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Youthpass

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“Recognise Learning - Recognise Yourself - Youthpass in the EVS training cycle”

Training course on Youthpass in the EVS training cycle (pre-departure, on-arrival, mid-term and evaluation)

05-11 October 2009 in Slovenia

- Are you an EVS trainer implementing pre-departure, on-arrival, mid term and/or evaluation **training courses** for EVS volunteers for the National Agency within Action 2 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 the EVS training course cycle?

Then we have the right offer for you!!!

Since September 2007 **Youthpass and its process is available** for Action 2 (European Voluntary Service). A lot of volunteers and their mentors implementing the Youthpass process in their EVS project already. They gain experience and of course face a lot of challenges when implementing the Youthpass process. For some it is easy, while others still struggle with a lot of questions.

As **EVS trainers** you are already asked by your National Agency to mention and maybe implement Youthpass and its educational implications. Some of you might already present the Key competences, while others might already focus on reflection of learning, have provided sessions on learning to learn (L2L) or tackled the learning and reflection process topics around Youthpass in various ways.

The **training courses you provide** are very important elements in an EVS project and you might have a lot of intensive moments with volunteers. Of course you need to know everything about the Youthpass process but there is also the possibility to use the idea of the Youthpass process and support it in the training courses e.g.

- Why not implement a session on learning in the on-arrival training course?
- What is the experience of volunteers so far, they often come from a formal learning background? How could learning look like – in a different way – in their EVS project?

We (the National Agencies of Ireland, Portugal and Slovenia and the SALTO Training and Cooperation Resource Centre) **invite you now to this training course in Slovenia**. We want to develop, discuss and share with you how you can implement Youthpass process aspects in your specific modules of EVS training courses. And of course we will talk about the Key competences and recognising non-formal learning and/or education, where Youthpass is one initiative as you can read here:

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.

Aim and objectives of the training course

The training course aims to create an atmosphere where participants can explore Youthpass and the process behind it as a tool for learning. We invite you to explore the different learning dimensions of Youthpass and the role of the training courses and trainers in supporting the reflection of learning in the EVS context of the Youth in Action Programme.

Specific objectives of the training course include:

- to explore learning to learn (L2L) 1. as a trainer personally and 2. as a trainer implementing it in practise with a specific focus on how to make volunteers recognise the learning dimension of EVS (Besides the “service”),
- to explore different dimensions of learning and its implications for the EVS context,
- to discuss and develop the role of EVS trainings in the EVS context according to Youthpass,
- to develop and discuss concrete measures of implementing Youthpass in the concept of EVS training measures and transfer them to reality
- to develop opportunities/tools/methods for self-assessment, reflection and feedback to be used in working practice when working with volunteers in training courses,
- to support the challenge of facilitating a process based on self-directed learning including assessing competences and describing learning outcomes in EVS,
- to raise awareness about and discuss the philosophy behind Youthpass as a European tool for recognising and encouraging 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 also be time to explore challenges and opportunities related to the recognition of non-formal learning.

Target group

The training course is meant for trainers who are implementing pre-departure, on-arrival, mid term and/or evaluation **training courses** for EVS volunteers for the National Agency within Action 2 of the Youth in Action Programme: Participants should be:

- directly connected with the preparation and implementation of these 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

- residents of the Youth in Action Programme Countries (27 EU countries + Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Turkey) or SEE countries.

Dates and place

The training course will be held on **05-11 October 2009** in **Slovenia**. Participants are expected to arrive on the 5th in the evening; departures are planned on the 11th after breakfast.

Working language

The working language of the training course will be English.

Application procedure & deadline

Please apply online on <http://www.salto-youth.net/applicationonline/349/> not later than **20th of June 2009**. If your application is accepted, you will receive a confirmation and further information as soon as possible after the **01 July 2009**. Please do not book any tickets before you receive confirmation of your participation.

Financial conditions

- Board and lodging will be provided by the involved National Agency of the 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 **South East Europe**: travel and visa costs will be covered by the SALTO SEE.
- Any insurance, especially medical, is a private responsibility of each participant.

For further questions about the training course, please contact Alenka Oblak Alenka.Oblak@mva.si from the Slovenian 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-opener - Learning in EVS training courses" training course