

Field Visit VSD, 28 April 2015 (blue group)

1. gad Foundation, a social firm in Berne/Biel

The social firm's main task is the social and economic integration of disadvantaged and unemployed persons. They coach, educate, and employ persons in order to strengthen them to recognize and develop their personal resources and opportunities. Among others, the gad foundation operates four training restaurants (e.g. "&Söhne") to support disadvantaged youth.

Program: Presentations and Q&A by gad foundation and Canton Berne,
Guided tour in the teaching restaurant &Söhne

Webpage: www.gad.ch (in German and French)

Guiding questions on social firms:

1. What is a social firm, what and for whom is it good for?
2. How does the state cooperate with social firms and how do social firms with private clients and employers?
3. What do you take home from this, can you transfer something you've learned or what inspired you?

2. Swiss Hotel Management Academy Lucerne (SHL), in Lucerne

The SHL in Switzerland is a school for application- and practice- oriented hospitality management. They educate 600 students in 5 semesters per annum.

SHL in Myanmar: The Vocational Skills development program's (VELA) overall goal includes the gainful and market demand driven employment or self-employment and better income for disadvantaged people in targeted areas of Myanmar. It consists of three project components: The Hospitality Training Initiative, the Mobile Training Unit and the Support to the National Skills Standards Authority.

Program: Presentations, Q&A by SHL (Switzerland and Myanmar)

