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Youthpass

Youthpass – Tools & Methods

Seminar for sharing and developing learning support methods & tools in the Youth in Action programme

- Does “**Youthpass**” ring a bell to you?
- Do you support participants within their **Youthpass learning process** and do you use and/or do you have developed specific tools and methods for this?
- Are you interested in **sharing your expertise** on learning support methods & tools with other people from all over Europe?
- Do you want to contribute to the **exploration and development** of further tools for the direct benefit of other Youthpass (process) users?

Since 2007 Youthpass is the validation instrument of the Youth in Action Programme. Youthpass was developed to foster recognition of individual learning outcomes, social recognition of youth work and to improve the employability and active participation of young people and youth worker. Over the last few years it became more and more obvious that Youthpass is much more than a Certificate reached out on the end of an activity. The introduction of Youthpass put ‘learning’ very much into focus. What is it that young people, youth worker, youth leader, trainer learn in the Youth in Action programme? How do they learn? How can we support their learning? These days we are talking about the ‘Youthpass process’.

All over Europe youth workers, trainers and mentors have been using and developing (new) tools and methods to support others on their learning path.

It’s time to collect, share, evaluate and further develop those tools and methods.

The German National Agency of the Youth in Action Programme, in cooperation with the SALTO Training and Cooperation Resource Centre and UNIQUE (United for Innovation and Quality in Education), invites you to discuss and to reflect on the Youthpass process as well as to share, to develop and to test learning support methods and tools accompanying this process.

Aim and objectives

The seminar aims to collect and develop tools and methods to support the Youthpass process in all Actions of the Youth in Action programme.

Specific objectives of the seminar include:

- to create space for sharing tools and methods

- to deepen the understanding of educational approaches concerning Youthpass
- to identify challenges concerning the Youthpass process
- to transfer educational concepts into tools and methods
- to create space for developing methods and tools

During the seminar you will have the opportunity to reflect on the tools and methods you used to accompany Youth in Action participants in their learning processes with other participants. There will be time to discuss challenges how to put the Youthpass process into practice (e.g. in relation to the role of the facilitator, target groups, process phases, different actions, etc.) and to set up common quality criteria for effective learning support instruments. Last but not least the seminar wants to give space to the development of new methods and tools to support learning that will be tested and evaluated on the spot.

The outcomes of the seminar will be used as an important input to a publication on tools and methods for the Youthpass.

Target group

The seminar aims at experienced youth workers / leaders, trainers, mentors and coaches active in the Youth in Action programme who have an extended experience in supporting learning within the Youth in Action programme and who are acquainted with the Youthpass developments so far. Participants should be ready to share tools and methods to support learning (sharing 1 tool/method is an asset), and are also invited to contribute to the further development of Youthpass.

Dates and place

The seminar will be held from **22-28 November 2010** in **Berlin, Germany**. Participants are expected to arrive on the 22nd in the evening; departures are after breakfast on the 28nd.

Working language

The working language of the seminar will be English.

Team

The seminar **team** will be composed of three trainers: Paul Kloosterman (Italy), Annette Mütter (Germany) and Darko Markovic (Serbia).

Practical arrangements

Please submit the online application form until **September 10th, 2010**. If your application is accepted, you will receive a confirmation and further information as soon as possible after **September 17th, 2010**. Please do not book any tickets before you receive confirmation of your participation.

If you are coming from a **programme country**: Please contact your National Agency for information about travel costs reimbursement and participation fee.

If you are coming from a **neighbouring partner country**: Please contact the German National Agency for information about travel costs reimbursement and participation fee.

Costs for board and lodging for all participants will be covered by the hosting German National Agency.

We are looking forward to your participation!

The team of the **Youthpass – Tools & Methods seminar**

For further questions about the seminar, please contact Ingrid Müller (mueller@ifemail.de) from the German National Agency.

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