



# ANNUAL REPORT 2020



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## THE VISION



*Every child has the capacity to become an agent of change in his/her community when he/she discovers through practical experiences their own capacity to create change and acquire 21st century skills*

## THE NEED

The educational system was not able to attract, prepare and maintain high performance educators and couldn't provide the students with access to practical, life context and authentic skills.

This is why we need complementary initiatives to support the development of students, teachers and their communities.

## THE SOLUTION

Build a self-sustaining ecosystem formed by teachers, students and supporters, using the design thinking method and a social entrepreneurial approach, to generate social change.

# ACTIVITIES



2020 has been a year marked by evolution, resilience and change due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. This global situation has impacted our activities and has led to adaptation and creativity.

Some of the new initiative we started this year were: [Virtual Camp](#) and [SuperHeroes Challenge](#). We had also to adapt our current programs to the new context and we did that with the on-going programs [Home Edition of Change Architects](#) and [Design Futures](#).

Our community of innovative teachers became crucial for our organization and their role is now of an innovation lab in the educational space,

We were also lucky to strengthen our

relationships with organizations such as Autonom, Rațiu Democracy Center and Oracle and start new collaborations with HP Inc and HPE.

In terms of funding we received financial support from Kaufland Start ONG, Design Future - Erasmus+ Project, Donations from individuals with 3.5% and donations from Camp Virtual participants as well as a strategic donation from Cleopatra Cabuz. We were also lucky to receive inkind donations from Fan Courier, HP Inc, and Fă Bine! We also received support from volunteers Alice Cirjan, Emanuela Gheorghiu and Ioana Cristea as well as HPE team GrațIELa Zaharia, Victorita Nicolaescu and Nicolas Sachet.

We are thankful to all who invested and supported our work!

# IMPACT

We aim to develop students 21st Century Skills such as empathy, collaboration, digital literacy, communication, leadership, but even more importantly they gain confidence in their own capacity to generate change and inspire others.

## CHANGE ARCHITECTS

To implement our program this year we had adjusting our work to the online environment. We developed new guides and we launched Home Edition as the Pandemic alternative to Change Architects to which over 750 students participated and developed over 50 projects.

## SUPER HEROES CHALLENGE

It was our first initiative in response to the pandemic and the goal was to restore students optimism and to cultivate their creativity and resilience. Over 100 students build their superhero costume using recyclable materials and their story made it to national news.

## DESIGN FUTURES

In 2020 we conducted the needs assessment for our project in collaboration with PACO, STIMMULI, TU Eindhoven, Designathon and Aristotelio College. The program materials and teacher training were conducted and 5 teachers from Romania had been trained and ready to implement the project in 2021.

## CAMP VIRTUAL

Adapting to the pandemic situation and students need to interactions we had designed the Virtual Camp. This is the first innovation run by innovative teachers and over 4 camps were conducted during school vacations. In total over 75 students participated.



## 2020

### Impact in Numbers

- 10 Innovative Teachers
- 50+ Change Projects
- 70+ Teachers
- 75+ Camp Participants
- 100+ Superheroes
- 750+ Students
- 2000+ Indirect Beneficiaries
- 18K Euro Investment