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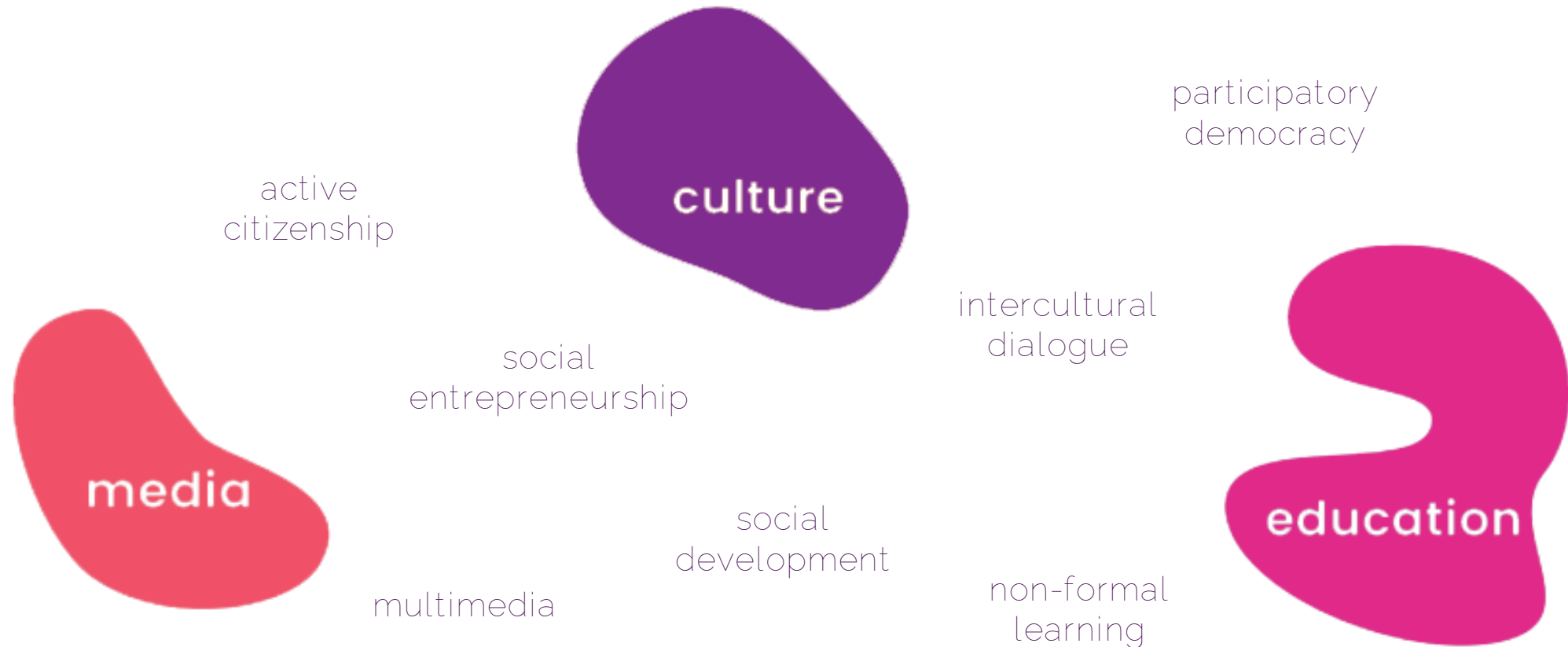
OUR STORY

ABOUT US

- We are a non-profit cooperative;
- Our story begins in 2016 in Faro (Algarve, Portugal);
- Our projects focus on social development and community empowerment;
- We promote territorial development using participatory tools;
- We belong to the Local Council for Social Action (Rede CLAS), with the objective to plan local development initiatives for greater effectiveness in the eradication of poverty and social exclusion.



OUR PROJECTS FOCUS ON:



Our Projects

Communities Driving Change (Europe For Citizens)

- Communities Driving Change is a project focused on empowering the common citizen, providing digital tools to allow the expression of needs and opinions, reinforce their civic role and participation with solutions in an info-inclusive way in local communities using several field activities that will gradually raise the voice of local citizens to its public institutions, improve the quality of information that reaches out political decision-makers through the support of IT knowledge based platforms or tools.
- The concept of Communities Driving Change derives from the Speakers' Corner concept where anyone and everyone can express their opinions and debate with others their positions on government, religion, traditions, culture or any other subject of vital interest to their purpose in life since 1885 in England.
- Contextos have been working with citizen's participation issues since 2016. We have developed expertise and significant know-how working on projects that focus on the development of structures and instruments for youth participation in decision-making processes at the local authorities level.
- We want both young people and citizens living in Faro and city partners (Kaunas, Thessaloniki and Timisoara) to take an active part in the decision-making process concerning their own city and to help them to understand their role in the decision-making process and active participation in the day-to-day life of the city.

Our Projects

DigitArt (Erasmus+ KA2 – Partnerships for Creativity)

- The DigitArt! project is looking to co-design a participatory methodology that will increase digital competencies and increase youth participation, identifying, reflecting and collecting day-to-day testimonies about Creativity, Arts, and Culture with the following objectives:
 - Develop methodologies and training tools to promote empowerment, participation, and integral development of Youth in Europe through the participatory video and digital storytelling tools.
 - Create a virtual community for exchanging experience, strategies, and generating sustainable alternatives, with the involvement of young participants, stakeholders, and members of organizations as key actors.
 - Train 18 participants to become active agents in the processes of political and economic transformation, through the development of digital and communicative skills and support the building of participatory and collaborative citizenship.
 - Train 18 stakeholders of the participating organizations in the tools and methodologies developed during the project

Our Projects

DigitArt (Erasmus+ KA2 – Partnerships for Creativity)

- The DigitArt! methodology is structured following a bottom-up approach that seeks actively involving youth in the promotion of EU common values by using new creative ways for civic participation such as narratives based on audiovisual languages and contemporary arts (e.g. performances, music, theatre, urban art, etc).
- Focused on youth, the project aims to involve them in the process of rethinking themselves, as well as their role in the future of their localities. Participatory Video and Digital Storytelling and non-formal education are the methodologies chosen to develop audiovisual and multimedia content as a tool to express and generate ideas in order to identify the needs, local resources and collectively build sustainable alternatives.

Our Projects

For Youth Initiative (European Solidarity Corps)

- We believe that volunteering is a great opportunity to grow, develop competencies and become an active citizen. From Contextos we promote that all young people should have the opportunity and access to volunteering. We also understand that although everyone can volunteer, there are groups, young people with fewer opportunities, that need special attention and preparation in order to fully take advantage of the experience of volunteering.
- International volunteers are involved in different tasks focused on the empowerment of young people and local community development. We like to provide to the volunteers, the opportunity of participate in our local projects helping in the daily tasks like preparing the agenda, who to contact, etc., in order to improve their skills and knowledge and give them useful work experience that can be useful in their future, professional or volunteer life, inside any organization.
- We offer the opportunity to learn and discover topics like: developing teamwork skills; learning about the environment, local community, and local habits; being supported through the intercultural learning process; developing creativity by participating and organizing cultural events; developing critical thinking towards cultural and socio-political events; developing logistical skills; developing skills in multimedia production; developing fundraising skills; and sharing their experiences and promoting intercultural exchanges.

Other projects

PEOPLE OF FARO

- We aim to explore the city through the eyes of its local people;
- We develop interviews and photo shootings with different types of people in Faro;
- So far we published 14 interviews, while we are planning to expand the project to almost 30 in the next months.
- All of them are available to read here: <https://contextos.org.pt/people-of-faro/>



Other projects

OUT OF CONTEXTOS PODCAST

- We created a podcast aiming to show the raw side of authentic people;
- We call it "Out of Contextos" because we want to challenge our guests and take them out of their comfort zone;
- We talk with them both about their motivations and failures as well;
- The first episode, titled "HOW TO BE A PROFESSIONAL VOLUNTEER" is available to stream on [Spotify](#), [Google Podcasts](#), [Anchor](#), [Youtube](#) and more.



OBRIGADO!

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