



Virtual classroom starts second year!

The idea of teaching orphans via a virtual classroom originated in May 2012. Four students came up with this idea as a part of their international executive MBA course. All were experienced on senior management level and have different backgrounds and nationalities. The prove of concept for this initiative resulted in a pilot project.

In the pilot project the key elements of the followed strategy were:

- ✓ Target on orphaned children in the Ukraine in the age of 4-12;
- ✓ Market the initiative extensively;
- ✓ Educate the target group by combining 21-century technology with distance teaching, based on a volunteer bases;
- ✓ Acquire and co-create with key partners like orphanages, volunteers, IT-partners, etc, to set-up the Virtual Classroom;
- ✓ Set-up a standardized platform which can be rolled-out to other orphanages, also in other countries;
- ✓ Execute a first lesson in the first quarter of 2013;
- ✓ Connect with intrinsic motivated volunteers to offer education at low costs.



The results of the pilot project were positive. Almost all objectives were met and also almost all of the initial statements proved to be correct and many benefits were realised. In May 2013 the end report of the project was presented.

In the past year we experienced that intrinsic motivation is the key driver for success and can make change happen. We finalised our MBA course and decided to continue with the initiative and work an even more sustainable framework.



In the second year of Teaching Orphans we will focus on expanding the number of orphanages in the Ukraine, increase the number of volunteers connected to the program (teaching and non-teaching) and work on a more solid base for sponsorship.

We will continue lessons in the school for orphaned and low-income children in Vynohradiv and start lessons in the City Orphanage in Ternopil. More orphanages showed interested and are currently approached.

We show a wide range of information on our website www.teaching-orphans.org and facebook page. Videos are shown of lessons. There is more about volunteers, sponsors and partners.



We are really grateful and thank all our volunteers and partners for their contribution to provide orphan kids opportunities to learn and improve their skills via a virtual classroom.

Interest in getting connected to this initiative? Interested in a partnership? Other inspiring ideas to help us? Please, do not hesitate to contact us and make change happening! Orphans in the Ukraine need you! See our website or call +31-6-248 33 916.

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"It is our vision to provide orphan kids in Ukraine with a sustain opportunity to learn and improve on their skills which is essential for them to succeed in their future life outside the orphanage. We realise this goal by creating a virtual classroom platform where volunteering teachers from outside Ukraine can remotely give classes to the orphans."