



Edition 16 - The story of the last seminar in Calabria

Seminar 3 is all about the past, the present and the future. This seminar has a focus on reflecting and understanding what does ToT mean for participants but also steps slowly into the life after ToT: How did this ToT equip me for my future as a trainer in the (international) youth field and where do I go from here?

It all took place in the calm beauty of Il Bergamotto in Calabria, an ideal location for the reflective nature of this seminar, where participants look back at their learning with no distractions and a variety of natural learning spaces and plenaries. Being outdoor almost all day brought people together and gave space for thinking and feeling.

How did the environment create space for learning?



The first day of ToT seminar 3, learning spaces were introduced. These special spaces in this environment invited participants to reflect, create and interact.

Trainers created:

- Looming experience (collective tapestry),
- Chill-out (with places and hammocks to meditate, reflect and think)
- Nature-art (to create in and with nature)
- Toys for us (serious Lego and creating with figurines)
- Learning out of the suitcase (books and written resources in a suitcase)

In the middle of seminar 3, 24-hours of Totathon gave participants a last opportunity to use the group as a resource to learn from each other. Totathon is not like Backpackers hostel (seminar 2) aiming to give participants the opportunity to explore and try out training methods or skills and get specific feedback to develop their trainer competences. No! Totathon is based on learning needs. Participants asked others to share their knowledge, experiences and expertise through discussions, workshops, laboratories, storytelling etc. It became an interesting and full 24-hours, where topics appeared from *Slackline as an educational tool* to *Sharing experiences as EVS-cycle trainers*, from *Being stupid* to *Acro-yoga*, from *Debriefing techniques* to *Graphic facilitation*, from *Gamification* to *Being a female trainer* and from *Clowning* to the *Educational Escape Rooms*. The sessions were crowded, and the participants fully explored the potential of the group.

At the end, time was allocated for brainstorming on possible future cooperation between participants. Some of them already started to set up projects together. During the networking evening, a broad range of ideas started to form:

- Possible follow up of their TPP-projects: Influence+, Power of Words and EVS goes Political expressed interest to further develop their TC's
- TC on Human Rights/ Democracy/ Active Citizenship, with special focus on vulnerable young people
- TC and possible SP on Recognition and validation of NFE/Learning to Learn and

quality in youth work

- TC on Dealing with discrimination (anti-otherize) and TC on specifically Roma discrimination
- TC on Working with Refugees in practice in the youth field, including working on intercultural competence development as a base for integration
- TC in EVS-cycle and Jobshadowing (On arrival training)
- Narratives and counter-narratives
- Project on working with parents on learning - unschooling, alternative schooling
- TC on Environmental & zero waist approach, alternative economies

We closed this ToT-year with an unforgettable participant group and a new ToT trainer team.



The ToT Online weeks

ToT is online during the whole course. Next to the ToT Library we also use, since a few years, a Facebook group as our ToT-learning platform. A good choice because since that moment the participation went up enormously when comparing it with the online-platforms we used before. Many discussion, posts, questions and inputs that help the group to share, exchange and continuing the learning.

Two times per year we intensify the online-learning with the ToT Online week. The first taking place between seminar one and two and the second one between seminar two and three. A group of participants together with one of the trainers prepares and facilitates the week. After consultation with the whole group, one central topic is chosen for the week.

This year the first ToT Online week focussed on the topic 'Creativity and Innovation' and the second week on 'Groups Learning'. Different tools were used to facilitate the group participation; small group work, creative sessions, discussions on videos and articles etc. An always successful element in the ToT Online week is the ToT Online guest. In a Skype-session were we talk with a guest who has specific knowledge/experience in the chosen topic, often an experienced trainer from the field. This year we welcomed Simona Molari and

Gülesin Nemutlu as our online guests. Inspiring talks which bring an extra dimension to the ToT Online weeks.

Next to the online weeks being a rich learning opportunity participants appreciate the possibility to reconnect and work together between seminars.

Training Practice Projects 2017

Once again six international trainings were implemented by ToT participants. Here is the full list of ToT projects that took place this spring.

TRAINING PRACTICE PROJECTS - May 2017

TITLE	THEME AREA	PAX INVOLVED	WHERE / FUNDING	SUPPORT PERSON	DATES
Set your story free	Storytelling Tools to work with young people with fewer opportunities	Luca Paolisso (IT) Santa Krastina (LV) Canan Akkoç (TR) Zsuzsanna Juhász (HU)	HOST: Hungarian NA Venue: Budapest	ANITA SILVA	Prep: April TC: 1-5 th of May
Get Up! Stand Up!	Democracy and active citizenship in the field of youth work	Stefan Georgiev (BG), Matia Losego (PT) Lisa Teresa Gut (DE)	HOST: German NA Venue:	ANITA SILVA	Prep 23-26 th of April TC: 19-24 of May
Refugees +	Refugees & Asyl – steps for inclusion	Pepijn Hellebuyck (BE-FL) Osman Yapar (TR) Jana Pajic (ES) Terezia Brüggemann (SK)	HOST: Belgium NA (FL) Venue: Brussels	PAUL KLOOSTERMAN	Prep: April TC: 14-20 th of May
Trainers Go Political in EVS...	Political awareness trough EVS Cycle	Roumiana Atanassova (BG) Mertcan Turan (TR) Ioanna Stoupa (GR) Biel Martínez Lorca (ES)	HOST: Turkish NA Venue: Antalya	PAUL KLOOSTERMAN	Prep: 8-11 th of April TC: 13-18 May
iNFLuence+	Life skills tools in non-formal education	Pablo de la Rasilla (BE-FR) Hrafnhildur Gísladóttir (IS) Stellalena Nalmpanti (GR) Ceyda Özdemir Ertan (TR)	HOST: Turkish NA Venue: Antalya	GABI STEINPRINZ	Prep: not defined TC: 13-18 th of May
The Power of Words	Develop youth workers' communication skills to support young people in their communication and critical thinking	Martyna Kozłowska-Zukowska (PL) Joakim Arney (NO) Ilaria Zocco (IT) Viktoria Takács (HU)	HOST: Polish NA Venue: Konstantin	GABI STEINPRINZ	Prep: 5-7 th of March TC: 5-10 th of May