



Communities in Action: Urban Sustainability & Engagement

The Faculty of Social Studies at the University of Ostrava is organizing a **Blended Intensive Programme (BIP)** focused on **community work and sustainable development**. The programme combines expert lectures, thematic discussions with professionals from the field, and a hands-on component through **mini-projects implemented directly within the community in Jílová Street, Ostrava**.

Building on the success of previous BIP activities in 2023 and 2024, this year's programme offers international students the opportunity to **actively participate in the Czech Sustainable Development Week**. Students will engage in real-life projects that foster collaboration with the local community and address pressing environmental and social challenges.

Key thematic areas include:

- **Community work in practice**
- **Urban gardening**
- **Organizing events for children and the public**
- **Sustainability in urban space**

Participants will collaborate with a local school, contribute to the preparation of a community event at a newly developed children's playground, and take part in activities aimed at improving the local public space.

Programme format:

- **Online sessions:** 16 and 23 September 2025
- **On-site activities in Ostrava:** 28 September – 3 October 2025
(including team building, project work, and a final presentation)

This BIP provides a platform for sharing experiences, developing intercultural competencies, and exploring innovative approaches to improving everyday life in urban communities.

If you are interested in participating in this BIP programme, please contact us by 16 June 2025.

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