



“YOUTH for Latvia” Long-term EVS



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Erasmus+ aims to modernise education, training and youth work across Europe. It is open to education, training, youth and sport organisations across all sectors of lifelong learning, including school education, further and higher education, adult education and the youth sector. Its budget of €14.7 billion will provide exciting opportunities for over 4 million Europeans to study, train, gain experience, and volunteer abroad.



Jaunatnes starptautisko
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Agency for International Programs for Youth is subordinated to the Minister of Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia. The objective of the Agency is to promote youth voluntary service, activities and mobility (e.g. with EU, Eastern Partnership, MEDA countries, etc.). The Agency implements non-formal learning and information programmes and projects targeted at youth and those working with youth, and supports the link between non-formal learning and lifelong education.

The Agency works according to State Administration Structure Law and Regulations issued by the Cabinet of Ministers of Latvia
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The Agency gives possibility for youth to write projects, spreads interesting and useful information for youth about their possibilities in Europe, supports exchange of experience and ensures consultations about project writing.

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ABOUT OUR PROJECT

"YOUth for Latvia" was an 12 months EVS project that took a place in Riga, Latvia and was seeking to tackle several important problems which exist in the two countries - Latvia and Romania. For Latvia and Romania it is a high unemployment rate among youngsters; uncertainty towards future and general disbelief in positive development; exclusion; lack of initiative; skepticism in possibility to realize themselves in their home country.

With an understanding of the situation - each country is different, we came to the conclusion that we need Youth from different country which will give Latvijas Jauniešu Attīstības Centrs the opportunity to reach experience and view from another part of Europe. Approaches and methods are free and we were open for something new and fresh, so in our project we tried to combine the best ways that will help us achieve higher results and make the process of building social business easier. All experience we achieved during the EVS project together (NGO and volunteers) already help all of us and will help in the future. And both NGO and volunteers will be able to share his/her knowledge with friends and local community. After finalising this EVS project we can say that it made a huge impression on many local volunteers. Volunteers are able to run more projects/works related to this topic and go step by step against unemployment situation. It also changed situation for the better way and volunteers are be able to express themselves and become part of active social life.

Volunteers got a lot of new opportunities as:

- competences in social entrepreneurship,
- abilities in working in a team,
- knowledge of media, learning by experience methodology,
- knowledge on European opportunities in a youth field,
- increased level of tolerance and mutual understanding working with different target groups and nationalities,
- knowledge about different cultures and languages,
- sense of initiative, as volunteers were encouraged to propose new ideas for all kind of youth projects which correspond to our organization's aims and the project's topic,
- leadership and communication skills,
- management of projects and project writing;
- language skills, in English and Latvian.



What is important, one of the main drivers of positive social changes in the country are non-profitable organizations. But, unfortunately, this days they have one of the most difficult epochs in their history - due to the economic crisis, foreign policy issues and different other factors. One of the biggest problem for NGOs is the lack is the institutional sustainability: with shortage of the governmental budget - and consequently - opportunity for local initiatives and depending on unstable grant support from international institutions it is very hard for NGOs to plan long-run projects and strategic development - and thus have any systematic positive effect on the reformation of the society.

After a considerable research and attempts to learn from the European experience we came up with the understanding that this can be solved with the help of starting social entrepreneurship initiatives in their different forms. And our EVS project was about it.

We believe that after this project we will have motivated Youth and inspired people. Volunteers will get new important skills that will give them strong wish to develop self-employment and social business in the organizations they work and communities they live.



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OUR EVS VOLUNTEERS



Olga Lucovnicova
Romania

“... EVS project “YOUth for Latvia” had a big impact on my personal development, which changed surroundings, views over the world and myself. During this year I had increased my own skills, learned the new language and culture, developed the ability to interact with people of foreign society and move on despite all barriers. ...”



Ilie Raducan
Romania

“... Volunteering means to be involved in the local community as much as possible. It means to learn the language of your hosting country and to interact with local people. It will give you necessary abilities for attending a new job, new projects and it will add value to your person, because of rare and unique experience you will receive. ...”



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JUST SOME OF OUR EVENTS...

LATJAUNAT TV



UZŅĒMĒJU KLUBS (BUSINESS CLUB)



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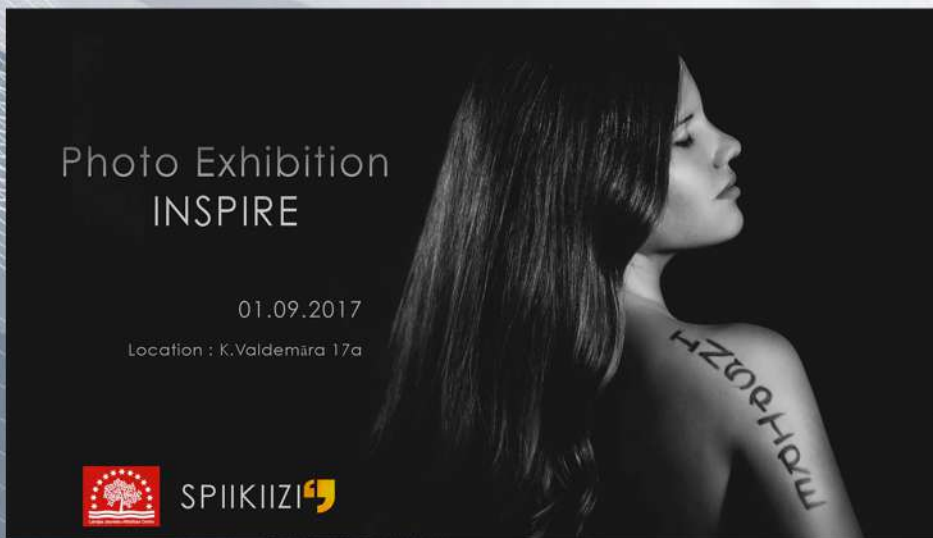
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INSPIRE

01.09.2017

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