

## Talent Point in Focus: Klikeraj

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Klikeraj (*a game of marbles*) is an NGO founded in 2014 and situated in Osijek, Croatia. We became Talent Point in 2016. Klikeraj is a team of psychologists and educators gathered around the idea of creating supportive and enriched environment for highly able children with the aim of developing their potentials and talents. In order to achieve that goal, we divided our framework in several sections. Our main field of work is psychology of creativity, so our story started with the design and production of didactic resources specialized for fostering creative thinking. This includes developing different techniques, strategies and approaches for fostering specific aspects of creative thinking. Our approach is based on child's play

and game-like activities. We developed a program called *I have an idea!* for young learners that includes creative-thinking workshops based on game and game-like activities of exploration, expression, project-based learning and productivity. In addition, our other program called *Anchor* is specialized in developing emotional competencies and social skills in gifted students.

Next part of our framework considers teachers and educators. Our team organizes and gives lectures, educational workshops and seminars on different topics in fields of creativity and giftedness, and in cognitive and emotional development of gifted children. So far, we mainly focussed on topics of creativity, teaching creative thinking, identification of giftedness, domains of giftedness, project-based learning, social and emotional development of gifted students, and organization of educational workshops for the gifted in elementary schools. Our intention is to give a new source of information and a new set of skills to teachers and other educators in order to improve educational approaches through curricular and extracurricular education in elementary schools, high schools, kindergartens etc. Our intention is also to achieve the same goals through projects in elementary schools. This school year we have 3 active projects in partnership with 32 elementary schools across the eastern part of Croatia. All of our projects are focused on fostering creative thinking skills in young learners.

Our team is also involved in research, development and construction of tests and instruments for evaluation and assessment of children's creativity and gifted characteristics. We present our work and results on domestic and international conferences and symposiums and we try to keep an open mind to new experiences and collaborations so you can contact us anytime. You can find our website on [klikeraj.hr](http://klikeraj.hr). Greetings from Croatia.

**Important dates:**

May 30th, 2019. end of project in gifted education considering 10 elementary schools resided in underdeveloped rural communities (Project „Great potential of the small community“)

June, 30th, 2019. End of project in elementary education considering reading skills and habits in 10 elementary schools (Project „Literary Polygon“)

August 31st, 2019: End of project in gifted education considering 23 elementary schools across eastern region of Croatia (Project „School for 21st century, school for creativity“)