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Dear Readers!

We present the fifth newsletter of the “Open Integration” project. The newest publication invariably covers the events from the past and those to be organized in the future. It will also include a few practical information connected with formalities to be done by foreigners in Polish offices. Enjoy our newest issue!

PROJECTnews

CURRENT OFFER OF THE OPEN INTEGRATION PROJECT

POLISH LANGUAGE COURSES

on basic and intermediate level that started in October this year for students, people working in Lublin, those seeking for a job or their family members. Currently we launched 7 groups – 2 on basic and 5 on intermediate level.

TRAININGS OF SKILLS NEEDED ON THE LABOR MARKET

Topics of the trainings include: identifying professional potential, self-presentation and simulation of a job interview, preparing a job application (CV, cover letter), creativity and image building, time management. The classes are taught in two groups – in Polish and English. Trainings are carried out by: Dr. Delaine Swenson, prof KUL; prof. Bohdan Rożnowski; and Piotr Mamcarz, PhD.

INTEGRATIVE AND CULTURAL TRAININGS

a cycle of meetings and workshops bringing our participants closer to a culture and history of Poland, two interesting trips over the region are also included. The classes are conducted by experienced KUL lecturers: prof. Bogusław Marek; prof. Hubert Łaszkiwicz; Magdalena Smoleń-Wawrzusiszyn, PhD; Katarzyna Woźniak, MA and Kinga Stasiak, PhD.



COMMON ROOM

a place of integration of Polish and international students, open from Monday to Friday from 15:30 to 19:30 in the room GG-210 (Main KUL Building). Within the activities offered in the Common Room we also organize various events connected with Polish cuisine and traditions of different countries, a variety of workshops and visits in cultural institutions (such as: Cinema City in Lublin, Juliusz Osterwa Theater in Lublin, Musical Theater, Centre for the Meetings of Culture in Lublin and Majdanek Museum). Current info on the events is available on our facebook page and the project website: www.kul.pl/openintegration

TRIPS TO INTERESTING PLACES OF THE REGION

We just started looking for participants willing to go to **Museum in Kozłówka** which will take place on the following days – 18 November 2017 and 2 December 2017. There will be a possibility to see the palace, the chapel, carriage house, Socialist Art Gallery and the park.

Moreover, in November, December 2017 and January 2018 we will organize **three walks through the most important places In Lublin**, inter alia: the Old Town, Krakowska Gate, Lublin Castle, the Lublin City Hall, Dominican church – monastery from XIII century, and the Cathedral.

Participants of the project may enjoy all those activities for free, lunch is also provided.

The newest info on the events is available on our facebook page and the project website: www.kul.pl/openintegration





ADVICE ON YOUR STAY IN POLAND

We remind you that each participant of the „Open Integration” May use help of our assistants for legalization and integration from the Candidates and Students Section. The advice may concern everyday issues which students are coping with, such as renewing a permit to stay in Poland, things connected with insurance or accommodation. If you are not our participant nothing is lost! You may still enjoy our advice by filing in a special short application form. We encourage you to visit the room CN-004 (Collegium Norwidianum KUL), opening hours: 7:30 – 15:30.

Courses and trainings carried out under the project are open to **foreigners not holding a citizenship of any of the EU countries, who are:** students of higher education institutions in Lublin or high school students and students of primary schools, junior high schools, high schools, post-secondary schools, artistic schools; people working in Lublin or those seeking for a job and their family members; also those who are leaders in their migrants' communities.

Participation in the project is free of any charges!



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Application forms are available online at the project website:

www.kul.pl/openintegration in the „project information”.

Facebook: Open.Integration

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE „OPEN INTEGRATION” PROJECT

We are at the finish line of the project, however, it does not matter we give up now! We have a few offers of interesting events for you in which we hope to engage you. This is what we have prepared:



INTERNATIONAL CHRISTMAS EVENING (15 December 2017)

Like last year, this time we also want to organize international Christmas meeting connected with presenting cuisine and traditions of various countries. International Students will present their chosen meals and traditions and volunteers of the „Open Integration” project will present some Polish customs on celebrating Christmas. For more details about the event please check our project website regularly and visit our Facebook page „Open Integration KUL”



THE OFFICIAL ENDING OF THE „OPEN INTEGRATION” PROJECT (JANUARY 2018)

Polish language courses, integrative and cultural trainings and trainings of skills needed on the labor market, two editions of the Summer School and the Orientation Week, and countless integrative meetings and events on inter-university scale – briefly, these are the actions carried out from the beginning of the project. Hundreds of happy faces of our participants is for sure one of the biggest prizes we could have got. Because of that, we would like to summarize our achievements and thank all the people involved thanks to whom all has been going well and bringing positive effects. You will hear about the event soon!

Remember that organizing the events depends also on your suggestions! If you have your own idea to organize something within the Common Room in the winter semester 2017/2018 please contact us:

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INTERNATIONAL DAY AT KUL 2017

On the 5th of October the Open University KUL has organized the second edition of the International Day at KUL. The program among other things included: an opening speech of the Rector of KUL, Rev. Prof. Antoni Dębiński, tasting of Polish dishes and impressions of international students on studying at our University. The event had its musical accent too – a performance by „ReTune” music band. International Day at KUL means in short a welcoming of international students in the new academic year. A team of the „Open Integration” project was also involved by presenting our current offer to international students during the event.



It is worth pointing out that international aspect of our University grows with every year. If we look at the statistics from 2011 we can observe that 266 international students studied at KUL, comparing the data to the current year we may notice an essential increase of the number of international students at KUL – over 680 students! Because of that the activities carried out within the „Open Integration” project meet growing expectations of supporting foreigners starting their studies here. Thanks to our support we can see an increase of positive reactions from international students' community not only from our, but also other universities of Lublin – that for sure has its impact on the recruitment process. Thanks to The Open University the International Day at KUL finds its stable place in the academic calendar of the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin.



LEGALIZING YOUR STAY IN POLAND – PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Meeting growing interest of foreigners coming from outside of the EU and wanting to settle in Poland the Office for Foreigners prepared an intuitive website containing the most important information concerning legalizing and renewing a stay in Poland, but also a set of information for all people wanting to work or settle in Poland. Among the information provided by the Office we may find the rights and duties of foreigners, rules of granting the residence card, and most importantly the application forms needed on different stages of legalizing a stay by a foreigner.

All information is available on the official website of the Polish Office for Foreigners in Polish, English and Russian.

information in Polish:

<https://udsc.gov.pl/cudzoziemcy/obywatele-panstw-trzecich/>

in Russian: <https://udsc.gov.pl/ru/cudzoziemcy/obywatele-panstw-trzecich/>

in English: <https://udsc.gov.pl/en/cudzoziemcy/obywatele-panstw-trzecich/>





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