Examples of systemic impact of our Fellows

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Human Rights

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Economic Development

Martin Hollinetz, elected in 2013, is creating bottom-up innovation centers in rural small towns. In the last three years he has opened 24 centers and more than 40,000 people participated in these programs. These include web-based social enterprises, which produce social goods and services at a much lower cost than private companies, while at the same time supporting vulnerable populations backs and sustainable livelihoods for everyone.

Change Maker

Everyone a Changemaker

New Ashoka Fellows Elected in 2014 and 2015

Barbara Czeizel is transforming the Czech education system by changing the education model for children with special needs, including a national probation system, an employment platform for ex-offenders, and the administration of reintegration programs that are tailored to the needs of the individuals involved.

Klára Laurenčíková is breaking the cycle of segregated classrooms, while also supporting children with atypical behavior by offering complex, institutionalized programs. She is teaching in schools where 30% of students have special needs, and 50% of students have a history of trauma. Klára has ignited and sustained grassroots change in the Czech Republic and throughout Hungary.

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WE AIM TO ELECT AND SUPPORT
- FELLOWS WORLDWIDE: 175 elected in the region since 1995
- STAFF: 8,5 Ashoka staff for 5 country offices
- SENIOR ADVISORS: 7 pro bono senior advisors working with Ashoka

OUR INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO
- 460,000 € invested in individual stipends for Fellows
- 4642 hours of pro bono work
- 1,065,000 € invested in Fellows and Ashoka

STRATEGIC FOCUS ON SCALING IMPACT
- NEW HYBRID MODELS OF FUNDING
- STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS
- 1216 interviews with opinion leaders and experts to understand social entrepreneurs’ impact
- 6515 Changemakers and Social Entrepreneurs connected and reached through an online Changemaker Network
- 11 candidate meetings for Ashoka Fellows
- 12 Fellows meet each year to convene and exchange ideas on what it means to be an entrepreneur
- 320 unique meetings through our international Fellows’ network
- 10 Social Entrepreneurs selected as Ashoka Fellows
- 10 Acceleration panels and workshops for Fellows

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  - BNP Paribas
  - CBRE
  - CGI Business Solutions
  - Innovation Law
  - Civil Support
  - CEPF
  - Commerzbank
  - Corinova
  - Czech Private Equity and Venture Capital Association
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  - IGS Integrated Consulting Group
  - IZI
  - KPMG
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