



#football people weeks



Pula

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The #FootballPeople weeks is the largest campaign for social change and diversity in global football. During the two-week period over 150,000 people in more than 50 countries organise and participate in events and activities to bring about social change.

The #FootballPeople weeks are open to everyone regardless of who you are or what your role in football is.

The #FootballPeople weeks' project is organized by the Fare network which combats all forms of discrimination, including racism, far-right nationalism, sexism, trans- and homophobia and discrimination against disabled people.

Fare is an international organisation with more than 150 members in nearly 40 European countries.

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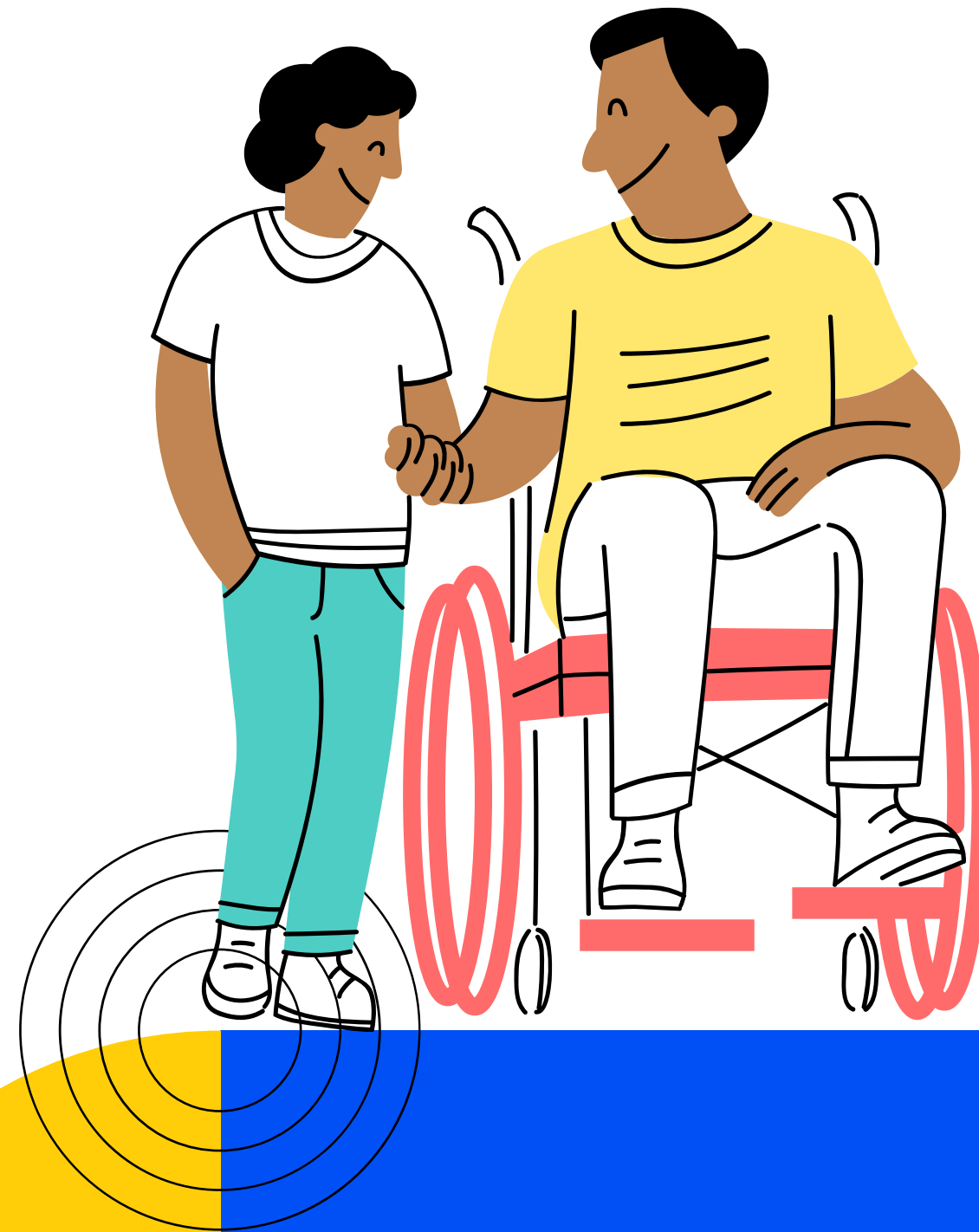
Inclusive is not Exclusive!

DIVERSITY IS NOT HOW WE DIFFER. DIVERSITY IS ABOUT EMBRACING ONE ANOTHER'S UNIQUENESS. ~OLA JOSEPH


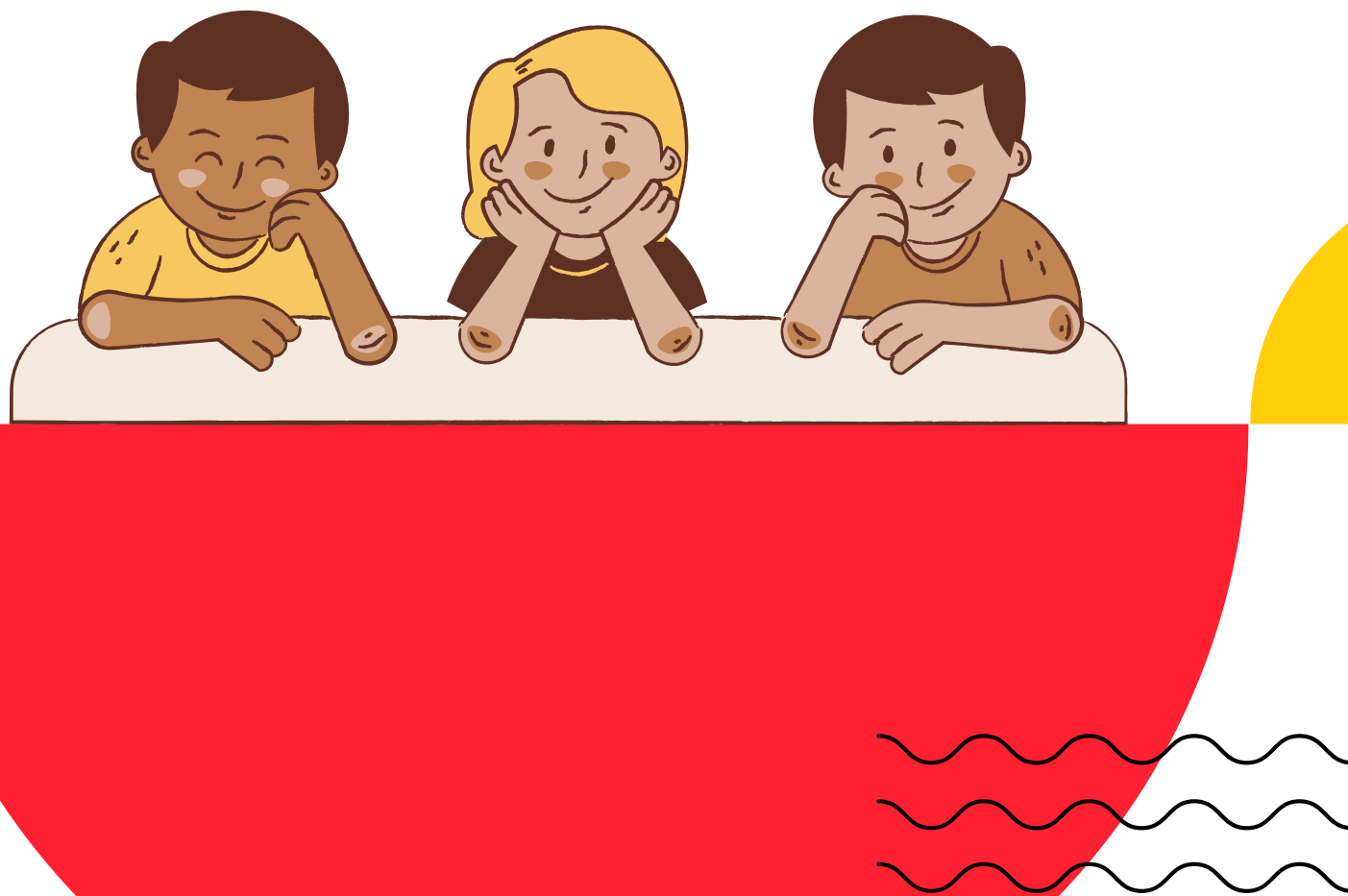
The Football People Weeks have been held at Elementary School Veli Vrh Pula for several years now. This year the submitted project "Inclusive is not Exclusive" has also been supported by a small grant.

This year's weeks were held from the 8 October to 23 October 2020 in cooperation with the Autism Association Istra, the Day centre for occupational therapy and rehabilitation Pula, the Veli Vrh Pula Chess Club and the football clubs Istra 1961 and Veli Vrh.

The Weeks celebrated inclusion and stressed the necessity of fighting discrimination against disabled people. The project was supported by the Municipality of Pula.



DO NOT JUDGE, DO NOT RIDICULE, BE A FRIEND,
APPROACH
AND OFFER HELP, IT WILL COME BACK TO YOU
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The 6th b grade students participated in a lecture held by Vanja Marković, pedagogue at the School for children with special educational needs in Pula, as one of the activities of the project. The topic centred around children with autism spectrum disorders, their characteristics and how to get closer to them. The pedagogue explained in a very simple but effective way what difficulties the children with autism face as well as what she has learned through the many years of practice at her school. After that, the students had a chance to see the world through the eyes of a child with autism thanks to a video created by The United Kingdom's National Autism Association which vividly portrays sensory overload. Everyone was very interested, and for at least a moment, they could empathize and understand the difficulties of an autistic child. They could perceive the way in which many every day simple things, such as loud sounds or bright lights, can be overloading to them. This was followed by a recording prepared by the Croatian National Autism Association, which promotes a message called "3 Steps: Come, Ask, Help". The program arose from the need to communicate the topic of autism, while also keeping it simple and easy to remember.

**"Mankind owes to the Child
the best that it has to give"**

**Declaration on the Rights of
the Child**

"THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS IN CHILDREN'S LIVES ARE SAFETY,
LOVE, ACCEPTANCE, AND ENCOURAGEMENT"

" - B. MILLER

The lecture was concluded by an exchange of inclusion and friendship messages. The messages were then written and drawn on the footballs and were sent to the Autism Association Istra and the Day Centre for occupational therapy and rehabilitation Pula, where new drawings and messages were added. After their contribution the footballs were figuratively “shot” for a further decoration to the youth categories of Football club Veli Vrh Pula, whose members are also students of Elementary school Veli Vrh Pula.

The members of the Elementary School Veli Vrh Chess Club carried out interactive research named „Football as a chess match“. It deals with the connection of football and chess through the statements of famous football coaches who stress the importance of seeing football as a chess match in order to be successful. They also explored the benefits of playing both chess and football for children with autistic spectrum disorders, and as a way to integrate them into society. Their findings on the topics “Chess and Football“, “Football as a chess match“ and “Chess and autism“ have been documented and presented both on paper and interactively, as well as through video clips.





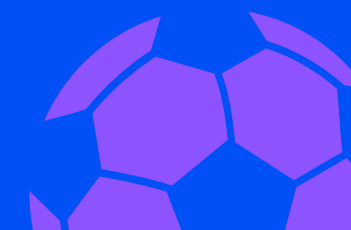
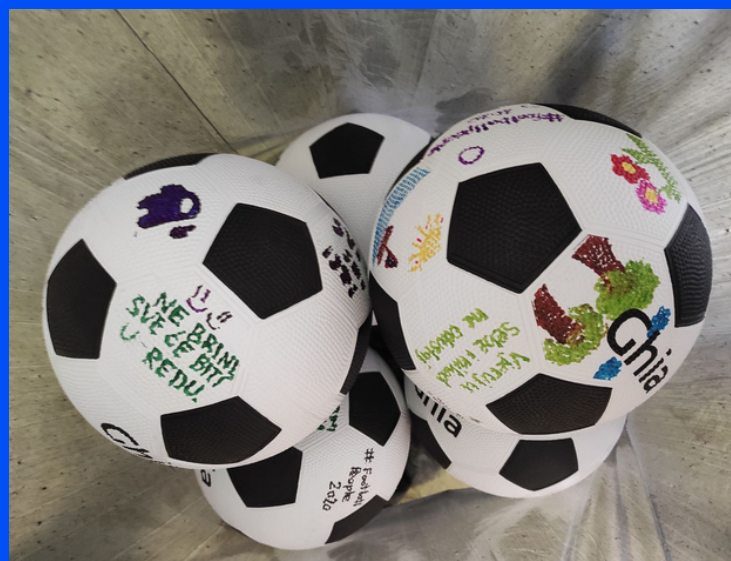
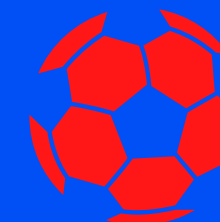
The project partners, as well as a big number of famous sportsmen whose work is connected to Elementary school Veli Vrh Pula, have all attended the final event held on the Football Club Veli Vrh pitch. It was an opportunity to read the messages of tolerance written on the footballs, and to symbolically perform penalty shoot-outs. The footballs were not just kicked by the students of Elementary school Veli Vrh Pula, but by the representatives of the project partners as well. The following guests who also participated in the shoot-outs, gave their messages of support to the project: Elvira Krizmanić Marijanović, Head of the Department of Social Activities of the Municipality of Pula; Pero Plavšić, as President, and Marino Brgić, Alen Maras and Vili Lanca, as members of the executive committee of Football Club Veli Vrh Pula; Mateo Lisica, former student of our school and player in Football Club Istra 1961 (the first league football club from Pula); Lana Lovrić and Mia Gavrić, students of our school and players of the Croatian national team in their categories, Blaž Bugarin, goalkeeping coach in the Croatian women's national team; Sergej Banović, coach of the Football Club Istra 1961 youth categories and former Football Club Veli Vrh Pula coach, Vanja Marković, pedagogue at the School for children with special educational needs in Pula, the Day Centre for Occupational Therapy and Rehabilitation Pula attendees, and the members of the Autism Association Istra.

"WE ALL LIVE WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF BEING HAPPY; OUR LIVES ARE ALL DIFFERENT AND YET THE SAME."
ANNE FRANK

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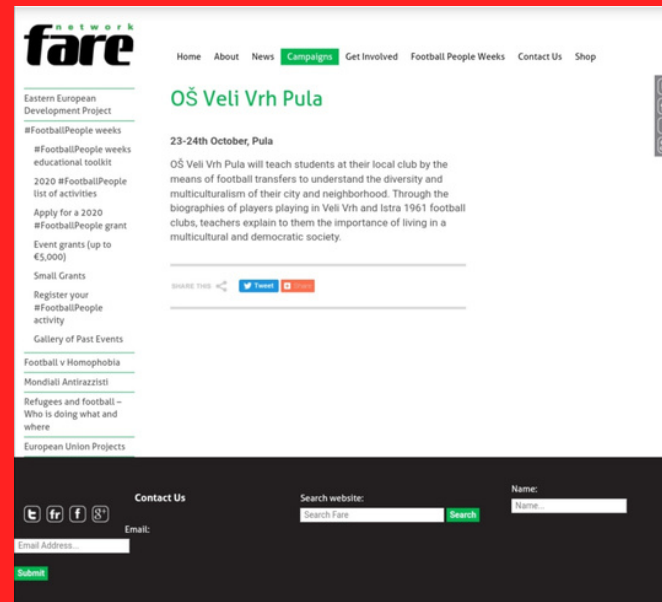
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**"Don't walk in front of me... I
may not follow
Don't walk behind me... I may
not lead
Walk beside me... just be my
friend".**

Albert Camus

#football people weeks in media



TOGETHER, WE THRIVE

**"Coming together is a beginning,
staying together is progress, and
working together is success."**

- HENRY FORD
EDWARD EVERETT HALE

When taking into consideration the fact that the area of Veli Vrh has been inhabited since the Neolithic (Early Stone Age), one might say that the history of schooling in the area dates back to prehistoric times. There are assumptions of the presence of a larger permanent settlement whose boundaries extended within a radius of 5 km. The lack of evidence cannot exclude the existence of prehistoric settlements on Veli Vrh around 10,000 to 7,000 years ago.

After the Roman conquest of Istria in 177 BC, the inhabitants of Veli Vrh lived in the villas „Rustica“ whose origin is to be associated with an intensified agricultural activity (olive growing, viticulture). Veli Vrh was probably inhabited during the middle ages as well, as various toponyms suggest. The first documented evidence of the existence of a school in Veli Vrh can be found in the educational, economic and political newspaper Naša Sloga number 37 of September 11, 1913. In it, the article "View of the Littoral" mentions the imminent beginning of the school year in Croatian language schools in Pula.

The opening of the new Veli Vrh public school on September 16, 1913 was mentioned in the number 39 of Naša Sloga published on September, 25 of the same year. Therefore, September 16 is marked as the beginning of modern schooling in Veli Vrh. In 1945, the Veli Vrh school had two classes and the teacher's name was Josip Rojnić. Classes were probably held in two locations. We know for sure that classes were held in the then Youth Centre known as Tivoli. We assume that in 1946, classes were held in one house on the Partizanski put street. At the end of the 1940s, the teacher at Veli Vrh Elementary School was Marija Kopitar, a well-known anti-fascist who participated in the Pazin Proclamation of September 1943. In the early 1950s, the school was called Fifth primary school and classes were held at the Paulin's family house. There was also a kindergarten.



The modern, prefabricated school was built with the contribution of citizens and was officially opened on September 4, 1982. The newly built school cost 66 million dinars (of which 59 million was provided by the above-mentioned contributions). At that time, over 200 students attended the Veli Vrh primary school. In 1984, a school library was opened (one of the first open-air libraries in Croatia). On November 27, 1985, the school was named "Josip Broz Tito". It was renamed "Veli Vrh" in 1991.

On February 24, 2008, the entire school burned down. The fire reached the roof of the school and then destroyed 16 classrooms and the teachers' room. Only the school gym, the library and the boiler room remained intact.

The Municipality of Pula, in cooperation with the Society of Architects of Istria, prepared a project task in keeping with the State Pedagogical Standard of the Primary School Education System and conducted a public architectural tender for the selection of an architectural solution. The solution of the company Randić-Turato from Rijeka won the first prize. The opening of the Veli Vrh school was on September 6, 2010 in the presence of the then Prime Minister Jadranka Kosor.

Elementary school Veli Vrh Pula History Club

Leading teacher: Igor Jovanović

Project partners

FC Istra 1961 is a Croatian football club from Pula, which has played in the First Croatian football league since the season 2009/10 after it became the champion of the Second Croatian football league in season 2008/09. The club's most prominent successes are playing in the final round of the Croatian football cup in season 2002/03, and winning the title of Second Croatian football league champion in seasons 2003/04 and 2008/09. FC Istra 1961 team plays their home matches at the Aldo Drosina stadium in green and yellow jerseys.

The previous names of the club were Uljanik, Pula 1856, Pula Staro Češko and Pula.



The **Autism Association Istra (UAI)** is an apolitical, non-profit, and voluntary association, founded to provide assistance to people with autism spectrum disorders, and to help their families in exercising the rights of their children.

The association wants to sensitize and educate the community about the needs and rights of people with autism spectrum disorders in order to quickly address their many issues and problems.

Day centre for occupational therapy and rehabilitation Pula

The Day centre for occupational therapy and rehabilitation Pula was founded in 1994 and provides a customized program that can prevent the social isolation of people with physical and intellectual disabilities.

FC Veli Vrh Pula plays the home matches on the Tivoli pitch located in the Veli Vrh area. They play in orange jerseys. In seasons 2002/03 and 2003/04 the club shifts from the lowest football league to the First County Football League where it continues playing today. The categories of FC Veli Vrh Pula are U-9, U-11, U-13, U-15, U-19



Chess Club Veli Vrh is a chess club that operates via the Internet, competes in the World Junior Chess League and in various national and international tournaments. In April 2020, along with several other chess clubs, the Veli Vrh Chess Club was one of the founders of World Junior Chess, which at the time included more than 2,000 children and 200 teams from over 60 countries. The club is located in Pula, Croatia and is dedicated to children. Throughout its short history, the club has already achieved notable successes at the Cadet Championships, but the real upswing began when they started playing internet chess. Encouraged by the great interest in playing chess at the Elementary School Veli Vrh Pula, the parents and teachers of the children attending the school decided to found a chess club.

The Veli Vrh Chess Club was founded On Teacher's Day, October 5, 2018.

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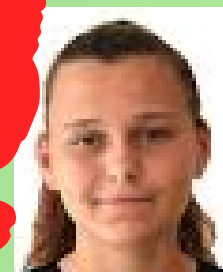
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and women's national football team



Mateo Lisica
player -FC Istra 1961
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Mia Gavrić
student in ES Veli Vrh Pula
national team players



Lana Lovrić

Vanja Marković
pedagogue - School for upbringing and
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FC Veli Vrh
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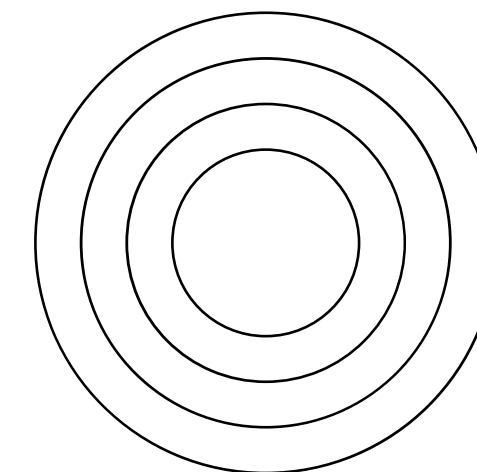
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