



Common actions against pandemic



City of Gdansk, from the beginning of the crisis caused by COVID-19 virus focused on work concentrated on undertaking proper measures in purpose to adequately fight with a pandemic's fallouts.

Within the first steps, the city released solutions and measures in the subject of town's properties and users of urban engineering system. There were undertaken a countermeasures to entrepreneurs and NGOs, also launched online consultations with municipality officers and undertaken flexible approach in the subject of financed by the town project's implementation in purpose to escalate the fight aimed to mitigate COVID-19 fallouts in purpose to make projects more focused on support served online and by phone for all inhabitants, especially in the subjects of psychological support for vulnerable groups.

Information about the current situation and rules is continuously updated in Polish, as well as in English, Russian and Ukrainian languages. Scholastic community, medical service, vulnerable groups are the constant subject of Gdansk municipality concern. A lot of city's efforts were adjusted according to online working conditions.



Below are presented actions within the subject of local community support, that were undertaken by The City of Gdansk until today.

Grants for NGOs - implementation of countermeasures against COVID-19

City of Gdansk released an emergency call for proposals within which NGOs are asked to support the local society with an crucial measures in purpose to counter effects of the crises caused by a virus.

Actions undertaken by NGOs are dedicated, in particular, to most vulnerable groups as elder people, medical staff and persons that are excluded from the systemic support offered within the governmental legal system (f. ex. majority of immigrants).

Measures should be focused on:

- production and distribution of means of personal protection like protections masks, disinfection measures and face shields,
- food collection and distribution,
- information, legal and psychosocial assistance,
- assurance of “safe shelter” for victims of domestic violence,
- logistic and coordination support for all above mentioned, that will provide reaching everyone, who is currently in need.

All the measures will be undertaken in Polish, English, Russian and Ukrainian languages.

More, detailed information in Polish, you can find on our website:

<https://bip.gdansk.pl/urzed-miejski/komunikaty/zaproszenie-do-skladania-ofert-na-realizacje-zadan-w-celu-przeciwdzialania-covid-19-wrs-1-2020,a,170250?fbclid=IwAR19DLyiwcKAYSTi4J05KzHbgL6mxAmQaHGntvPEsm2BYJFJ4yHeJ9KNqjU>

Measures undertaken by local NGO

There are measures, that are undertaken by local NGOs within a permanent city’s financial support, like, f ex.:

- psychological support for everyone in need – particularly for victims of domestic violence and persons that have difficulties with going through quarantine
- Links to NGOs website and fanpages:

<https://www.facebook.com/Stowarzyszenie-WAGA-212313248784777/>



<https://cpk.org.pl/>

<https://www.fundacjafofa.pl/>

- pedagogic support served for divers' groups within a school community, f. ex. for parents and pupils that conduct education on-line

Link to NGO fanpage:

<https://www.facebook.com/Stowarzyszenie-WAGA-212313248784777/>

- food and goods aid, also for those, who is excluded from legal system solutions

Link to NGO website: <https://www.caritas.gda.pl/>

- specially dedicated assistance provided for immigrant in Polish, English, Russian and Ukrainian, focused on legal, psychological and integration support, Polish language courses online and parents and children assistance within the educational system, like tutoring online.

Links to the NGO website and fanpage:

<http://cwii.org.pl/?fbclid=IwAR2Jpm1aCswFaBBvn68OxbsWtvJ4PMq9fhfFxrqHUzfT2ns4pwu340W8qK8>

<https://www.facebook.com/cwiitrojmiasto/>

- #ngosySZYJAMASKI3city - # ngos sew masks - a partnership of local NGOs produced 30,000 face masks.

Support for new inhabitants:

Information support for migrants conducted by volunteers from The Council of Immigrants - Mayor of Gdansk Advisory Board.





From the beginning of crisis caused by COVID-19 virus, especially under an influence of governmental restrictions related to frontiers closing and locking down of workplaces that used to hire a lot of immigrant employers, The Gdansk's Council of Immigrants' members decided to take care and support everyone with the most important information.

The information that concerns up to date rules and restrictions in Poland and in Gdansk, emergency changes in the law according to the migrant's situation in Poland, psychological, goods and food aid, and any other answers, that can be useful for migrants with various status in Poland is prepared in many different languages and released on the fan-page of The Immigrants Council:

https://www.facebook.com/gdanskaradaimigrantowiimigrantek/?epa=SEARCH_BOX , as well as on the city portal: <https://www.gdansk.pl/wiadomosci/ua-en-de,a,167425> and various city social media profiles, like Gdansk unites us:

https://www.facebook.com/laczynasgdansk/?epa=SEARCH_BOX

Emergency helpline for migrants

To adjust proper measures for all who needs support, in cooperation with Metropolitan Area Gdansk Gdynia Sopot was released a survey that investigated current situation of migrants in the region. In response to the survey results, the organisation of Metropolitan Area Gdansk Gdynia Sopot launched an Infoline and dedicated a special e-mail address, where immigrants can ask for support. By calling the helpline, person can get support with job seeking and soon, also with career counselling and psychological matters.

Link to the information: <https://www.gdansk.pl/wiadomosci/infolinia-kryzysowa-i-inne-formy-wsparcia-dla-imigrantow-z-gdanska-i-pomorza,a,170574>

#GdanskCares - local “self-help” initiative #GdańskPomaga



Dedicated for all who struggle within COVID-19 crisis, the local initiative #GdańskPomaga was launched within cooperation of Gdansk City Hall and few other, local organisations. The internet platform allows you to call for help as well as leave your offer in purpose to support those in emergency. There is a list of local initiatives like “computer for pupil”, “mask for medic” and a long roll of other, locally set initiatives, that one can support, join, or benefit from.

The website: <https://gdanskpomaga.pl/> and an article in Polish about the initiative:

<https://www.gdansk.pl/wiadomosci/kazdy-moze-wlaczyc-sie-w-walke-z-koronawirusem-ruszyla-akcja-gdansk-pomaga,a,168760>

From beginning of „lock down” caused by COVID-19 epidemic, Gdansk municipality undertook various measures in purpose to support school environment

In Gdansk committed approach is undertaken thanks to cooperation and measures, that are introduced in response to all the school environment needs.

Engaged discussion take place on a dedicated for education matters website:

www.gdansk.pl/edukacja as well as on all school's platforms and a closed Facebook

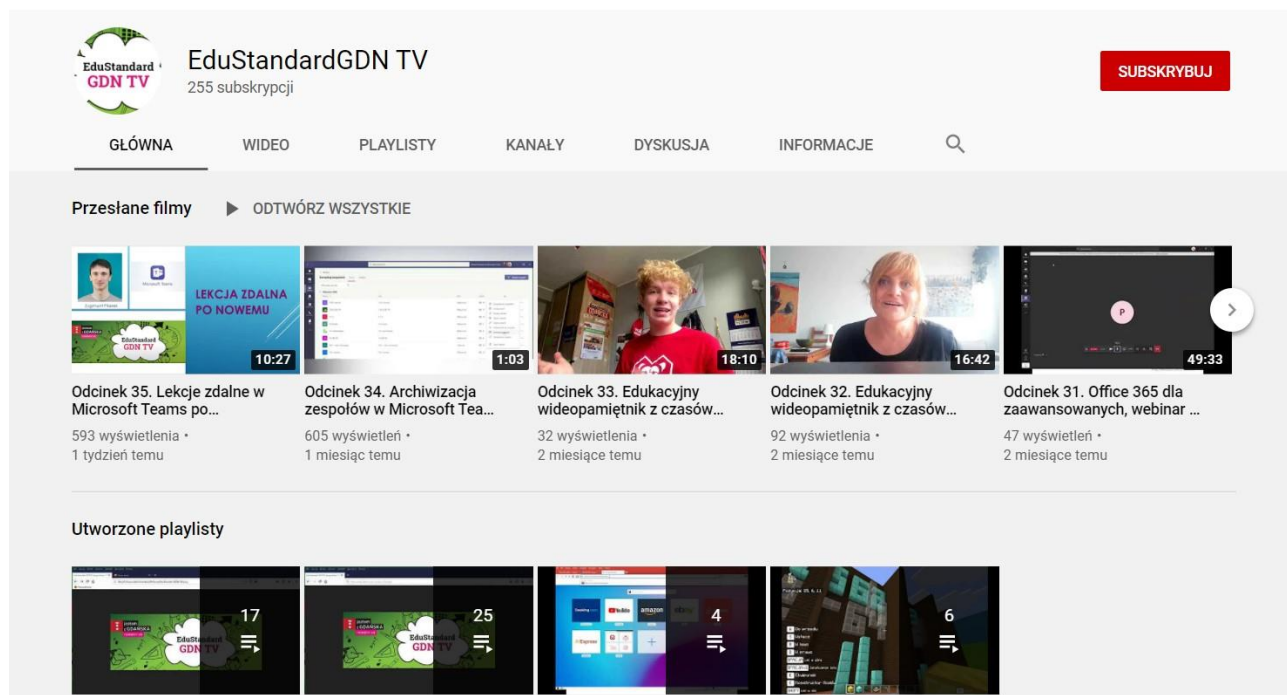
groups, set and led by education office of Gdansk's City Hall, where local teachers, pedagogues and school principals can ask their questions and offer solutions in response to the most involved matters. There are conducted online conferences, sometimes together with Mayor of Gdansk, where main issues are concentrated on schools' organization and educational matters. Thanks to surveys and constant “staying in touch”, municipality's officers can fit a proper approach according to the crucial needs.



It is important to mention, that the effective approach in a subject of education in Gdansk is possible thanks to the online platform (Gdańska Platforma Edukacyjna: <https://edu.gdansk.pl/index.html>), which from many years has been already used and explored in Gdansk's schools.

Beside the support directly offered from the city hall and the office responsible for educational matters, in the city there are also many activities, that are handled in cooperation and thanks to support of local community. Some of them are described below.

#EduStandardGDN



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfPiQ0VI1RD2IpNHiLvVDWg>

In response to the technology challenge and a knowledge, that a lot of parents and teachers still have problems with handling internet applications, city launched an information channel on YouTube named: #EduStandardGDN On the platform one can find amateur instructions how, step by step, log in, use and explore Gdansk Education Platform, which is used as a real school substitution during the COVID-19 crisis. All the materials set on the platform, are made and prepared by volunteers – school principals, teachers, pedagogues, and persons, who wanted to join an initiative.

Computers for pupils and teacher



As an online education became a regular basis of everyday school routine, in response to the need of electronical devises without which teachers and pupils can not participate classes at homes, in city of Gdansk were set some solutions, that support those in need. Beside applying for grants support from diverse sources, very effective measures are related with a support of local companies and inhabitants, that offered and still offering devises to support education online. Effective actions were also undertaken by local NGOs.

Information about a call of Mayor of Gdansk for computers for pupils:

<https://www.gdansk.pl/wiadomosci/komputer-e-nauczanie-brak-apel-podaruj-apel-dulkiewicz-koronawirus-epidemia-gdansk-szkola-edukacja,a,168280>

Action undertaken by local activists:

<https://dziennikbaltycki.pl/nauka-online-na-pomorzu-wykluczone-cyfrowo-dzieci-moga-sie-iuz-uczyc-online-akcja-wolontariuszy-z-gdanska-wciaz-mozna-pomoc/ar/c1-14912096>

Business environment engagement:

<https://www.oliviacentre.com/aktualnosci/wpieramy-zbiorke-laptopow-dla-uczniow/>

Raising competences in purpose to conduct effective and creative education online

Together with a local initiative STARTER, city of Gdansk supports teachers, pedagogues and school principals with webinars and online consultations, that develop knowledge of effective methods concerns online education, as well as psychological matters, that are important within this process.

Link to the event on facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/217641359302916/>

There is also a local organisation, supported by the city, where engaged persons, that work in Gdansk's schools, share with methods and ideas of creative and modern trends in education. In response to current situation, on their website you can find an innovative ideas for education online: <https://kreatywnapedagogika.wordpress.com/>