

“Youthpass, yes we train”

Training course on Youthpass in training courses (Action 4.3 and 3.1)

03-08 November 2009 Poland

- Do you implement (as a trainer, facilitator and/or organiser) **training courses** within Action 4.3 or Action 3.1 of the Youth in Action Programme?
- Do the words “**Youthpass**” and “**Learning to learn**” ring a bell to you?
- Are you interested in learning more about **implementing Youthpass and Learning to learn processes** in training courses?

The recognition of non-formal learning as well as different approaches and instruments of giving and getting recognition are treated with great respect by both European and national institutions.

Youthpass is the validation instrument of the Youth in Action Programme. **Youthpass** was developed to foster recognition of individual learning outcomes, promote social recognition of youth work and to improve the employability and active participation of young people. Using **Youthpass** in Youth in Action activities offers possibilities to raise the quality and to reflect on personal learning.

Since March 2008 **Youthpass is available** for Action 4.3 (training courses) and since April 2009 it is available for training courses in Action 3.1. During the last year a lot of organisations and trainers working in training courses have gained experience in implementing the Youthpass process. For some it was easy, while other still struggle with a lot of questions.

Questions around the implementation of the Youthpass process (Learning to learn, link to the specific topic of a training course, Key competences...) were identified by the Polish National Agency of the Youth in Action Programme as a major challenge in training courses. Due to that the Polish NA in cooperation with the SALTO Training and Cooperation Resource Centre invites you to a training course which focuses on this topic.

Aim and objectives

The training course aims to create a laboratory where participants can explore Youthpass as a tool for learning (existing practise and new ways) and improve the use of Youthpass in Action 3.1 and Action 4.3 (training courses) of the Youth in Action Programme.

Specific objectives of the training course include:

- to experience and reflect on what makes a learning process a non-formal learning experience – with a specific focus on training courses,
- to provide opportunities/tools/methods for self-assessment, reflection and feedback to be used in working practice when working with participants in training courses,

- to understand the challenge of facilitating a process based on self-directed learning including assessing competences and describing learning outcomes in Youth in Action training courses,
- to experience and discuss the educational value and potential of Youthpass in the Youth in Action Programme and its different meanings for individuals, NGO's, multipliers etc.
- to raise awareness about and discuss the philosophy behind Youthpass as a tool for recognition of non-formal learning within the Youth in Action Programme.

During the training course you will have the opportunity to reflect on your experience in arranging non-formal learning processes in training courses. There will be also time to explore challenges and opportunities related to the recognition of non-formal learning.

Target group

The training course is meant for people from organisations and National Agencies (trainers, project organisers and programme officers) dealing with learning process within Action 4.3 and 3.1 (training courses) of the YiA Programme. Participants should be:

- directly connected with the preparation and implementation of training courses
- motivated to work on the topic after the training course (follow-up on national level)
- aged 18 +
- able to communicate and work in English
- resident of the Youth in Action Programme Countries (27 EU countries + Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Turkey) or EECA country (there are three places for participants from EECA countries).

Dates and place

The training course will be held on **03-08 November 2009** in **Poland**. Participants are expected to arrive on the 3rd in the evening; departures are planned on the 8th after breakfast.

Working language

The working language of the training course will be English.

Application procedure & deadline

Please apply online no later than **7th of September 2009**. If your application is accepted, you will receive a confirmation and further information as soon as possible after the **20 September 2009**. Please do not book any tickets before you receive confirmation of your participation.

Financial conditions

- Board and lodging will be provided by the Polish National Agency of YiA Programme.
- Participants coming from **Programme Countries**: travel costs can be covered by your National Agency according to their own rules (please check before applying).
- Participants coming from **Eastern Europe and Caucasus region**: travel and visa costs will be covered by the Polish NA.
- Any insurance, especially medical, is a private responsibility of each participant.

For further questions about the training course, please contact Magdalena Malinowska (mmalinowska@frse.org.pl) from the Polish National Agency.

If you have questions about **Youthpass**, please contact SALTO Training and Cooperation RC, Rita Bergstein (youthpass@salto-youth.net).

We are looking forward to your participation.

The team of the "Youthpass, yes we train" training course