



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM for IISMAVO 2022

A one-semester vocational training programme hosted by the University of Pécs, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Department of Community and Social Studies

(September-December, 2022)

Retextil Foundation

Number of employees: 34 (management and employees)

Company core business: providing employment for persons living with disabilities

Website: <https://retextil.hu/en/>

Description:

Retextil is an art-cycling/up-cycling community art project that is based on traditional handicraft techniques. It is a Hungarian innovation, a complex programme that responds to key social and environmental sustainability issues. Employees are persons with disabilities who can realize their own creative potentials and transform textile waste into works of art while developing their work-based skills. Their unique products can be purchased; or are hired in festivals/by community houses.



This creative programme began in 2000 as a social enterprise and its dynamic development has attracted several international partners – Retextil is now a partner of the ART-Cycling project supported by the European Union. Retextil has provided placement opportunity and field experience for several international students at the Department of Social and Community Studies.