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COMMUNITY VALUES



Example of good practise

Salig Blanding

**Mixed choir for adults in
Lofoten**

Norway 2023



TOOL SUMMARY

Name	Salig Blanding
Summary description of idea and activities	A mixed choir that practices in Borge church, but has a much wider repertoire. A group of the choir's members participate in the church's services
Country observed	Norway
Year observed	2023
Programme area (Social inclusion/ Active Citizenship/Environmental sustainability)	Local identity and social cohesion, social inclusion and diversity, democratic values and practices, environmental sustainability
Specific topic	Attract persons in Lofoten who want to sing together, and also let them take part in the added value that comes with it
Beneficiaries of the activities	Persons who want to sing together
Can these activities be applied to other beneficiaries: yes/no	Yes
What type of beneficiaries: ALL, or specific ones?	All
If specific ones, which?	

Full description

About:

Salig Blanding is a mixed choir that practices in Borge church, but has a much wider repertoire. A group of the choir's members participate in the church's services.

Good practice examples of added values:

Singing in a team often creates social inclusion. As an example, the leader of the choir (the same leader as Borge Brass Band) started studying as an adult. He came to Narvik where he was going to study, and only knew a few people there. Through his participation in one of the amateur band in the city, he gained a complete network, and most of the social activities he took part in in Narvik were connected to his network in the amateur band. To a lesser extent, he took part in social activities with fellow students. In the same way, he would like to believe that new members in the choir Salig Blanding will find a network and that will make social inclusion easy. Not primarily as students, but as immigrants in general. When you move somewhere, membership in a choir is a quick way to become socially included.

In Salig Blanding, they have democratic elections of the board, and some decisions are made in plenary. It's more uncertain whether this directly leads to active citizenship. But probably it can strengthen democracy as such also outside the organization. Elections and plenary decisions are democratic.

The choir's activity as such has no impact on the external environment. The rehearsal rooms the band use, which are mostly Borge church, are already in use, the rooms are heated, and they have no influence on the choice of heating method. Salig Blanding has organized a flea market, which, in addition to giving money to the organisation, can also lead to the reuse of both clothes and other items. Shared use of practice rooms is good for the environment. Flea markets can lead to reuse.

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