

Project Alchemy

Training course for youth workers

Brno, Czech Republic

31st October - 9th November 2026

(including travel days)

“Plans are worthless, but planning is everything.”

— Dwight D. Eisenhower



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ABOUT THE PROJECT

The aim of “Project Alchemy” is to strengthen the ability of youth workers to develop great ideas, engage supporters and collaborators around them, and ultimately bring those ideas to life.

The aim is to support creative and passionate people who want to change the world for the better in thinking about their ideas in a structured way.

We provide inspiration through good practice examples and meetings with inspiring people. We provide guidelines and tools to elaborate ideas. We provide time, space, support of facilitators and the group to create something more from "just an idea".

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THIS TRAINING COURSE IS FOR YOU IF:

- you are actively involved in youth work
- you are involved in developing activities for young people (organiser, facilitator, coordinator, volunteer...)
- you are interested in ideas development and turning ideas into (fundable) projects
- you are an official resident of Czech Republic, Slovenia, Poland, France more than 18 years old
- you are able to work in English
- you are highly motivated to participate actively during the whole training course

WHAT WILL YOU GET OUT OF THIS TRAINING?

In “Project Alchemy” you will have the chance to:

- get familiar with a general structure of projects and steps you should pass in order to turn idea into project
- think about your own idea in "project categories"
- develop particular idea and get inspiring reviews
- try different tools and approaches used to create projects in youth work
- learn from good practice examples of organisations used to turn ideas and missions into reality
- learn about giving and receiving factual feedback
- find strengths and weaknesses of one's own personality in relation to project thinking

TRAINERS/FACILITATORS

Linda

Somatic coach (ICF accreditation), and instructor of experiential pedagogy. Linda has her own coaching practice, where she combines a coaching approach with self-development in nature, for example on accompanied pilgrimages. She has worked as a coordinator of (self-)development and educational courses in several educational companies.

In the Brontosaurus Movement, she regularly facilitates and organizes educational activities for youth workers and participates in the preparation, implementation and evaluation of projects for children and youth.



Martin

Martin is a trainer, facilitator and project manager designing local workshops for individuals and teams as well as international Erasmus+ training courses. He supports people to communicate, collaborate and turn ideas into meaningful projects together. His main topics are facilitation, learning design, non-formal education, group processes, nonviolent communication, marketing, project creation and development.

Alena

Alena is a trainer and facilitator specialising in virtual exchange, group dynamics, and effective communication. She trains facilitation and guides international groups online and face-to-face, while also delivering communication training for corporate teams and HR professionals. Deeply engaged in active citizenship, Alena also prepares new volunteering activity organisers for Hnutí Brontosaurus. Her main topics are facilitation, virtual exchange, intercultural dialogue, corporate communication, non-formal education, and volunteer leadership.



PROGRAM AND METHODS

Individual days of the program will be dedicated to the phases of project preparation: setting the starting points and goals, defining target groups, describing project activities and outputs, preparing the budget, the scope and impact of activities and their presentation.

The program will include excursions - visits to organizations in Brno with the aim of presenting interesting approaches used in specific phases of project preparation. Participants will learn about procedures and good and bad practices of organizations from various areas (social, environmental, educational...).

Each day will have time reserved for working on participants' own ideas, including feedback (both obtained and provided to other participants).

The program runs in the morning and afternoon blocks (approximately 9:00-12:00 and 14:00-19:00).

The program will use methods of non-formal and informal education requiring active participation of participants and their interaction within the group.

VENUE – ACCOMODATION - PRACTICALS

The training course is residential: <https://www.kadlcuvmllyn.cz/ubytovani-brno>

You will be sharing rooms in smaller groups of people (2-4); there are shared showers and toilets. The accommodation is simple, but comfortable enough and it's situated in a calm part of the city to provide time to rest. The accommodation facility is not wheelchair accessible.

Programme includes excursions and transfers - so participants need to be ready to travel (local public transport). The clubhouse of the Brontosaurus headquarters (Cejl 35, Brno) near the city center will be used for the program.

The food provided during the program will be a healthy, compassionate and environmentally conscious diet: a delicious plant-based diet (with dairy options). We will have meals 3 times a day and smaller coffee breaks will be available during the day.

HOW TO GET THERE

We encourage participants to travel on-the-land by trains or buses to make the project more sustainable.

The nearest airports: Prague (CZE), Vienna (AUT), Brno (CZE).

You will be travelling to Brno. Final stop of local bus is Mariánské údolí, Brno. We provide further transport details to approved applicants - participants.

FINANTIAL ARRANGMENTS

This training course is co-financed by the Erasmus+ programme. Accommodation, food, programme and travel costs up to the maximum amount are fully covered.

TRAVEL COSTS REIMBURSEMENT CONDITIONS

We will be able to reimburse your travel costs fully if:

- you travel the most cost-efficient way (economy class, low-cost flights)
- you arrive to the Czech Republic 31st October 2026 and leave 9th November 2026
- you provide all the originals of travel documents (invoices, tickets, boarding passes)
- you complete and sign a Reimbursement form
- you spend less then the maximum rate of the Erasmus+ programme (see the chart below)
- you are a full-time training participant

The reimbursment process will be finished till the end of 2026.
Maximum reimbursement according to the travel distance:

	Green travel	Plane travel
10–99 km	56 EUR	28 EUR
100–499 km	285 EUR	211 EUR
500–1 999 km	417 EUR	309 EUR
2 000–2 999 km	535 EUR	395 EUR

Note: The travel distance is calculated according to the EC standards: https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/distance-calculator_en).

INSURANCE

The health and travel insurance will NOT be provided or reimbursed. However, it is a mandatory requirement for all participants to arrange own health/travel insurance. This should cover you for the full duration of your time in the Czech Republic. When you have arranged your insurance policy, please provide a confirmation before arrival by sending us a scanned copy at fundraiser@brontosaurus.cz.

You can use the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) which provides access to public hospital treatment. Having this card you are able to receive free medical emergency treatment. But please be aware, that the EHIC is NOT a travel insurance policy, it will not cover private health care, non-emergency health costs, or being flown back to your home country. To learn more, please go to <https://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=559&langId=en>.

General travel insurance to cover the safety of your possessions, lost luggage, delays to flights, etc is NOT a mandatory requirement.

APPLICATION

Are you interested in participation?

Fill in the form latest by 21 September 2026.

<https://forms.gle/MXFsqqtSgASp8wf9A>

We ask you to fill in the application carefully and answer ALL the questions in it.

PROJECT TIMEFRAME

Applications deadline: 21 September 2026

Selection results: 30 September 2026

Confirmation by participants and booking of travel tickets: 15 October 2026

Arrival day: 31 October 2026

Departure day: 9 November 2026

Any questions related to this training course, aims and programme, venue and food, travelling, insurance etc. please send to Eva Pavelova (project coordinator) via email fundraiser@brontosaurus.cz.