

## **Building a Laboratory for Social Entrepreneurship**

*Oranim is developing the next generation of social entrepreneurs through creating a SinnoLAB for promoting social entrepreneurship on campus and in the community. This laboratory is part of a groundbreaking Erasmus+ capacity building project establishing an international network of SinnoLABs.*



## **Finding New Solutions to Pressing Social Problems**

Social entrepreneurs develop innovative solutions to society's most pressing problems, including economic and social inequality. Oranim College is excited to be part of an international consortium to promote social entrepreneurship. Oranim has joined thirteen other higher education institutions in Israel, India, and Europe for the SILICE project (Social Innovation in Local Israeli and Indian Communities and graduate Entrepreneurs).

## **Erasmus+ Capacity Building**

Erasmus+, a European Union program, granted the consortium a three-year grant to advance their project. SILICE is one of three Erasmus+ Capacity Building projects in which Oranim is currently a partner. Oranim is proud to be a part of these international projects working to improve higher education in Israel and around the world.

## **Helping Students Become Agents of Social Change**

As part of SILICE, Oranim will create a SinnoLab on campus to help students generate and develop innovative ideas for solving social problems and train them to become agents of social change. This laboratory will be part of a network of nine SinnoLABs developed at SILICE partner institutions in India and Israel, with the support of the European partners. Each SinnoLAB will work together with local business partners to provide students with business consultations and help them commercialize their ideas. Competitions will be held at the SinnoLABs to identify the most promising new social startups.

## **Creating a Culture of Social Entrepreneurship**

Oranim faculty have travelled to Europe and India to receive intensive training on teaching social entrepreneurship and to exchange ideas and best practices with its SILICE partners (above is a picture of Oranim faculty together with other members of the international SILICE team in Berlin). SILICE is developing a training program for teaching and learning social entrepreneurship to be implemented in its partner institutions and in other higher education institutions. It is also creating a platform for an

international network to support social entrepreneurship. Together, these steps will encourage a culture of social entrepreneurship.

### **Oranim and the Community**

Oranim's strong commitment to serving as a leader of social change and its extensive experience working together with the local community make it a perfect fit for the SILICE project. Oranim is already home to many social innovation initiatives that will benefit from the additional professional development opportunities and international connections that SILICE provides. SILICE will also support Oranim students in developing new initiatives to create social change on campus, in the community, and in Israel.

The SILICE project is part of the KAMA Center (Community, Leadership, and Inspiration), which coordinates Oranim's work outside of the college. The project is administered by the Oranim International School.