

IASE 2024
Pre – conference site visits
Plzeň, 27.6. 2024

Dear IASE 2024 delegates,

Should you wish to participate in our pre-conference site visits, on Wednesday June 27, 2024, below you will find a list of suggested onsite settings, including schools or social services settings, provided within the city of Pilsen or nearby.

We have organized nine different site visit options, each with the capacity of 5 people max and each named by a different color for better orientation. Participants will gather at a pre-arranged meeting point, the well-known and still glorified Memorial called "Thank you America," (https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Díky,_Ameriko!#/map/0) located at Americká Street, on behalf of those who liberated our city in 1945. Your site visit guide, holding a ticket matching the color of your visit, will meet you there.

The first visit is scheduled for approximately 8:30 – 11:30. Following the visit, there will be a lunch break (11:30 – 12:30), provisionally scheduled at one of our well-known social enterprises – Café Restaurant (<https://kacaba.cz> Prokopova 17, 301 00, Plzeň). Here, young people with intellectual disabilities will serve you. They acquired their first social and vocational skills here, which they then applied within the open labor market. Please note that you will be responsible for paying for your lunch (best to have local currency for both) as well as a ticket for public transportation. Your guide will assist you.



The second visit is scheduled for the early afternoon, approximately from 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm, depending on the location of the site and the nature of the support provided to the clientele. You will be accompanied by our experienced guides on both visits, and translation into Czech will be provided. You will be able to sign up for your choice on our website at iase.org. So stay tuned! In the meantime you can review the choices below.

We wish you a pleasant journey and hope you enjoy the experience.

Best regards, Your Local Organizing Committee

- **GREEN GROUP (5 people max)**

Morning visit: Special Schools for children with vision impairment and speech impairment (Kindergarten, Elementary School)

Afternoon visit: Diaconia of the Evangelical Church of the Old Brethren - Day Habilitation Program for children and adults with IDD

- **PINK GROUP (5 people max)**

Morning visit: Special Schools for children with intellectual disability and autism (Kindergarten, Elementary School, Secondary 1 year and 2 years Practical School)

Afternoon visit: Ngo TOTEM – Regional Volunteer Centre

- **BLUE GROUP (5 people max)**

Morning visit: Special schools for children with hearing impairment (Kindergarten, Elementary School)

Afternoon visit: Ngo Ty a já (You and me). Organisation originally established by parents to support meaningful and leisure time activities for teens and adults with disabilities

- **RED GROUP (5 people max)**

Morning visit: High school offering vocational training study programmes with onsite setting for practical training for students with and without disabilities

Afternoon visit: Centre of social services STOD - Social Services Provider run by Pilsen Region to provide community – based services for adults and older adults with intellectual disabilities, visit of the headquarters of the organisation and also of one community – based setting in Stod (small town nearby Pilsen)

- **PURPLE GROUP (5 people max)**

Morning visit: ZŠ MĚSTO TOUŠKOV, Mainstream Elementary School with special classes

Afternoon visit: Ngo Procit, organisation established by parents of children, teenagers and young adults with autism to support their quality of life

- **ORANGE GROUP (5 people max)**

Morning visit: ZŠ Merklín, Special school for students with autism (Special Elementary school and Special Secondary 1year and 2 years Practical School for students with intellectual disability and autism)

Afternoon visit: Ngo Motýl (Butterfly), organisation established by parents of children with disabilities to open a very first early intervention program in Pilsen. Recently centre serves people with (mainly intellectual) disabilities of different age

- **BROWN GROUP (5 people max)**

Morning visit: ZŠ Bory, Special Elementary School for children with disabilities

Afternoon visit: Centre of social services STOD - Social Services Provider run by Pilsen Region to provide community – based services for adults and older adults with intellectual disabilities, visit of a community – based setting in Tlučná (small town nearby Pilsen)

- **TURQUOISE GROUP (5 people max)**

Morning visit: ZŠ Tachovská (Special Elementary School for children with intellectual disabilities)

Afternoon visit: Children’s Centre. The Centre, run by the municipality of Pilsen provides specialized care for children from birth to preschool age with specific needs; including children with disabilities, those with chronic illnesses (convalescent and rehabilitation stays, hospice care), victims of abuse, neglect, and maltreatment, requiring diagnostic stays before placement in alternative family care, at risk due to a risky social environment, abandoned, or in need of immediate assistance.

- **GREY GROUP (5 people max)**

Morning visit: Visit to Plzeň Bory Prison: Established during the era of the Austro-Hungarian Empire to incarcerate individuals from Bohemia, Moravia, Silesia, Hungary, and Austria, the prison is well-known, among other things, for having housed Václav Havel during the Communist era. It is the largest prison in the Czech Republic.

Afternoon visit: Teen Challenge and its Center Point 14 (point for teen) is actively looking for common possible way-outs for drug addicted people or people who are at addiction risk. Their personal history and current situation are taken into account in order to support and bring up personage of human being.

GREEN GROUP

Kindergarten and Elementary school for children with visual impairment and speech difficulties

The kindergarten and elementary school has been caring for students with visual impairments for 30 years, ranging in age from 3 to 15 years. Approximately 190 students attend the school. A team of 90 educators and staff members takes care of the children and students. It is a special school, but the education follows the curriculum of a regular elementary school. Each class has a maximum of 14 students, ensuring an individualized approach to each child. The school includes a cafeteria, after-school care, a club, a modern dormitory, and a Special Educational & Assessment Centre (SPC) that provides counselling services for visually impaired students in Pilsen. In addition to the regular curriculum, students at the school learn to play musical instruments, Braille, and spatial orientation. In their free time, students can engage in not only regular sports but also special sports disciplines for the visually impaired, such as goalball and showdown.

Website: <https://www.zrakpm.cz>

Address: Lazaretní 25, Plzeň

Number of pupils: 190



Diaconia of the Evangelical Church of the Old Brethren - Day Habilitation Program for children and adults with IDD

Program for children and youth offers a sensitive approach and a diverse program, allowing individuals with disabilities and with very complex needs to experience typical activities their peers without disabilities do.

Program for youth and adults guide people with intellectual disabilities to make choices, take control of their lives and learn skills for independent life.

Website: <https://www.zapad.diakonie.cz/sluzby/stacionar-pro-osoby-s-postizenim-zapadni-cechy>

Address: Kralovická 35, Plzeň 323 00

Target group: individuals with disabilities

Services provided: Day Habilitation Program



PINK GROUP

Special Kindergarten, Elementary school and Vocational Practical school, Plzeň

The school educates students with special educational needs primarily intellectual disabilities and autism and combination of intellectual, physical and sensory disabilities. It provides education for students with mild intellectual disabilities, moderate intellectual disabilities, severe, and profound intellectual disabilities. The school is attended by approximately 138 students. There is also a Special Education Assessment Centre (SPC) on the premises. The SPC is focused on the same target group as the school, but its main emphasis is on visiting children and students in other schools, families, or other organisations. The SPC is staffed with two psychologists and six special education teachers.

Website: <https://www.skolymach.cz>

Address: Macháčkova 45, Plzeň

Number of pupils: 138



Ngo TOTEM

The mission of this organization is to create positive and functional interpersonal relationships, both within families and in the broader context of civil society. Since its inception, TOTEM, z.s. has been involved in volunteering, but over the years, the organization has evolved and acquired new forms.

Website: <https://www.totemplzen.cz>

Address: Kaznějovská 51, 323 00, Plzeň 1

Target group: seniors, volunteers, families with children, and the general public

Services provided: social activation services, activation programs, and volunteer projects



BLUE GROUP

Elementary and Kindergarten for children with hearing impairment

This school provides preschool and elementary education according to the school educational programs "I can't hear, but I understand" and "I want to speak like others." The school offers accommodation in the school dormitory for children and students from greater distances. It is a special school that also provides special educational support in its own special education assessment centre. The elementary and preschool are designed for children with hearing impairments, speech disorders, specific learning disorders, and the correction of deficiencies related to these disorders, as well as for children requiring an individual work pace.

Website: <https://www.sluchpost-plzen.cz>

Address: Mohylová 90, Plzeň

Number of pupils: 140



TY A JÁ (You and Me)

The Association Ty a Já was founded by an initiative of parents of children with disabilities. It not only assists young people with disabilities to integrate into society but also provides meaningful leisure activities for all.

Website: <http://www.sduzenityaja.cz/o-nas.html>

Address: sady Pětatřicátníků 27, 301 00 Plzeň

Target group: People with disabilities

Services provided: leisure time activities



RED GROUP

Vocational School of Production and Services, Plzeň

This school offers educational programs in the "E" category. Categories "E" are designated, according to government regulations, primarily for students with special educational needs. They are designed with lower requirements in both general and vocational education. Graduates from elementary schools, including students from lower grades and those with health impairments or disabilities, can find opportunities in these offered programs. Among the "E" categories taught here are, for example, gardening work, engineering work, catering and accommodation work, etc. The school has 364 students.

Website: <http://www.inter.osvsplzen.cz>

Address: Vejprnická 56, Plzeň

Number of pupils: 364



CSS STOD

The Center of Social Services STOD is a public benefit organization and a social service provider operated by the Pilsen Region Regional Authority. The organization has undergone a comprehensive transformation process as part of the deinstitutionalization efforts in the Czech Republic. It now exclusively offers community-based services (in apartments or community settings) to adults and older adults with intellectual disabilities and autism in towns and municipalities in the southern metropolitan area of the Pilsen Region, including Stod, Holýšov, Kvíčovice, Staňkov, Chotěšov, Dnešice, Nýřany, Tlučná, and Vejprnice.

Website: <https://www.cssstod.eu/>

Target group: adults with intellectual disabilities and autism

Services Provided: Supported living, Group homes, Homes for people with disabilities



PURPLE GROUP

Elementary School and Kindergarten, Město Touškov

The Elementary School and Kindergarten Město Touškov is located approximately 10 km west of Pilsen. The school was founded in 1962 and currently has around 400 students. Education for students with special educational needs has a long tradition in the town of Město Touškov. These students can be integrated into regular classes, students with intellectual disabilities are educated in special classes. As part of the teachers' team, there are special education teacher, school prevention of social pathological phenomena support worker, educational, and career counsellor available for students.

Web: <https://www.zsmestotouskov.cz>

Address: Čemínská 296, Touškov

Number of pupils: 400



PROCIT

The organization ProCit provides social activation services for families with children with disabilities, especially for children with autism age 1 to 26 years. The current capacity of the service is 12 families. In addition to social services, it also offers various recreational activities, training in social skills, special education care, and child or parent groups. As part of awareness and education, the ProCit organization conducts accredited courses, seminars, discussions, and workshops. Every year, it also organizes charitable events such as Beneficial Concert and Run for ProCit.

Website: <https://www.autismusprocit.cz/index.html>

Address: Smetanovy sady 114/15, 301 00 Plzeň

Target group: families with children with autism, aged 1 - 26 years old)

Services provided: Social activation services for families with children, terrain services



ORANGE GROUP

Special Elementary and Vocational Practical School

– Diaconia of the Evangelical Church of the Old Brethren, Merklín

This school specializes in educating students with autism and has extensive experience with this. Located approximately 30 minutes from Pilsen, it offers boarding facilities for children coming from greater distances. The special elementary school is intended for children with moderate to severe intellectual disabilities, children with multiple impairments, and children diagnosed with autism. It is preceded by a preparatory stage for children aged 5 - 8 years. The practical school provides education for graduates of the elementary schools, special elementary schools, and students who have completed compulsory schooling in elementary school before the Grade 9. The school is attended by approximately 60 students. Within its capabilities, the school prepares students to work in auxiliary roles in healthcare, social care, or in sheltered workshops.

Website: <https://www.specialniskolamerklin.cz>

Address: Husova 346, Merklín

Number of pupils: 60



Ngo MOTÝL - Butterfly

The organization Butterfly offers the service of a family centre, focusing on parents with children from the age of 3 months. The goal of family services is to support parents in the upbringing and development of their children. The Butterfly organization also provides Early Care and Therapeutic Workshops. Early Care is a service that supports families with children with health disabilities from birth to 7 years of age. The aim of the service is to activate and strengthen the competencies of families and alleviate the consequences of health disabilities. Therapeutic Workshops support clients with health disabilities aged 16 to 64 who, due to their disability, are not placeable in either the open or protected job market.

Website: <https://www.motyl-plzen.cz/>

Address: Žlutická 1694/2, 323 00 Plzeň 1

Target Group: Families with children with disabilities, children, teenagers and adults with disabilities

Services provided: Early Intervention Program, Day Program



BROWN GROUP

Special Elementary school, Skupova 15

Since January 1, 2006, this school, in accordance with the new education law, has been renamed to Special Elementary School, Plzen, Skupova 15. The main building is located in Bory at Skupova 15. We have three satellite workplaces. Compulsory school attendance is ten years. Students are taught according to the School Educational Program "My World," and the school is currently attended by 85 students. The school provides elementary education for students with moderate, severe, profound intellectual and developmental disabilities. It also provides re-education for students with speech and visual impairments and specific behavioral disorders, as well as home-based education for students who, due to their health, cannot attend school daily. The school also offers rehabilitation care for students.

Website: <https://www.pomspec.cz>

Address: Skupova 15, Plzeň

Number of pupils: 85



CSS STOD

The Center of Social Services STOD is a public benefit organization and a social service provider operated by the Pilsen Region Regional Authority. The organization has undergone a comprehensive transformation process as part of the deinstitutionalization efforts in the Czech Republic. It now exclusively offers community-based services (in apartments or community settings) to adults and older adults with intellectual disabilities and autism in towns and municipalities in the southern metropolitan area of the Pilsen Region, including Stod, Holýšov, Kvíčovice, Staňkov, Chotěšov, Dnešice, Nýřany, Tlučná, and Vejprnice.

Website: <https://www.cssstod.eu/>

Target group: adults with intellectual disabilities and autism

Services Provided: Supported living, Group homes, Homes for people with disabilities



TURQUOISE GROUP

Special Elementary School, Tachovská

This elementary school has multiple locations, and one of them is situated in Tachovská Street. It is a special school. The school's location allows for the use of surrounding hiking trails and ponds for both relaxing walks and educational activities in nature. The adjacent sports area and traffic playground are also utilized. In Tachovská Street, there are 5 classrooms, an after-school program, and a rehabilitation room. In each classroom, there is both a teacher and a teaching assistant. The spatial conditions of the entire school building fully cater to the special needs of the students – barrier-free access, a relaxing part of the classroom, and space for individual work. All classrooms are equipped with suitable furniture, computers, and special aids. The school is attended by approximately 113 students.

Website: <https://www.pomspec.cz/tachovska-19/>

Address: Tachovská 19, Plzeň

Number of pupils: 113



CHILDREN'S CENTER

The mission of the centre is to assist disadvantaged children and families. It is a healthcare facility and a contributory organization of the Statutory City of Pilsen. The main goal of this organization is the timely resolution of children's situations and their return to their own families or placement in foster families.

Website: <https://detskecentrumplzen.cz/>

Address: Na Chmelnicích 6, 323 00 Plzeň

Target group: children from birth to preschool age with specific needs (children with disabilities, chronically ill, abused, neglected, exploited, requiring a diagnostic stay before placement in foster care, at risk due to a risky social environment, abandoned, requiring immediate assistance)

Services provided: emergency assistance, foster care, counseling services, and support for foster families



GREY GROUP

Plzeň Bory Prison

Plzeň Prison, often referred to as Bory Prison, is a high-security penitentiary facility with sections for the execution of sentences, including both medium and high levels of security. There is also a section for the execution of sentences in a regime with increased security. It is located in the southern part of the city of Plzeň. During the totalitarian period, particularly between 1949 and 1952, it gained notoriety for the physical torture and murder of prisoners. It is the largest prison in the Czech Republic. The construction began in 1874 on a plot of land covering 9.5 hectares in the Bory cadastral area. Around 800 workers were involved in the construction, with the participation of numerous companies and entrepreneurs. The prison was completed in July 1878 and immediately put into operation. It was the first penitentiary in Austria-Hungary built specifically for this purpose and was one of the largest and most modern.

The prison was intended for men - serious offenders sentenced to more than 10 years and political prisoners from Bohemia, Moravia, Silesia, Lower and Upper Austria, Salzburg, and Styria. The official name of the prison was k. k. Männerstrafanstalt in Pilsen (Imperial and Royal Men's Penitentiary in Pilsen).

Originally, the prison was designed for 915 inmates, including 387 in solitary confinement and 528 in common custody. The first inmates arrived at the prison on July 15, 1878. The current capacity is 1064 convicted individuals and 143 accused, totaling 1207 incarcerated persons. In the late 19th century, political prisoners from the entire Austro-Hungarian Empire were placed here. This repeated in the second half of the 1950s, again for political prisoners from Czechoslovakia, including figures like Václav Havel.

Website: <https://www.vscr.cz/en>

Address: Klatovská třída 202, 306 35 Plzeň

Number of incarcerated persons: nearly 2000



Teen Challenge and its Center Point 14

Founded in 1994, Teen Challenge (TC Pilsen) emerged in Pilsen as part of the international Christian organization, addressing addiction and societal issues. Initially linked with the Centre of Christian Help Pilsen (SKP), the organization evolved from social aid to establishing a therapeutic community for TC Pilsen clients. Services expanded with the "Jericho Tearoom" in 1997, followed by an aftercare center in 1999. In 2004, TC Pilsen and SKP united, forming the Therapeutic Community Vršíček in 2005. Renamed POINT 14 in 2009, the organization provides comprehensive services, from primary prevention to aftercare, addressing drug-related harm in Pilsen.

Website: <https://www.point14.cz/en/>

Address: Husova 14, Plzeň 301 00

