design for change

Welcome to the first Design for Social Change Newsletter

www.socialchange.how

2022 – 2024
Newsletter

First In-Person Meeting in Leitrim, Ireland

During the first in-person meeting of the project on January 31, 2023, partners from France, Italy, Spain, Denmark and Ireland gathered in Leitrim, Ireland for a productive gathering hosted by Momentum. This meeting served as a valuable opportunity for the partners to establish personal connections, fostering a more collaborative and effective working relationship.

By getting to know each other on a deeper level, we were able to develop trust, open communication channels, and better understand each other's strengths, experiences, and perspectives. This enhanced rapport enabled the group to create a more seamless and efficient working environment, ultimately contributing to the project's success.

The primary goal of this meeting was to finalize PR1 - our Toolkit Guide to Design for Change. This toolkit aims to provide accessible learning and transferable examples of how design thinking skills can enhance the impact of social change makers, as well as provide clear steps for setting up design thinking

Our Toolkit is now available on the project website for download, https://socialchange.how/a-toolkit-guide-to-design-for-change/.

The Design for Change project trains adults in Design Thinking principles to solve the problem of inefficient resource allocation and decision-making in the social change sector. It improves issue identification, community understanding, solution evaluation, and project implementation. This leads to better resource use, education, and community effectiveness.

One of the topics that arose was our Guide - a comprehensive resource that offers valuable information and guidance for adult educators at each stage of the Design Thinking model. The Guide equips educators with a range of tools to understand and articulate the needs of communities that are crying out for social change. With the help of this powerful resource, we're better equipped to drive positive change and make a real impact in the world.

We also took some time to discuss our Open Educational Resources (OER). These resources are freely available to anyone who wants to use them, and they are an important part of our mission to make education more accessible and inclusive. By sharing our expertise and knowledge with others, we hope to create a more equitable and just world where everyone has access to the resources they need to succeed.

Finally, we talked about our online platform. Whether we're creating new resources, developing new partnerships, or simply staying in touch, the platform is an essential tool that helps us stay connected and productive.

Design For Change

Toolkit Guide to Design for Change

We're thrilled to announce the release of our latest project result, our Toolkit Guide to Design for Change! This comprehensive resource provides valuable information and guidance for adult educators, social change actors, policy stakeholders, and other parties interested in improving resource allocation and decision-making in the social change sector. Our Toolkit is designed to train individuals in the principles of Design Thinking, a problem-solving approach that emphasizes empathy, creativity, and collaboration.

With the help of our Toolkit, changemakers and civil society can effectively address pressing concerns, better use resources, and enhance their ability to create positive change in their communities. We encourage everyone to check out our Design for Change Toolkit and see for themselves the impact that this resource can have on the social change sector!

To find out more on our Toolkit Guide to Design for Change, go to https://socialchange.how/a-toolkit-guide-to-design-for-change/

Our Guide has also been translated into French, Spanish and Italian, available on https://socialchange.how/.