

Bread Houses Network

Bulgaria, International



Bread as symbol of peace and unity

Community bread making for **all ages, gender, profession and ethnicity**

Bread **art-therapy**

IN SHORT

The Bread Houses Network is an initiative of The International Council for Cultural Centers. It creates and unites centers for community-building, creativity, and social entrepreneurship.

HISTORY

The BHN was founded by Dr. Nadezhda Savova, Cultural Anthropologist from Princeton University. The idea was conceived while Nadezhda was in Bethlehem, where she discovered that the name of the city means "House of Bread" in Hebrew. She imagined that bread-making could engage all, since it does not require any talent, education, physical capabilities, or linguistic proficiency.

MISION

The mission of the BHN is to inspire individuals and communities to develop their creative potential and cooperate across all ages, professions, gender, special needs, and ethnic backgrounds through collective bread-making. Currently, the network unites 8 Bread Houses in Bulgaria and trained people and organizations in 19 countries on 5 continents.

OBJECTIVE

The Bread Houses Network creates and unites centers for community-building, creativity, and social entrepreneurship with the mission is to inspire individuals and communities around the world to discover and develop their creative potential and cooperate across all ages, professions, gender, special needs, and ethnic backgrounds through collective bread-making and accompanying art forms and sustainable ecological education.

ACTIVITIES

The Bread House can be a physical location or a community-building programs run in various other locations (community centers, schools, churches, etc.) The physical location can be a community cultural centers and/or social enterprises-bakeries that train and employ disadvantaged people while also serving as a social-cultural center.



REFERENCES:



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