

Creative Juniors Program 2007 (CJ 07)

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Region:	Kingdom of Bahrain/Manama
Partners:	Ministry of Social Development (MoSD) German Technical Cooperation (GTZ)

1 Background

The Creative Juniors Programme 2007, which was conducted for the first time in Manama, appeared as an educative and enjoyable summer programme. The MoSD in Manama, Bahrain, expected to receive a meaningful contribution to the development of children's personal competencies and skills. FAI was subcontracted by GTZ to support the development and implementation of the pilot program.

2 Project objectives/Approach/Contents

Following a holistic approach, all courses aim not just to teach, but to focus on conveying skills through learning by practice and encouraging creativity. Our mission is to develop the students/juniors technical talents and skills, and at the same time foster the development of personality and social competencies. A major emphasis has to be put on the recruitment, training and qualification of the assistant trainers. The trainer-trainee ratio of 1:12 ensured success in implementing the course curricula. It enabled the teachers to cover different age groups, to supervise their trainees and to provide individual coaching as well as identification and promotion of talents. The following courses took place:

- Marble run: Activating students/juniors fantasy and building a fantastic world of Rollo Quick - marble slope
- Jewellery: Learning about the old handycraft jewellery.
- Electronics: Building and working on small and funny electronic modules
- Cool Tools: Discovering and building wooden figures
- Video Production: Working as an author, cameraman, editor or director
- Sound Design: Designing sound for a awesome movie scene
- Digital Photography: Basic knowledge in handling with camera. Introduction in further equipment such as MacBook Laptop, printer and Image software

3 Results

In total 7 German Trainers worked with more than 160 students/juniors. They received a well conceived, high quality summer training programme and made experiences they would not otherwise have gained. This was accomplished despite a tight timetable for preparation and execution of the programme.

