

Report on Participation in "THE SWARM: Collective Intelligence for the Community" Seminar



From January 20th to 26th, 2025, representative from INOS, participated in "THE SWARM," a seminar focused on fostering collective intelligence and collaborative projects. Organized by INCA Catalunya in partnership with Link Association, the seminar aimed to enhance knowledge sharing, foster partnerships, and explore innovative approaches in youth and community engagement.

Objectives of the Seminar

The seminar was designed to:

- Connect stakeholders in arts and education to share best practices.
- Provide a platform for developing strategic partnerships and resource sharing.
- Encourage participants to brainstorm potential collaborative projects.
- Support the adaptation of innovative strategies into local contexts for enhanced impact.



Key Activities

1. Good Practice Sharing

- Participants presented their organizations' experiences, highlighting innovative approaches in cultural and educational projects.
- Case studies of Link Association's Agorateca Community Library and INCA's artistic strategies were shared.

2. Networking and Collaboration

- Facilitated discussions among participants to identify shared interests and complementary resources.
- Visits to significant venues and cultural spaces enriched the experience- Visiting the ROCA UMBERT Fabrica de creació in Granollers



3. Project Planning

- Brainstorming sessions focused on future youth exchanges, training opportunities, and strategic partnerships.
- Outlined actionable steps for sustainable collaborations.



The seminar was hosted at MOGENT in Llinars del Vallès, a serene countryside monastery. The venue provided ample space for activities and opportunities for informal interactions. Additionally, its proximity to Barcelona, the vibrant capital of Catalonia, allowed participants to explore the city's rich cultural and historical landmarks during their free time. From the breathtaking works of Gaudí and the charming streets of the Gothic Quarter to the beautiful Mediterranean coastline, Barcelona provided an inspiring backdrop for visitors.

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During the seminar, I actively participated in knowledge-sharing sessions, presenting insights from my NG work in several projects. Key takeaways included:

- The importance of decentralized decision-making in community projects.
- Strategies to enhance cultural engagement through innovative methods like AI.
- Building long-term partnerships by leveraging collective intelligence.



Outcomes

- Established connections with 27 participants from 15 countries.
- Collaboratively outlined a project proposal for future collaboration.
- Gained new methodologies for fostering youth engagement and intercultural dialogue.

"The SWARM" seminar was an enriching experience, offering practical tools, inspiring case studies, and valuable networks. The event highlighted the transformative potential of collective intelligence in driving community development. Moving forward, I plan to implement the learned strategies in project proposals and establish collaboration.

