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The Resident Council as a collaborative governance tool in communities that do not fit into the commercial housing market.

The case of Ubocze 24

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Our experiences in involving local residents in self-governance processes as a way to solve social problems



12 years of operation of the Neighborhood House in Orunia



facilitation of the establishment of the District Council in Orunia



supported apartments system (6 years, 12 apartments)



participatory revitalization of neighborly spaces (10 cases, 9 years of ex...



Ubocze 24 facts:

- 13 year old building
- 170 council apartments, including 35 apartments within social housing (extremely high density of non-commercial housing)
- 4 years of Neighbourhood House engagement within participatory projects with residents of Ubocze 24



Revitalization of backyards in Ubocze 24



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Ubocze 24 problems:



- 1,5 milion PLN of debt
- The building is inhabited uncontrollably
- Having a bad reputation in the district and in the city
- Overlapping problems and multi-dimensional social exclusion
- Helplessness and a sense of hopelessness expressed by the residents



Goal: supporting creation of strong and self-governing community of Ubocze 24 building



How to achieve that:

- Satisfying the needs of: influence, safety, transparency.
- Empowerment of the residents, introducing transparent engagement process.
- Giving importance of the residents engagement process at municipal level.
- Ensuring residents safety through creating inhabiting policy based on social balance.



Residents empowerment process



Residents council competences:

- creating Pact of Collaboration for Ubcze 24,
- defining long and short term needs of the community,
- working out with the municipal office the list of prioritised investments and fixes being a contribution to the Pact,
- direct contact with administrator and enabling communication between municipal office and residents
 - recording residents issues and challenges
 - act implementation monitoring
 - working out the rules of benefiting from and managing common space at „Ubcze Station”,
 - residents engagement in local community social projects



Ubocze Station



Residents empowerment process



Action Plan 12.2021 – 12.2022

- Open session for residents and municipal vice-presidents:
 - residents hearing
 - presenting the Pact proposal and Residents Council establishment (12.2021)
- Pilot election to Residents Council for 2022 (01.2022)
- Working out the Pact of Collaboration for Ubocze 24, residents consultancy and sign off (01.2022-04.2022)
- Social activities at „Ubocze Station”, working out of the rules of benefiting from and managing the place (12.2021-12.2022)
- Pilot evaluation and defining legal tools for Residents Council implementation at the municipal housing (06.2022-12.2022)



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