



**Marvila Library:**  
a significant contribution to community building.  
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# Lisbon Libraries Network: Mission and Values

Participate in the construction of cohesive, inclusive and prepared communities for the challenges of this century.  
Promote a lifelong learning attitude.

- **CITIZENSHIP**
- **INCLUSION**
- **INNOVATION**
- **FREEDOM OF ACCESS**
- **SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

# Marvila Library





# The surrounding area





Unemployment and  
precariousness



school  
dropout



illiteracy



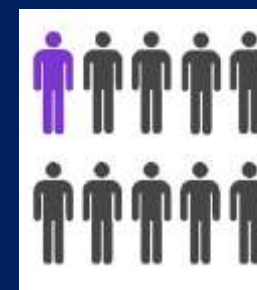
teenage parents



Social assistance  
dependency



social housing



minorities

# the community of Marvila

**Give a  
voice to  
the  
voiceless**

**Opportunities**

**Confidence**

**Empowerment**

**Engagement**

**Citizenship**



**COMMUNITY  
building**

What are the  
community  
interests and  
how can we  
provide it?





## To involve local people we need to:

- understand the ecosystem to reach people;
- identify important issues of the community;
- set priorities;
- design solutions.

Real work can be done if the  
target populations are  
represented at the table



*What can you do for Marvila?*



# **Marvila Library - a platform of community engagement**

- encourage youths to get involved in the community;
- create bonds and generate a sense of self-worth;
- talk about challenges and opportunities;
- work together to solve community problems;
- improve partnerships.

# Building cohesive and inclusive communities



For us the three main issues are:

**Art, Culture and gaming**

**Fostering lifelong learning**

**Making partnerships**



# Art, culture and gaming

Neighborhood  
Center vs Outskirts



# Fostering lifelong learning

- knowledge
- skills
- values
- motivation





# Making Partnerships to improve the neighborhood

engage and empower  
the community







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