the Sun?

- **25% of children has health problems due to their poor housing**
- **25% of children went to bed hungry**
- **31% kids are molested due to their social position**

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And again, why My Place Under the Sun

- **Because the children under the threshold of poverty do not have the equal chances for success**
- **Because they are left with the system (local, national) which is not effective**
- **Because with systematic work, children can exit the circle of poverty**

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How we do it?

- **We enable the activities that are inaccessible to children**
- **We organize workshops, school instructions, network with culture and sport institutions, we give psychological support**
- **We organize campaigns, conferences, round tables, and raise consciousness in the public arena on the unequal opportunities of children.**

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With whom we do it?

- 100 children
- 73 families
- 180 permanent volunteers
- 45 culture and sport institutions
- 30 business partners
- University in Rijeka

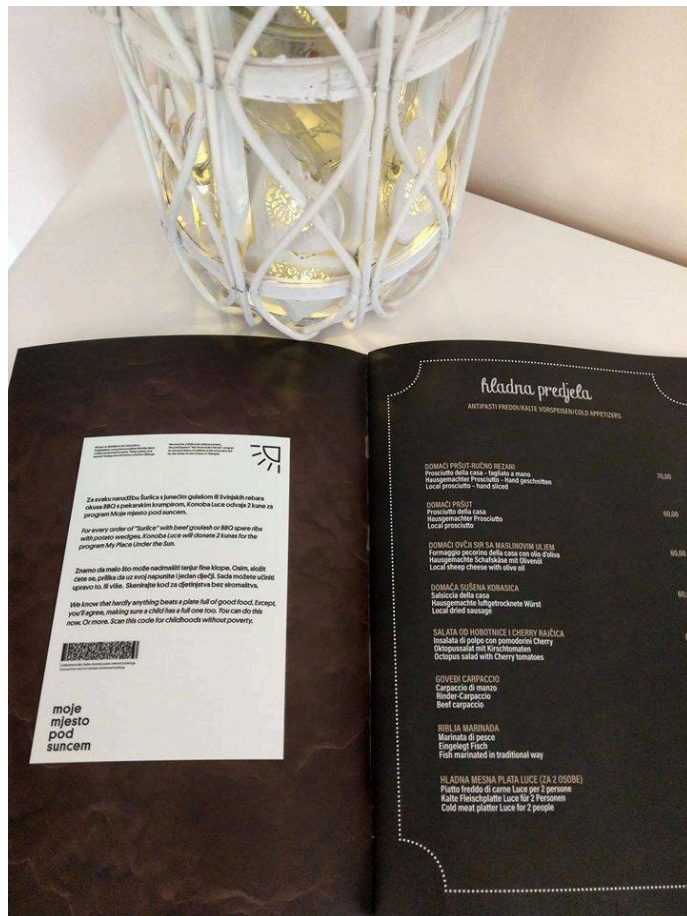
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Where our community network started?



Regular funding community network



... more networking



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Awareness of the big companies



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Kupnjom ova dva prirodna proizvoda koji štite oči i nos od alergena, podržavate program socijalne inkluzije djece u riziku od siromaštva Moje mjesto pod suncem koji provodi udruga Centar za kulturu dijaloga.

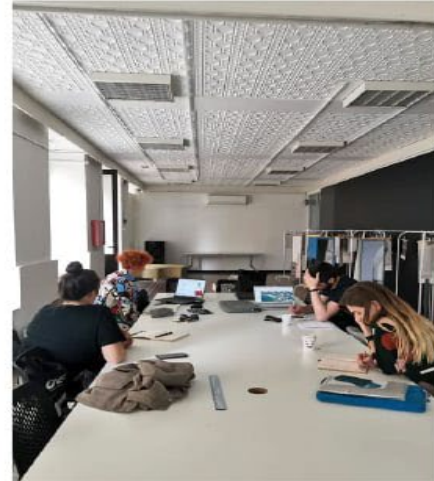
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Young architects and MPUS

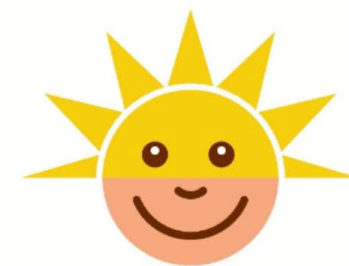
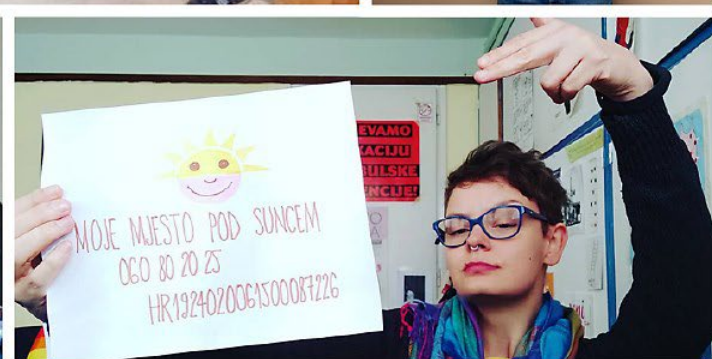


CROWDFUNDING CAMPAIGN - 300k Euro



“The University in Rijeka follows what the program My Place Under the Sun is doing. We admire them and we truly believe that everyone in this society and especially us, as an institution, have to ensure that every kid has the same opportunity to fulfill its own life experiment. My Place Under the Sun is unique program in this region and country.”

Snježana Prijić Samaržija, Madame Rector, University in Rijeka

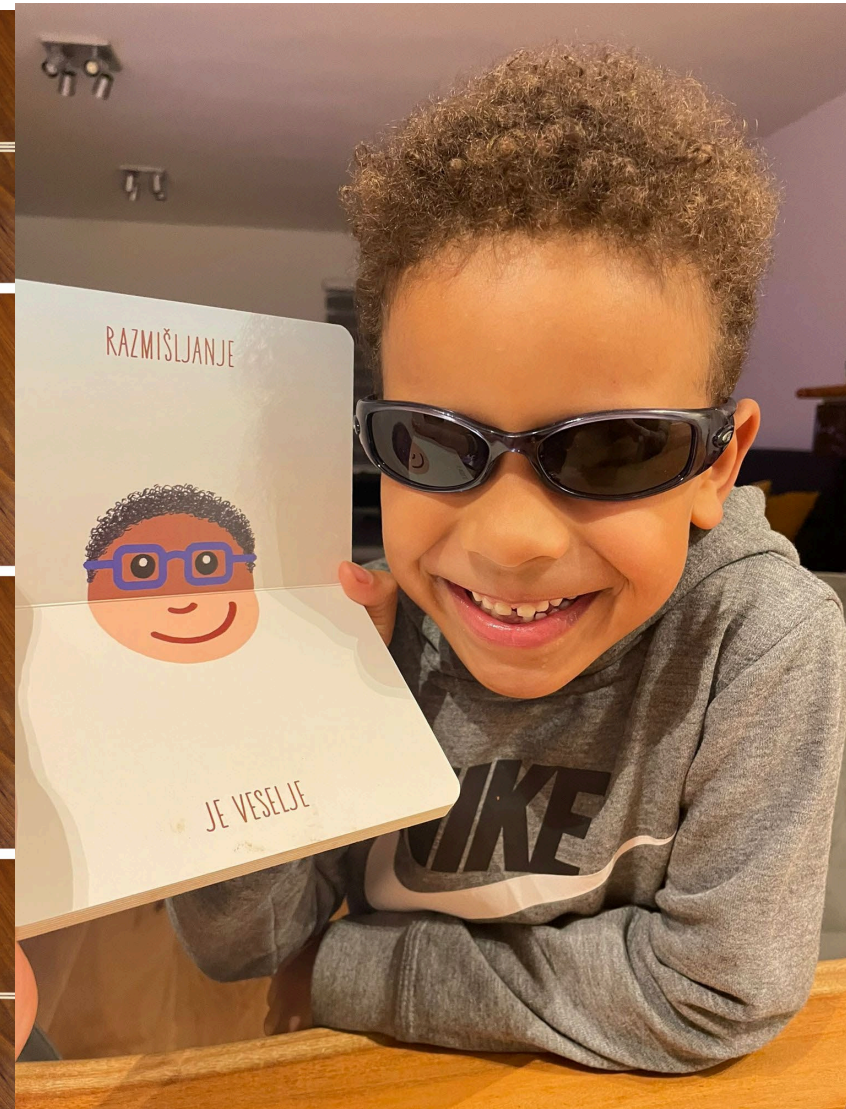


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One has to be crazy not to support this campaign, or the one who has never been a kid will refuse to support it.

– Mirko Ilić



Picture book in schools and kindergardens



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How it looked like?



How it started to look like?



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And how it ended?



400 square meters, 3 offices, 2 teaching halls, 1 gym and dance hall, kitchen and living room



What did University do and what it is doing?

- My Place under the sun became the Faculty of Teacher Education partner in monitoring, researching and volunteering in the program
- University in Rijeka supported the campaign, and gave facility for the program
- Planned: Children Observatory at the University

Research, innovations and solutions for ensuring childhoods of equal opportunities.

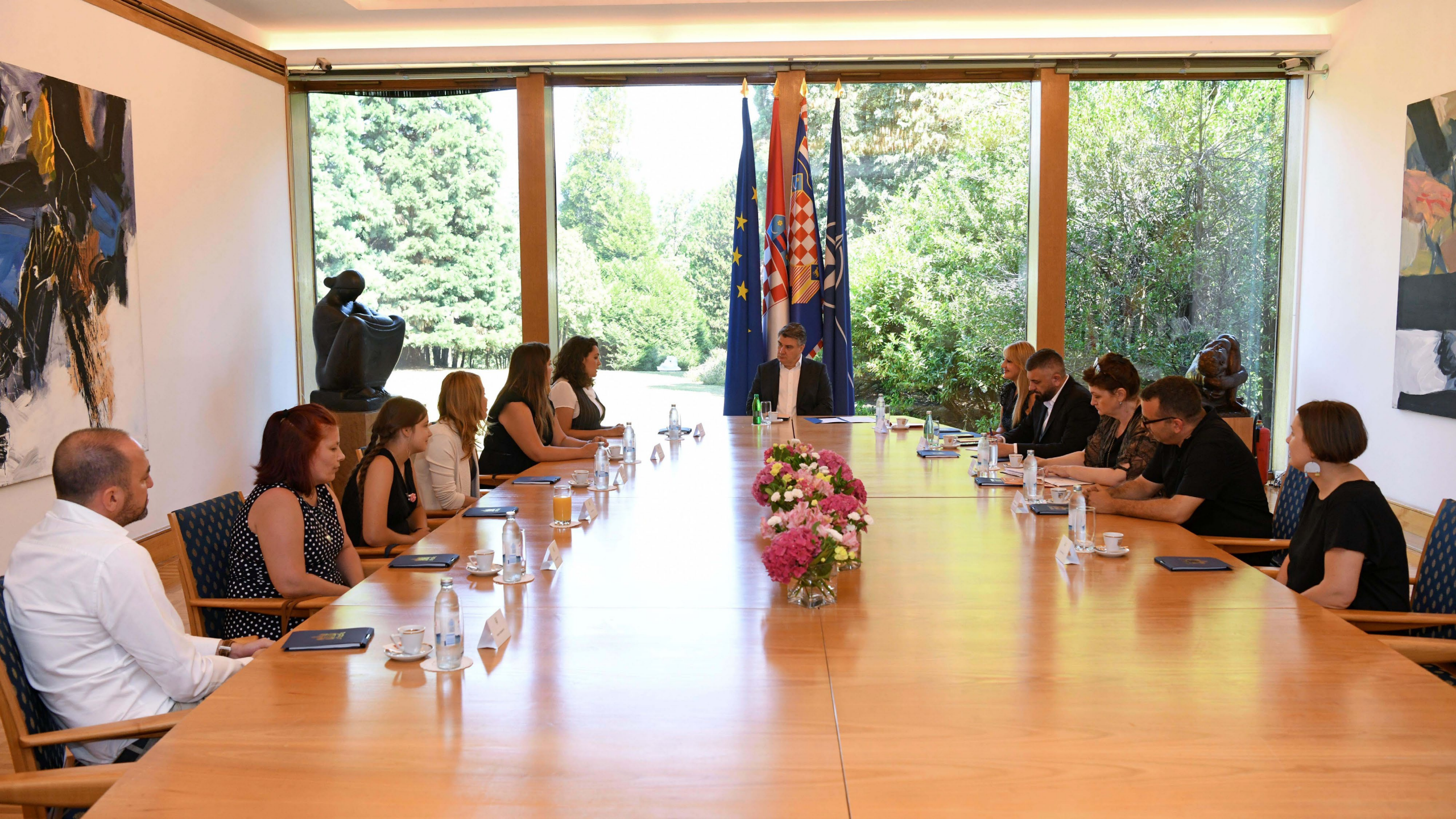


MPUS and the City of Rijeka

- 2022 MPUS managed to advocate for City funding of the program of Social mentorship

2023 - the City of Rijeka is the first town in Croatia that has social mentorship as a special budget line





Our families and clients about us



- “It would be too mild to say that they have helped me. In fact, they have offered to my child something that she would never have had if she didn’t come here”
- “In these 7 years, I can say that they have lifted up my child a lot. They are pushing these kids into many things... And what no other association has, they include us, parents. We have a place to talk and to say what we are suffering from. Sometimes they can give financial help. I am just saying, I don’t know whether there is such an organization as My place under the sun”.
- “I can say that my daughter has found her place under the sun here.”

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