

**ACTIVITY REPORT**

**Program:** The NLGC

**Year:** 2017

**Please present your activity report according to the following lines. The whole rapport will not exceed 2 or 3 pages (as word document).**

**Name of the Program:** Accessibility and Redesigning of Nalaga'at's Building + Nalaga'at Rent Expenses

**Year of activity:** 2017

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**Number of active participants in the program:** 62 employees with disabilities, 40 without.

**Estimated number of impacted participants:** during 2017 the center hosted 52,030 visitors from Israel and abroad.

**Give the actually state of the program (where the program stands at the date of the activity report, no more than ten lines):**

As mentioned in the 2016 report, NLG management executed the first phase of renovation, remodeling and accessing the center facilities, which included the expansion of the workshop center, construction of a new gallery balcony and the insulation of a wheelchair lift to connect the expanded workshop space to the Kapish events complex. In 2017 management executed the second phase of the project, which included renovation of the storage and cooling room for the kitchen and event center use, remodeling and painting the entrance hall and renovation of the guest restrooms and sewage infrastructure. Due to budget considerations management had decided to delay the accessibility and renovation of the front desk and kitchen floor to 2018.

**The main achievements during the last year of activity (main achievements, number of events, number of participants, etc.):**

During 2017 management was able to maintain growth thanks to the positive influence of the 2016-2017 renovation projects. The newly renovated, spacious and accessible space enabled management to expand its activities, impact and social message among new and returning visitors. Between Sep-Dec 2017 (in comparison to the same period last year) **the Kapish Events center and workshop center hosted 148 private and corporate events and workshops with 15,338 guests of diverse age range representing all segments of society.** In addition and for the first time, NLG management transported **12** workshops to **620** students in different schools located at the social and geographical periphery. This experimental format was a great success and has been already extended with over **30** workshops scheduled to occur during the

first quarter of 2018. Moreover, Thanks to the generous support of the Matanel Foundation assisting with the center's rent expenses, management was able to execute new projects such as: new Theater productions- "Edgar" premiering during Feb. 2017 feat deaf, blind and deaf-blind actors. In addition during the last quarter of 2017 NLG management started the process of producing "Children of a Lesser God" featuring deaf actors, expected to premier during May 2018. Furthermore, the center celebrated a decade of establishment, held the first Nalagaat festival for groundbreaking arts, developed new workshops, carried out professional trainings for deaf, blind and deaf blind employees and etc. As a result of the significant growth in activists, NLG management was able to provide **12** new job opportunities for deaf, blind and deaf-blind individual's working in the fields of culture, hospitality, and education setting a leading model for social change.

**The evaluation (methodology, results, comparisons with the precedent year, conclusions for the future...):**

The ability to market services in a newly renovated, accessible and larger space lead to a significant increase in activity and amount of visitors. Moreover, management was able to offer its activity to new audiences including individuals with limited mobility and wheelchair users. In comparison to the same period of last year (September-December 2016) – The number of events and workshops grew by 30% while the number of guests visiting grew by 50%. Management was able to offer diversified verity of activity to larger audiences and market its programs to new and returning clients. Management evaluated the success of the project by measuring demand, sales, and audience's responses to new programs.

**Provisional guide lines for the advancement of the program in the next year:**

NLG management has began the third phase of renovation which included acoustics adjustments in the workshop center space, renovation of the actors rehearsal room functioning also as an additional workshop room to accommodate larger groups simultaneously. In addition, and as 2018 progress management plans to continue the project by executing an overall renovation of the theater hall (acoustics adjustments, new sound and lighting systems, stage restoration, etc), renovation and accessing the front desk, renovation of the kitchen floor and Blackout complex. The project will be accompanied by safety and accessibility consultants to ensure it will be carried in accordance to regulations, suited to all. At the same time, the NLGC will continue to develop new programs for its many visitors to create further job opportunities to individuals with disabilities at the center.

**Please join the Evaluation Report, the Financial Report and the list of the participants to the program (as PDF documents).** Please see attached

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