



DEFINITIONS OF TWO CONCEPTS:

DPOPULAR EDUCATION AND SOCIAL MEDIATION

"Let's do it better" Project refers to two concepts: popular education and social mediation.

Define in a few lines these two concepts according to the point of view of your organisation:

1 / *popular education:*

Popular education : popular education means « to do » ; not to do for others but to do with others, with these objectives : training, education, citizenship.

For a sociocultural organization like the Agora MJC, the goal is to promote the doing together, the acquisition of knowledges and the practice of thoughts and decisions entreaties.

It means creating the necessary conditions so that people, initially motivated by an individual interest (the pleasure of practising sports or artistic activities for example) accede to :

- *a practice of common interest (for example the group of people who take part in a common activity)*
- *a practice of group of people interest even larger (interest of the organization)*

even

- *a practice of general interest (active participation in a local committee)*



2 / social mediation:

the social mediation : The MJC appropriates the definition adopted in 2000 by 42 experts from twelve EU States :

«PROCESS OF CREATION AND SOCIAL LINK COMPENSATION AND SETTLEMENTS OF EVERYDAY LIFE CONFLICTS, IN WHICH AN IMPARTIAL AND INDEPENDENT THIRD PERSON TRIES, THROUGH THE ORGANIZATION OF EXCHANGES BETWEEN PEOPLE OR INSTITUTIONS, TO HELP THEM IMPROVE A RELATION OR SETTLE A REASON THAT BRINGS THEM INTO CONFLICT»

Settlements of conflicts, in the strict sense, are not parts of the objectives of the AGORA MJC.

On the other hand contributing, on the area and with other local partners, to development and to social link facilitation

- *between inhabitants themselves,*
- *between institutions or public organizations and inhabitants,*
- *and between the inhabitants and the organizations*

is one of the main objectives of the AGORA organization.

And so the social mediation results in actions

→as well collective

- *getting a group of people of an institution closer, school for example*
- *bringing together a group of people and an expert on a specific topic and bringing to the foreground discussion about personal situations (violence, education, woman condition...) on a topic*

→as individual (supporting a youngster to training institutions or to job aid organization).

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To conclude, a few words on the cultural mediation.

*It's not about a group of people support to cultural places (theatre, opera, cinema...)
which is quite laudable on entertainment and on cultural practice widening basis.*

By cultural mediation action, the MJC means :

- *An action simultaneously bringing together artists representing different cultures for a meeting of different public (traditional music from the Maghreb and traditional music from the region of Nice or hip hop music and classical music.*

Main objective : fighting against tendency to see oneself as part of a particular community or identity rather than part of a society at large and contributing to the development of common heritage)

- *an action bringing together a group of people with*
 - *an artist around artistic -technic learning (theatre, writing) involving personal situations.*
 - *an artistic work about society matter*

Objective: putting emotion at the service of an individual and collective awareness of a social matter.