IDEA-C Consortium Meeting
Bremen
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Short introduction

Martin Koplin - Director of M2C Institute

Exploring the concept of democracy and active citizenship.
How can we produce tools in *fablab* to change things?
How citizens' participation can be a democratic tool?

Knowledge Fair Presentations:

1) Kids-as-experts: Presentation of a best-of from participation projects, gamed participation concepts by the school-kids of the Bremen Comprehensive School Center

2) Innovative tools: Presentation of participative digital tools by students of the media-informatic program of the City University of Applied Sciences Bremen (HSB)

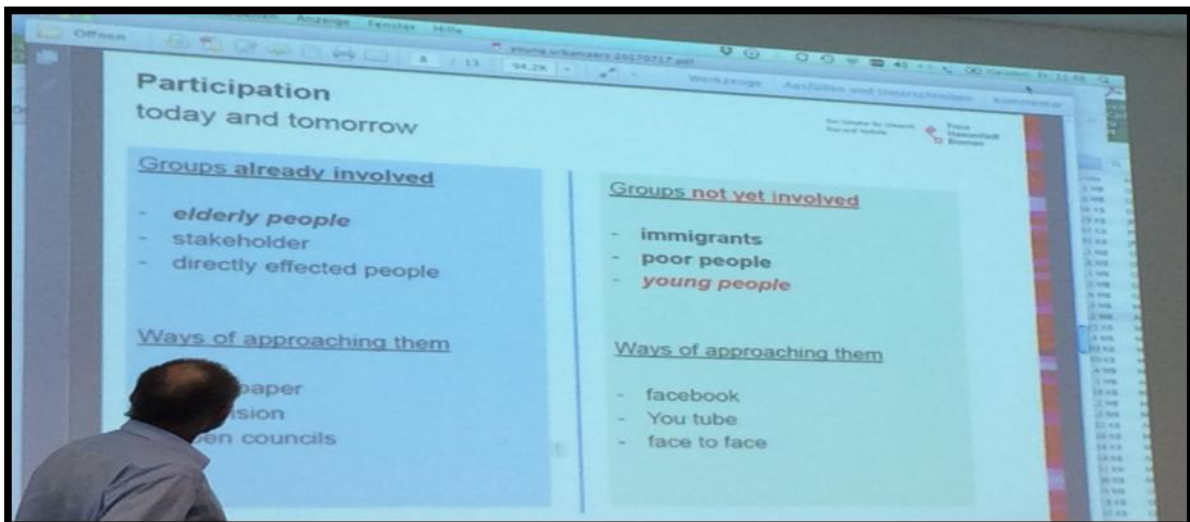3) The peoples Smart Sculpture PS2, Betaville by M2C and HSB

Betaville was created in 2008 and it's a city as public sculpture and exhibition space.
Each member of this application can develop his/her own landscape thanks to the camera placed on smartphones or tablet. It's a city designed by its inhabitants.

--- Lunch ---

1st presentation - Young people as urbanizers
By Thomas Lecke-Lopatta

Project about making urbanization plans in Bremen, mainly elderly citizens participated.
A lot of new ways to participate: not only those who are directly involved but also those who will become citizens of these neighborhoods. Involvement of architecture students.

Young people have a strong potential: they are the most active people on blogs and social networks and they discuss on these media new ideas and make propositions.

Challenges:
What we need? "Translation tools" to make a link between young people and Local administration and politicians.

2nd presentation – Towards an increased sense of belonging: from local to European level

By Portuguese partner, José Carlos Bronze

3rd presentation - Local youth participation
By UK partner

1) Local participation

Oldham Youth Council: a group of democratically elected young people representing the you g people of Oldham.

2) Regional youth participation

Youthforia North West: a regional forum which brings together young councils, networks and forums across the North West.

3) National youth participation

British Youth Council: brings together youngsters from hundreds of youth organizations across the UK. The UK youth Parliament coordinated through BYC.

The numbers of young voters improved from 2019 to 2015: 44% to 60%

Some problems provoking low young people turnout:
- They don t think that they can be fairly represented by politicians
- Lack of political education pre and post 16 level
- Politics isn t targeted to young people

Suggestions:
- Value young people
- Take politics to young people
- Use effective tools (social media, etc)

Future workshops: what's next? How to continue with the IDEA-C results?

- **Table-talk 1**: Active kids – future participation project design with and for schoolchildren

- **Table-talk 2**: Digital participation in urban space – future projects on EU-level

- **Table-talk 3**: Creative activation – future social-cultural projects on EU-level

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