



Newsletter September 2016

Training of Trainers

ToT Transition times

One edition is closed and another is already rolling :)

ToT Edition 15 finished in the first week of July in Belgium, hosted by Bureau International Jeunesse. We had 23 participants supported by fourteen different NA's (Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Poland, Spain, Portugal, Turkey and Moldova). As in previous years we had three residential seminars (thanks to the hosting NA's of Bulgaria, Germany and Belgium), many activities online and 6 successfully implemented training practice projects (see the overview of the projects at the end of this newsletter) – with the great support of all the NA's involved. A big THANK YOU for this!



This ToT edition was also the last one where Peter Hofmann was part of the team. After having being part of ToT for fourteen years, Peter decided to take up new challenges. In all those years he contributed enormously to the development of the course and both colleagues and participants will remember the commitment and inspiration he gave to the ToT.

Now Gabi Steinprinz is welcomed as the new colleague in the team. A special thanks goes - like every year - to Udo Teichmann and SALTO Training and Cooperation RC, for coordinating and being a big support for this training course.

Now the new edition has just started... Sharpen your curiosity, later there will be more news about that.



What did Totties say

"Peer Learning was very important, one of my biggest achievements in learning during TOT. It's really good to be in a group with so many different skills and experiences and have people that are willing to share that."

"The training practice project was an amazing opportunity for me to learn about myself, and try out myself in a new situation. It was not easy, it was not perfect but we really tried to work together and design a training project together."

"For me it would be interesting to have the political dimension as a cross-sectional-issue that is touched regularly. Especially regarding the current global political situation I would have wished that the political dimension has a bigger space in the Training of Trainers."

The political dimension on the agenda

In the Training of Trainers the discussion is coming back in the team already for many years: Is the political dimension of being a trainer in the Erasmus+ Youth in Action programme dealt with enough in the course? Which aspects of the political framework should be tackled?

It's important to keep the discussion going on about these issues in ToT and many participants in the ToT are active in their political environment and/or giving training around political issues. Therefore we are convinced that in a training linked to a program like E+: Youth in Action, with clear political priorities, this dimension should be high on the agenda.

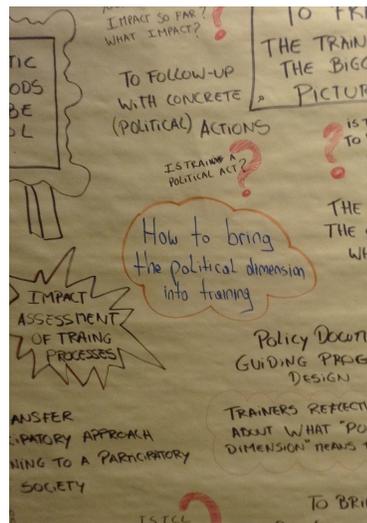
We are therefore very content with the announcement that a 7th trainers' competence on this topic, will be added to the ETS Competence Model. In this last edition the political dimension/framework was tackled in all three seminars, each time from different perspectives. In the first seminar the political framework of the Erasmus+ Youth in Action programme was addressed by Udo Teichmann. Next to that during the sessions on 'dealing with ambiguity' the political educational aspect was also brought in.

In seminar 2 a specific session on the political dimension took place in which we looked closer into the priorities of the Erasmus+: Youth in Action programme and how they related to training.

Finally, in the 3rd seminar, we looked at political developments we see worldwide and how education and training can/should play a role.

In general participants appreciated these sessions and some said they would have preferred to have more especially during the first seminar.

We will certainly go on to develop further the way we tackle the political dimension in the Training of Trainers and feel very supported that the topic is also acknowledged within the European Training Strategy in the Field of Youth.





ToTathon - A new tool in ToT

During our 3rd seminar a new tool was successfully implemented: the ToTathlon where participants share knowledge and skills during 24 hours non stop. Well ...almost non-stop :) At 1 AM we could still hear the laughs from the Improv Workshop and at 6 AM some participants were writing - in their pijamas - in a creativity workshop. It seems that when you really want, there is no good or bad time to learn.

Projects organised by ToT participants

TRAINING PRACTICE PROJECTS

May-June 2016

| TITLE | THEME AREA | PAX INVOLVED | WHERE / FUNDING |
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| Clear Up | Group learning processes | Giulia Pagoni (It), Barnabás Gulyás (Hun), Eva Masero (Esp), Ivan Dikov (Bul) | Host: Spanish NA, all NAs contribute |
| Lets Explore – Refugees Today In Europe | Educational challenges and opportunities for youth workers – refugee-related issues | Iva Jovovic (Cro), Le Son Quang (Bel), Judith Feldhoff (Ger), Krzysztof Wiatr (Pl) | Host: German NA, all NAs contribute |
| Follow The Impulse | Improvisation as a tool in youth work | Gergö Kiss (Hun), Nurdan Terzioglu (Tr), Joanna Asia Stempel (Pl), Maria Bergmann (Ger) | Host: Hungarian NA, all NAs contribute |
| Wake Up, Green Up! | Youth Workers competences to engage young people in environmental issues | Esther Vallado (Esp), Emmanuel Mappus (Fr), H. Eda Bakir (It), Büşra Güder (Tr) | Host: French NA, all NAs contribute |
| Yam Learning! | Support of young people after learning mobilities | Anna Panka Márkus (Hun), Patrícia Silva (Por), Ceyhun Uzun (Tr) | Host: Portuguese NA, all NAs contribute |
| Learn To F.L.Y. In EVS | Learning tools to raise quality in EVS | Mehmet Cetinkaya (Tr), Sintija Lase (Lat), Natasha Alexandrov (Mld), Vitalie Cirhana (Mld) | Host: Turkish NA, all NAs contribute |