

# Special Effects

8th – 16th December 2014  
Kapráluv Mlýn, South Moravia, Czech Republic

[www.specialeffect.eu](http://www.specialeffect.eu)



**Training course for trainers, youth workers, focalizers who like to work with and in nature, who want to develop their facilitation competences and add some special effects to their trainer's body, mind, heart and spirit through nature based methods.**

## **Description:**

The course is focused on improving training competences, facilitation and presentation skills of people who work in non-formal education and experiential learning. The methodology is based on approaches where nature plays an important role and is present as the environment, tool or content.

We will work on all the most important aspects of learning activities: programme structure, flow, methods, techniques, group dynamics, presentation skills, personality of the trainer, roles and balance in the training team and we will experience it all in a real life situation with school youngsters.

Special Effects is designed for people who are ready to learn, explore, discover and develop their skills and will be able to use it later in their jobs and communities.

## People, countries

We will to host **28 participants from 11 countries** and partner organisations: Belgium (2), Czechia (6), Hungary (3), Italy (4), Poland (3), Romania (3), Slovakia (2), Slovenia (2), Spain (4), Turkey (3), UK (2).

## Objectives:

- **To deepen participants' understanding of key concepts in non-formal education and learning** such as: training, learning, facilitation and coaching both on theoretical and practical level; to define formal and non formal education, and to create a bridge between these two worlds through a practical experience of non-formal activities in a local high school.
- **To provide participants with experience of topics relevant to the course** in a variety of interactive methods and participants centred learning processes, such as parallel workshops (e.g. different activities for beginner / advanced level...), Open Space, Way of Council, threshold walk, reflection time and guided time in nature.
- **To establish an international platform**, to discuss and share knowledge, experience and good practices related to training and non-formal education in Europe today; with special emphasis on nature-based and community-based approaches in youth work and education.
- **To create a social experience of community**, through sharing living and working spaces, participating in common tasks and daily practices, and to valorise this as an opportunity for learning and personal and social growth.

## Trainers:

**Honza Látal:** from South Bohemia, in education and training since 2002, loves running in forests, plays instruments, does body performances, collects stones and Norwegian music, likes to connect unexpected, is passionate about macro photography, interested in religions and cultures, brings insight and focuses on balance, context and clarity.  
<http://trainers.salto-youth.net/JanLatal/>

**Bára Blahová:** Bara comes from Ostrava, in the Czech Republic. She has a huge passion for non-formal education, as opposite to her traumatic educational experience of studying medicine. Her big interests at the moment are personal development, coaching and using nature as environment for learning, and is developing an addiction for social networks – not only as working tools.  
<http://trainers.salto-youth.net/BaraBlahova>

**Carmine Rodi Falanga:** born near Napoli, southern Italy, in 1977. He holds a master degree in business administration but in the early 2000s discovered non formal education, which has become his life passion ever since. Former journalist, he loves journeys, telling and listening to stories, communication, geopolitics, and gaming experiences. He will never be a morning person.  
<http://trainers.salto-youth.net/CarmineRodi>

## **Practicalities:**

**Dates:** 8.12. arrival day, 9.–15.12. programme days, 16.12. departure day

**Venue:** Kapráľův mlýn, South Moravia. <http://www.kapraluvmlyn.cz/?jaz=EN>

More detailed information on how to reach the place will be released in the info pack after participants selection.

**Food and accommodation:** will be fully covered by the organisers.

**Travel costs:** will be refunded after the end of the course, provided all the original tickets and receipts are presented. We will cover 100% of you actual expenses, but only up to the maximum amounts listed below:

- Czechia, Poland: 180€
- Belgium, Hungary, Italy, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, UK: 275€
- Turkey: 360€

**Participation fee:** Money shouldn't be the only obstacle against your participation - therefore we suggest a sliding scale from 30 to 100€. We want to give you the possibility to self-evaluate how much you can contribute financially, and how much you consider a fair fee for 8 days training programme.

**Organised by:** Act In Ostrava (CZ) - an informal group of youth workers, trainers and young people active in the field of non-formal education

**Application form:** - <http://tinyurl.com/spfx2014> to be completed **before October 31st.**

**Contact:** In case of any questions, please contact us at [spfx2014@gmail.com](mailto:spfx2014@gmail.com) or +420 777 619 737

More detailed information will be provided to the selected participants.

