



Inclusive Archery Akrounta Youth Club (Cyprus)

1.1. TITLE OF THE CASE STUDY:

Inclusive Archery

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1.2. ONE LINER ON WHAT THE CASE STUDY IS ABOUT:

Akrounta Youth Club (Cyprus) offers archery training to everybody interested, including people with disabilities.

CLASSIFICATION:

PHASES		IDEATION
	X	DESIGN
		MARKETING
		AFTER SALES SUPPORT
		COLLABORATION & NETWORKING
TYPE OF ORGANISATION		BUSINESS
	X	NGO
		OTHER
TYPE OF SPECIAL NEEDS	X	SENSORIAL DISABILITIES AND/OR BARRIERS
		INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES/barriers
	X	PHYSICAL DISABILITIES/barriers



		OTHER BARRIERS
TYPE OF SPORTS/LEISURE		SUMMER SPORTS/LEISURE
		WINTER SPORTS/LEISURE
	X	ALL YEAR AROUND SPORTS/LEISURE
		MOUNTAIN
		BEACH/WATER-RELATED ACTIVITIES
		OTHER
TYPE OF SERVICE, PRODUCT, ACTIVITY	X	SPORTS
		ACTIVE LEISURE
		BOTH
TYPE OF ACTIVITY		INDIVIDUAL
		GROUP
	X	BOTH

1.3. CASE STUDY DESCRIPTION:

Akrounta is a beautiful old village in Limassol district, Cyprus, at the edge of the valley created by the Amathus River. The village has about 450 inhabitants that are mainly engaged in agriculture and livestock farming.

Akrounta Youth Club is located has just marked its 40 year anniversary since it's establishment in 1982. The Club supports the local community in many ways,



organising different projects, events and activities. The project eAkrounta led by the members of the club that aims to present the heritage of the village through digitalisation and promotion of historical documents, was one of the finalists of SALTO Awards 2022, the annual contest promoting great youth projects all over Europe.

The Archery team was founded with the original aim to engage in the sport of archery and coaching, setting up an archery team and bringing good results in competitions. However, soon the whole idea has been transformed into something that influences the lives of many people.

One of the founders of the Archery team, Christiana Mandriotou explains, “ We founded the team In 2014. We didn’t do it earlier, although we have been involved in archery training since 2011 because we didn’t feel ready to work with people with disabilities. Our goal was to help these people and not harm them. We had begun to train several young and old friends of archery who had no disabilities. Our primary purpose was the experience that would enable us to train handicapped people rather than acquire any titles. From 2011 to 2014, we dealt with the joy of the children with disabilities in schools, in one-day lessons.”

The idea to offer lessons to people with disabilities emerged as one of the founders of the team had a disability himself. To advance their knowledge of working with people with disabilities, the trainers attended several special seminars abroad.

Today, as 9 years has passed since the establishment of the Archery team, archery training is offered to everybody interested, including people with different disabilities (deaf, blind, wheelchair users). For people with disabilities the participation is free of charge.

Archery lessons (indoor and outdoor) are offered to children from 6 years old and adults. Group and private lessons are available, as well as lessons at summer camps, company/ team events, etc.

The Archery team will continue offering its training services and support to everybody interested, independent of the level and type of disability, and will also participate in



local and international competitions, thus promoting its activities and motivating the existing and new members.

Blind archery is one of the most recent sports to have official status within the International Blind Sports Federation (IBSA), and it is also a sub-category within para-archery, which is a registered sport in the Paralympics.

1.4. RESOURCES:

- Pictures:





- Social media:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/19735657697751>