

## 14 committed citizens in Ludwigsburg



The participants at the dfi



Prof. Baasner with project representatives

Along with their letter of approval, the six projects chosen for funding from November 2018 also received an invitation to the ON Y VA seminar. Three of these teams came to Ludwigsburg from 30<sup>th</sup> November - 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Together with representatives from other funded projects, they had the chance to get to know one another, the dfi and Robert Bosch Stiftung. They were able to compare their activities, benefit from other people's experiences and make new contacts.

For the new projects, it was a valuable opportunity for the teams to develop plans for their activities and receive tips and ideas from the dfi and other teams present. Workshops on fundraising, publicity and communication were held on Sunday. Everyone present was also able to see an ON Y VA project at close quarters. After its tour around the Nuremberg area and Burgundy, the travelling shepherd's hut made a special trip to Ludwigsburg to coincide with the seminar. Participants were able to visit this mobile cultural centre, conceived by Rêv'othèque from France, the town of Neunkirchen am Sand and the University of Glasgow. A place for exchange, storytelling and culture, in keeping with the ON Y VA philosophy.

Over the course of the weekend, many parallels emerged, creating a bond to link the participants after the seminar. This meant that all the aims of the seminar were achieved and the project teams went home in a stronger position. In addition, we were all able to learn about the participants' home countries, in addition to France and Germany, Italy, Poland and the Ukraine were represented.

Because the participants were spending the first of Advent with us in Ludwigsburg, they had the opportunity to take part in a seasonal guided tour of the town and visit to the famous Ludwigsburg baroque Christmas market.