

Art as therapy, at the Spina Bifida Association in collaboration with Fundación Cepsa

- **The initiative to develop therapeutic workshops through artistic expression is the winner of the Social Value Awards 2021**

Fundación Cepsa visited the Campo de Gibraltar Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association, winner of the Social Value Award 2021 for its project *Arteándote con mucho arte* to improve therapeutic care through art to those affected by these conditions in the region.

After the visit to the organization's headquarters, Estrella Blanco, head of Fundación Cepsa, praised the work done by the association, highlighting the attention to the people from Campo de Gibraltar suffering from spina bifida or hydrocephalus, and how the Fundación Cepsa Social Value Award has enabled these people to develop their emotions and self-knowledge better through artistic expression, either in individual or group sessions. Estrella Blanco highlighted "the important work of the Spina Bifida Association. This project relies on the value of art to help us convey emotions and in this case also to provide support, and solutions to the challenges faced by the members of this organization."

The Social Value Awards

These awards are one of the stand-out initiatives of Fundación Cepsa. The aim of the awards is to provide support to individuals, associations, and underprivileged sectors of society so as to foster a spirit of solidarity and promote educational and sustainable development through the involvement of Cepsa staff, who sponsor the programs that the associations of the Campo de Gibraltar region submit as candidates to receive the Social Value Awards. The 2022 call for applications is now closed, and the winners will be announced in November.

Fundación Cepsa is a general interest, nonprofit entity whose aim is to carry out initiatives that serve the needs and priorities of the local communities where its founder, Compañía Española de Petróleos S.A. (Cepsa), conducts its activities. The areas of action for Fundación Cepsa are social, environmental, and scientific-educational.

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