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NIKICA TORBICA IS A HISTORY TEACHER BY PROFESSION AND A PHD STUDENT IN EDUCATIONAL SCIENCES. FOR THE LAST 6 YEARS, HE WORKS IN DKOLEKTIV WHERE HE MANAGES THE COMMUNITY CENTER SOCIAL ATELIER, WHICH THROUGH THE CO-CREATION OF PROGRAMS WITH CITIZENS, PROMOTES CITIZEN-LED ACTIONS IN THE COMMUNITY. HIS PROJECTS HAVE A WIDE AREA OF TOPICS, BUT HE IS MOSTLY INVOLVED IN THE CREATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF EDUCATION AND ACTIVITIES ON POLITICAL LITERACY, ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP, AND HUMAN RIGHTS; IN THE CREATION AND MONITORING OF POLICIES FOR YOUTH ON LOCAL AND REGIONAL LEVELS; AND IN PROMOTION OF QUALITY IMPLEMENTATION OF CIVIC EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS.

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ALEXANDRA BEWEIS IS A YOUTH WORKER AND OVER THE LAST 30 YEARS HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN YOUTH INFORMATION, OPEN YOUTH WORK AND YOUTH POLICIES ON LOCAL, NATIONAL AND EUROPEAN LEVEL. SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE TEAM, WHO LEAD THE PARTICIPATORY PROCESS TOWARDS CHILDREN AND YOUTH STRATEGY FOR THE CITY OF VIENNA. NOW SHE IS THE HEAD OF THE WIENXTRA-DEPARTMENT STADTBOX, AN EXPERIMENTAL SPACE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE TO THINK AND DISCUSS ABOUT LIFE IN THEIR CITY.

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