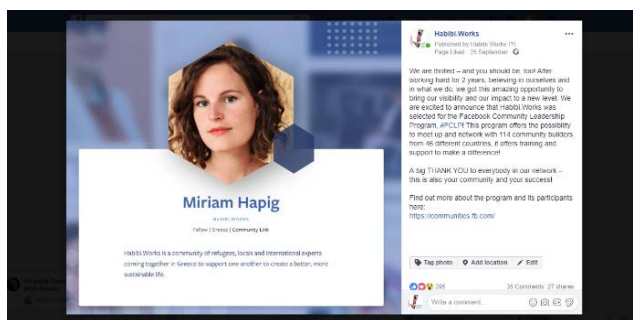




Habibi.Works: Facebook Community Leadership Programme

We have been working with Habibi.Works – a maker-space in Epirus, Western Greece – since 2016.

In the summer of 2018, we were delighted to help them qualify to take part in the first Facebook Community Leadership Programme, writing a proposal which secured them \$50,000, training and support to continue their excellent work.



The organisation used the money to set up the Net.Works programme, under which it ran 16 workshops for men and women in skills including web design, woodwork, sculpture, 3-d modelling and printing, metalwork, textiles and fashion, and sessions on the current situation in the Greek and wider international refugee response.



Net.Works is more than solely a training scheme: it has also built connections between the trainers and trainees, resulting in a system of communications across Europe and beyond between expert trainers and newly-trained men and women embarking on new lives, and new careers, in Greece and elsewhere in Europe.

Habibi.Works was also able to use the money to help reach out further to the local Greek community, as well as advancing its progress and community structure in Epirus.

The volunteer-run organisation, based in Katsikas, just outside of the city of Ioannina, provides space for refugees and Greek people to develop and use their skills and abilities to create, as well as a place away from refugee camps for people to meet, relax, socialise and build a community.

The space contains working areas and tools for woodwork, metalwork, fabric design and creation, an art studio, a beauty salon (run by Habibi.Works' users), a library, 3D printer, computers and internet access, a laser wood cutting machine, a gym, as well as a large kitchen, where those who visit create lunches for all.



Habibi.Works is addressing several vital needs in the European refugee response, promoting social cohesion at the same time as creativity; building community as well as providing material and space with which people can make practical improvements to their lives.

We at Koraki have provided the Habibi.Works team with guidance on communications, as well as creating written, photographic and





video communications for them to promote their activities – and the thinking behind them – to their supporters and the general public.

We also offer prompt, detailed, relevant updates and analysis on the latest developments in Greece, the EU and the wider world, so that Habibi.Works can stay well-informed even as they focus on their work in the field.

And in the summer of 2018, we worked on their application to the Facebook Community Leadership Programme, and are delighted they have been a part of that initiative, not only benefitting themselves, but working in new, innovative ways to help men, women and children who have been forced from their home countries to build new lives in Greece.

As a result, Habibi.Works has received training, funding and support from Facebook, to further advance their excellent work, and increase the reach of their vital project, which provides time, space and materials which enable refugees and Greek people to come together, and to create.



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