



CLOSE TO YOU ROMANIA

“I am a young man with a disability. Thanks to the income I make from my work as a manual book-binder and with support from the foundation, I left the orphanage I was living in. Now I am married, independent and I have a job I love.”

Two groups that experience excessive barriers in accessing the labour market are youths and people with disabilities. Finding work is twice as hard for people who fall into both of these groups.

The **Close to You** foundation runs a number of day centres for young people; by helping them to receive both professional and social education, their chances for integration are increased.

Beyond training, Close to You has also founded a work integration social enterprise that has so far helped more than 40 people in disadvantaged situation to enter paid employment. It offers recruitment services, counselling and professional orientation for young people, especially those with disabilities.

Approximately 500 young people obtained qualifications within sheltered workshops run by the foundation in areas such as tailoring, manual book-binding, and arts and crafts.



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