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ABOUT YOUNG FOLKS LV

Young Folks LV is a youth organization based in Latvia, dedicated to empowering young people through non-formal education, civic engagement, and international mobility opportunities. Our mission is to create an inclusive, supportive, and inspiring environment where young individuals can develop skills, gain new experiences, and take an active role in shaping society.

WHAT WE DO?

We run one of the biggest youth centers in Latvia and implement diverse educational programs that promote youth participation, leadership, and capacity building. Our activities range from local community initiatives to large-scale international projects, ensuring young people have opportunities to grow, connect, and make an impact.

SOLIDARITY PROJECT



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OVERVIEW OF PROJECT AND GRANT PROGRAMS WE WORK:



Currently our organisation is part of 7 erasmus+ KA2 projects, we have accreditation of Erasmus+ KA1 youth field for an amount: 103,116.00 EUR. operating with partners more than 10 KA1 actions. Being lead in KA154 and co-leading 10+ KA152, KA153 and KA154 projects.

Discover EU inclusion action with 4 visits

ESC solidarity project: 3 projects, volunteering project: 71,607.00 EUR; ESC-SOLID-2025-VTHPA PROJECT: 101239301 – Zemlya 168,480.00 EUR

Currently in process of working with the EYF program, CERV, LIFE, Interreg, Nordic plus and Nordic Council of ministers.

Uniting sister organisation in Lithuania - Young Folks LT and and local youth centers in Kauguri, and working to establish in Daugavpils and Rezekne.

Having otherlocal and national grants on more than 50K EUR. Preparing applications for KA2, KA1, KA3, Virtual exchanges, CERV, Nordic Plus, ESC high priority and other grant programs.





PROJECT OVERVIEW

The project is driven by the need to strengthen the organisational capacity, financial sustainability, project writing and management skills of youth workers and young project managers in newcomer organisations under 5-7 years. Many youth workers have ideas for projects but lack practical knowledge of how to understand grant opportunities and requirements, develop strong project ideas, prepare budgets, and write successful applications. Through practical workshops, group activities, and real-life examples, the training course aims to provide participants with the knowledge and tools needed to develop, plan, and apply for projects successfully.

OBJECTIVES



- To develop youth workers' project writing skills, from developing an idea to preparing a complete project application.
- To improve understanding of grant opportunities and requirements, including how to read and respond to funding criteria.
- To strengthen budgeting and financial planning skills for youth projects.
- To develop practical project management skills, including planning, implementation, and evaluation.
- To increase confidence among youth workers and young project managers in applying for funding.
- To encourage new project ideas that respond to the needs of young people and local communities.
- Financial sustainability of organisations and granting strategy building.
- Income diversification
- Partnership building activity between organisations

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DETAILS

Project dates: 22nd of november - 28th of november (22 and 28) travel days training dates 23-27. Riga Latvia. We cover all costs related to the participation including travel (according to distance calculator and erasmus travel limits) , accommodation, all meals and coffee breaks, and training materials.

TARGET GROUP



Young project managers with experience 0-5 years experience
Youth workers who would like to become project and grant managers.

From newcomer organisations 2-5 years experience within grant programs.

Orgs who are intending to apply for KA210, KA220 CERV projects and be applicants.

Age: 18+

IMPORTANT INFO:

you need to be part of any organisation and have official employment or at least volunteering agreement with any NGO, School, University based in any EU countries plus Norway, Iceland, Lichtenstein, Serbia and North Macedonia.

Priority will be given to organisations based in Nordic countries.

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APPLICATION FORM:

HERE IS THE LINK



TRAINING PROGRAMME OVERVIEW



Project dates: 22-28 November

Training days: 23-27 November

Location: Riga, Latvia

Travel days: 22 and 28 November

The programme combines practical workshops, organisational analysis, peer learning, study visits and partnership-building activities. During the training, participants will analyse their organisations, explore different funding opportunities and develop realistic funding and project-development strategies.



22 NOVEMBER - ARRIVAL DAY

- Arrival of participants in Riga
- Check-in at Gertrudes Hostel
- Informal welcome and practical orientation
- Introduction to Riga, the venue and programme logistics

DAY 1 GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER AND ORGANISATIONAL ANALYSIS

23 NOVEMBER

The first day will create a strong foundation for cooperation and introduce participants to the work of Young Folks LV.

Main activities:

- Welcome, introduction to the training and presentation of its objectives
- Getting-to-know-each-other and team-building activities
- Participants' expectations, learning needs and contributions
- Presentations of participating organisations
- Exploration of the Young Folks LV community, office and youth centre
- Meeting with the Young Folks LV team
- Presentation of the Young Folks LV organisational model
- Young Folks LV's income-diversification and financial sustainability strategy
- Introduction to organisational mapping and analysis
- Initial financial analysis of each participating organisation

DAILY RESULT:

Each participant will prepare an initial overview of their organisation's structure, activities, resources, income sources and financial situation.

DAY 2

ORGANISATIONAL STRATEGY AND ERASMUS+ OPPORTUNITIES

24 NOVEMBER

The second day will focus on organisational challenges, strategic development and the opportunities available through Erasmus+.

Main activities:

- Mapping the main challenges faced by participating organisations
- SWOT analysis of each organisation
- Reviewing the current financial situation and existing funding sources
- Identifying funding gaps and organisational development priorities
- Creating realistic short-term and long-term organisational goals
- Introduction to the Erasmus+ programme and its priorities
- Overview of Erasmus+ opportunities in the fields of youth, adult education and sport
- Erasmus+ Key Action 1: mobility projects, youth exchanges, training courses, youth participation, Discover EU, and accreditation
- Erasmus+ Key Action 2: KA210 and KA220 cooperation partnerships, Capacity building
- Erasmus+ Key Action 3, European Youth Together and other centralised actions
- Introduction to Erasmus+ quality standards and accreditation requirements
- Virtual exchange
- Practical activity: matching organisational needs with suitable Erasmus+ actions

DAILY RESULT:

Each organisation will identify suitable Erasmus+ opportunities and begin developing a realistic funding and organisational-development plan.

DAY 3

EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

25 NOVEMBER

The third day will broaden participants' understanding of funding opportunities beyond Erasmus+ and introduce practical tools for grant monitoring.

Main activities:

- Introduction to the European Solidarity Corps:
 - Solidarity Projects
 - Volunteering Projects
 - Quality Label
 - High-Priority Areas
- European Youth Foundation opportunities
- Nordplus and Nordic Council of Ministers programmes
- International Visegrad Fund
- Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme
- LIFE programme
- Interreg and other cross-border cooperation opportunities
- International foundations and private funding opportunities
- Understanding eligibility, priorities, deadlines and partnership requirements
- How to read programme guides and calls for proposals
- Tools for monitoring funding opportunities and deadlines
- Creating an organisational grant calendar
- Practical exercise: selecting the most relevant programmes for each organisation

DAILY RESULT:

Participants will create an initial funding-opportunity map and grant calendar tailored to their organisation.

DAY 4 STUDY VISITS AND LEARNING FROM PRACTICE

26 NOVEMBER

The fourth day will connect the training content with practical examples from Latvian youth work and project implementation.

Main activities:

- Study visit to youth and civil society organisations in Riga
- Exchange with local project managers and youth workers
- Study visit to the Latvian National Agency
- Study visit to the Young Folks Kauguri local section
- Meeting with representatives of the Salaspils Youth Centre
- Exploring Riga and Jurmala

DAILY RESULT:

Participants will collect practical examples and transferable practices related to youth work, partnership development and project management.



DAY 5

PARTNERSHIPS, FUNDING STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANNING

26 NOVEMBER

The final training day will transform the participants' learning into concrete organisational and project plans.

Main activities:

- Partnership-building activities and networking
- Presentation of project ideas by participants
- Identifying shared priorities and possibilities for international cooperation
- Building potential partnerships for KA210, KA220, CERV and other programmes
- Income-diversification planning
- Preparation of a realistic organisational grant roadmap
- Creation of follow-up actions, deadlines and responsibilities
- Presentation and peer review of organisational action plans
- Evaluation of the training and assessment of learning outcomes
- Youthpass reflection and closing ceremony

DAILY RESULT:

Each participating organisation will leave with a draft funding strategy, grant roadmap, organisational action plan and potential international partnerships.

28 NOVEMBER - DEPARTURE DAY

- Check-out and departure of participants
- Informal follow-up and continued communication through the project network



ACCOMMODATION

Gertrudas hostel

OUR OFFICE:



CONTACT INFORMATION:

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS,
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