

Relindial Cartonera : Project draft

Relindial Cartonera Project

The *Cartonera* editions were born in Argentina, during the economic crisis, in 2001. Recycled paper and cardboard were used to create handmade books, one-of-a-kind or limited edition books.

2 IFLA members: Araceli Garcia Martin and Magali Hurtrel thought it could be possible to develop a *Cartonera* activity as a tool of action for sharing and learning about religions in Relindial's friends libraries.

The objective of the project is to raise awareness of interfaith dialogue and allow a sharing of the spiritual culture of the other through building *Cartonera*.

Beginning of the collaboration with Coexister – Solidarité

“Coexister¹” is a French non-governmental organisation who aims to reinforce links within the French society, showing how diversity of beliefs can be an enrichment. This association reaches a young public. We look forward to a successful collaboration to launch together the project Relindial Cartonera.

Road map draft

A first draft of road map was built by Magali Hurtrel, to present the actions to be developed by the future project managers:

- Define a charter and specification notes including intellectual and practical aspects of building the cartonera.
- Training for the *Cartonera* technique
 - Collecting paper and cardboard
 - Organizing art workshop to illustrate the pages and the cover of the books
- Training to help the enhancement of the culture of each child/person
 - Giving a theme to be discussed (ex: your celebrations, your favourite object, your familial traditions...)
 - Sharing all this, showing the value of the celebration of each member of the team
 - Writing or illustrating each experience, what has been shared

Possible partnerships in France

As the French team of Relindial is active, we begin considering a first development in France.

- Publishers trained for *Cartonera* editions, as La Marge in Angers, Kartoceros in Clermont-Ferrand or other publishers
- Academics, specialized in interfaith dialogue, to enrich our reflexion and help us writing the charter
- Librarians, members or friends of Relindial
- Teams of Coexister to organize workshops

¹ <http://www.coexister.fr/>



A few teams of Relindial are involved in the development of the project. The first workshops will give us elements to help other countries develop their own projects.

Tasks of Relindial

Relindial must find librarian partners and motivate libraries from various origins to enter the project :

- School libraries
- Children section of Public Libraries, in collaboration with IFLA Children and Young Adults Section
- Specialists of interfaith dialogue, catechesis in multifaith social standing
- Authors and artists interested in interfaith and intercultural dialogue

Conclusion

The presentation of our project during the last WLIC IFLA in Cape Town, (South Africa), from 15 to 22 August 2015 was successful. The African librarians who are looking for tools to help them create bridges between the diverse communities of their societies, gave a special welcome to the project. They are also looking for medias to help literacy and acquiring knowledge.

This project could meet these objectives on many ways: it is somehow easy to achieve, it is not expensive. It is ecological in all the significations of the word: human ecology, to improve relationships between the persons, working on texts and thoughts that make them grow up, environmental friendly that make beautiful from rubbish.

As we are developing this project, we should like to know if you could support us in a way or another: helping in finding people to work with us, intellectual, logistic, financial or communication support. It is with a great hope that we are waiting on your reactions.

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