



CREATIVE HOME(less)

An initiative for combating the stigma of being homeless through artistic practice

Creative Home(less) helps the homeless through art. The initiative offers art therapy to the residents of the Panevezys shelter, in Lithuania, to liberate them from the complexes of being homeless and encourage them to open up and reclaim their independence.

Creative Home(less) has seen 23 homeless participants get involved since February 2022, all of whom underwent fourteen hours of art therapy and worked in small groups of five or six people. The classes were given in several places, including the Local History Museum, the Panevėžys Photo Gallery and the Panevėžys Art Gallery. The sessions ended with a final group workshop and the opening of a public exhibition.

After the project, four participants found work and another four moved out of the shelter to a municipal independent-life residence, a preliminary step towards full independence. Other participants, in addition, were positive about continuing their visits to the city's cultural spaces and took part in similar activities.

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