

Project: "Creation of a theatre workshop"

Non-profit organisation: "Mission Possible", created in 2002

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Project goal

Creation of a theatre workshop for 40 children as part of the "Mission Possible" programme in the 19th and 20th arrondissements of Paris.

Presentation of the project

"Mission Possible" is keen to reconcile children from 6 to 12, identified by schools and municipal services as presenting early behavioural problems, with learning at school. Through global supervision of the family and daily educational action tailored to each child, the organisation's teams carry out early preventive actions against delinquency and thereby help to develop the individual and collective aptitudes of each child.

The creation of a theatre workshop catering for some 40 children is part of the organisation's global programme. The children, organised in workshops of 10, work on acting, reading, dialogue and writing. Two actors and a group leader supervise the children and guide them in their work.

Mission possible seeks to reconcile the children with the requirements and, more importantly, the pleasure of learning. The theatre workshops are a way of helping them discover new interests. The children discover new markers, more structuring and motivating than those they often encounter in their usual social environment.

A performance will be put on at the end of each term to allow parents and the educational teams to measure the extent of the work accomplished.

Involvement of parents / mentors

The parents are involved in the organisation's global programme (performances, a token financial participation as a way of showing their support, etc.). One parent is invited to sit on the organisation's Board of Directors.

Support requested from the Fondation HSBC pour l'Education

Funding: The Foundation's grant will be used to pay the professional participants and duplicate this initiative in other structures, notably with local authorities.

Grant awarded for 2007: **€15,000**

Human support: Accompanying children on theatre outings.