UNIQUE FLOWERS...JUST LIKE US
WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE, WHO LIVE OUT OF THEIR HOMES, WITH NO PARENTS?

- What are they live with as contacts, feelings, chances to be happy around us?
1100 PEOPLE ARE ASKED ABOUT IT:

- We believe that children shall live in a family or a family type home; all children have equal rights to study, work, be happy and with a family; teachers believe all children have to be together at school, but they do not feel they are ready to support and teach all different students; they need special preparation to be good teachers for every child;

- People know about children with disabilities who live out of their families and homes, only from TV, and do not understand very well all problems of these children;
CHANGES IN MY COUNTRY

- In Bulgaria we have political documents with promises how to change lives of children who live out of their family homes; how to support parents not to leave their children far away from home; how to close these big, cold institutions, called homes for a lot of children;
- National Action Plan
- 3 national projects
- We believe in 2025 there are no homes like these anymore! A lot of people are involved!
HOW MANY CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE?

- We try to change the lives of 7587 children and young people from 137 institutions.
- 25 institutions for children with intellectual disability
- 820 children / age 4-18/
- 35 small group homes
- 429 young people age 18 and up;
- 1249 children and young people with ID
8 WEEKS IN VARNA - SPECIAL TIME FOR ALL!
TODAY I CHOSE TO BE HERE:
OUR FIRST MEETING

Our open for ideas plan...  Bodo welcomes all members of the group!
CHILDREN HAVE A RIGHT TO SPEAK AND PARTICIPATE, THEY HAVE AN OPINION ABOUT THEIR LIFE

Professionals' position about the rights of children

Listen to a child - how important it is?
ADULTS SHARE OPINIONS AND POSITIONS
MY SON CAN... PARENTS
WHAT PEOPLE THINK ABOUT OUR WORK NOW:

- I think that it was a really good first meeting, everyone was engaged for some of time and most for the whole time. I think that it will be really neat to watch new friendships and connections be made within this group. Thank you again for inviting me to be a part of the event on Friday evening.

- Sara / Peace Corp volunteer in Karin Dom/
PARENTS SHARE THEIR IMPRESSIONS


Благодарение на това Венци можа да се впише в групата на останалите още на втората седмица като се има предвид че тя трудно допуска непознати хора до себе си. Много е добра и идеята децата да сътворят заедно-това беше за дъщеря ми особено полезно за усъвършенстване на фината моторика по-точно работата с дребни и финни елементи.

Още пазим чинийката ище я използваме за Великденската трапеза. Чакаме с нетърпение следващата ни среща.

Krassi - mother

Vessi - mother
WHAT CHILDREN AND PARENTS THINK ABOUT 10 PROMISES?

- We have a right to choose our doctors:
  - they should be very good in their work, we should be in best health; doctors have to think, and be careful and do their best because of us; they safe our lives, and have to feel happy when they treat us.

- 1. individual needs
- 2. close the institutions
- 3. children shall live with their families
- 4. families need support
- 5. we all need to be trained
- 6. listen to a child’s voice
- 7. health care
- 8. finance
- 9. protect all children
- 10. good quality of services
WHAT IS NOT EASY TO BE DONE?

Challenges

- Time and results
- Keep motivation of everybody in the project and after it
- NWG members’ dialogue and motivation, and active involvement
- Media
Thank you