

International Training

RECOGNITION OF NON-FORMAL LEARNING WITH QUALITY OPEN BADGES

Call for Participants

11 - 17 October, 2025, Magdeburg, Germany

[Apply here](#) by 10th July, 2025

About the training: [Cities of Learning](#) Network partners organise the training course on quality development and use of Open badges in their organisations and educational settings.

Aim and objectives:

- To increase understanding about the essentials of Open badges and it's potential to recognise and motivate learning
- To increase skills in managing Badge-based recognition processes
- To develop competence in designing and issue quality badges and badge systems, and implement them in your organisation
- To develop understanding about the Quality Label for Badge recognition* and ways to use it for ensuring quality in badging.

*Quality Label serves as a standard for badge-based recognition processes. It shows that badge issuers awarded the label have demonstrated expertise, dedication to established procedures, and a commitment to upholding high standards in using digital open badges for recognition.

What will you gain?

- Knowledge and skills in how to use the technology of digital Open badges
- Skills in designing recognition processes by using open badges
- Understanding of quality criteria of good badges and badge systems as part of the Quality Label for Badge Recognition
- Understanding of issuing badges in a non-formal setting and how issued badges can be valuable for earners
- Access to numerous resources to learn about Open badges and how learners, issuers and organisations can benefit from it
- Hands-on practice of creating and issuing Open badges
- Chance to be engaged in the community of Open badge practitioners

Who can apply for this training course?

- Youth workers*
- Mentors
- Youth work managers
- Youth trainers and facilitators
- Working in the field of non-formal learning and/or youth work
- Dealing with recognition of learning outcomes
- Willing to explore quality use of Open badges in their programmes and projects
- Residents in the countries, identified in the call
- Able to communicate in English
- Above 18 years old

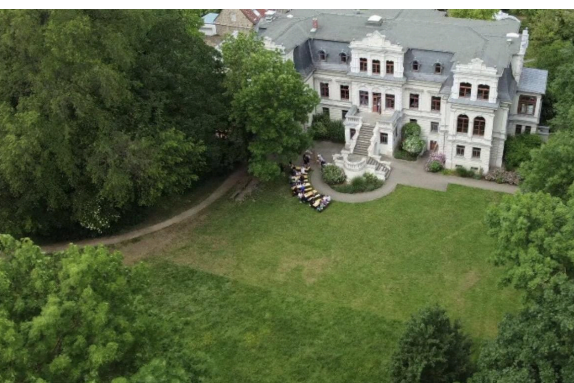
Training programme

Arrival on the 11th October

Day 1	Day 2 Badge Essentials	Day 3 Quality in badging	Day 4 Badging in practice	Day 5 Future badging
Getting to know each other	Levels of Recognition Examples of badge-based recognition systems	Quality criteria of Quality Label for Badge Recognition	Designing Learner's journey with Open badges	Quality assessment and Feedback session
Break				
Introduction to the course and key topics of the training	Exploring diverse types of badges Defining objectives of different badge types	Building a quality badge	Building a quality badge system	Strategy for badges implementation in organisation
Lunch				
Quiz on Open Badges	Matching badges with assessment flows	Quality assessment practice	Upload and issue badges	International cooperation in the field of recognition
Break				
Reflection and Badging moment	Reflection and Badging moment	Free time	Reflection and Badging moment	Reflection and Badging moment

Departure on the 17th October

Training venue: Magdeburg, Germany [EJBM](https://ejbm.de/en/about-us/the-house/housing) - a residential youth centre, holding Council of Europe Quality Label, <https://ejbm.de/en/about-us/the-house/housing>



Digital credentials and certification

This training activity is a unique opportunity for participants to use up-to-date and digital recognition solutions, such as digital Open Badges. Every participant will get Youthpass certificate and a portfolio of Open badges linked to specific learning experiences.

Organisers

For more information, please contact organisers:

Cities of Learning network members: NGO Awero, info@awero.org, The European Youth Education Centre Magdeburg (Germany) , Breakthrough foundation (The Netherlands), TiPovej!, Institute for creative society (Slovenia), Associazione Interculturale NUR (Italy), Nexes Interculturals (Spain)

An experienced team of trainers will facilitate this training activity:

Laimonas Ragauskas, Awero, International Youth Work Trainers Guild:

<http://trainers.salto-youth.net/LaimonasRagauskas>

Sandra Zoomers, Breakthrough Foundation, International Youth Work Trainers Guild

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/sandra-zoomers-49480a13/>

Participants recruitment and selection:

Please apply using this form: <https://forms.gle/buBjvFn4ceHJAG18>

Our trusted partners will pre-select and nominate participants based on your profile and motivation.

Travel costs will be reimbursed based on the actual costs not exceeding the lump sums based on the [travel distances](#), in Euro:

- 10-99 km - 28 / green travel - 56
- 100-499 km - 211/ green travel - 285
- 500-1999 km - 309/ green travel 417
- 2000-2999 km - 395/ green travel 535

Only justified costs will be eligible for reimbursement. If travel costs will exceed the lump sums, the remaining costs shall be covered by the participant or their sending organisation.

Participants may opt for the “green travel” options for a slightly higher travel budget. Please contact the organiser for more information about eligible green travel options.

Board, lodging, local transportation and programme implementation costs will be covered upon full participation in the course.

To balance the training budget, we invite participants to contribute a 50 euro participation fee, which will be deducted from the travel costs reimbursement. In justified cases, participants may request a discount or waive the contribution. Participation fee should not be a barrier for participation.