



"Follow the Yellow Brick Road"
Training Course
Wezuperbrug, the Netherlands
24th November - 1st December 2014



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Follow the Yellow Brick Road – Call for participants

Non-formal education training course dealing with the topics of change, journey and transformation



Summary

After two successful editions in Italy (December 2013) and Czech Republic (August 2014), **"Follow the Yellow Brick Road"** arrives to the Netherlands, promoted by **Breakthrough Foundation!**

"Follow the Yellow Brick Road" is an innovative 7-day Erasmus+ training course for youth workers, trainers and youth leaders raising the question most of us face nowadays – how can we in today's economy create satisfying reality for us and choose the right career path? In our training course we will look for **"the element"** - having an experience that allows you to reflect on why you do what you do in work in order to enable young people you are working with to do the same. "Follow the Yellow Brick Road" takes its name from the movie **"The Wizard of Oz"**. We chose this name because it is perfectly related to the topic of **challenge, change, journey and transformation** and that's what the training course is going to be about. The programme involves theoretical inputs and practical workshops, discussions, group processes and individual work. A substantial part of the programme will take place **outdoors in nature**.

Participating countries: The course will involve **30** participants from the Netherlands (hosting), Italy, Poland, Ireland, United Kingdom, Czech Republic, Malta and Belgium. The language of the training course will be **English**.

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Training objectives:

- To create a space for personal development, by exploring personal talents, aspirations and potential through a variety of non-formal education and experiential tools;
- To explore and reflect on 'change' and 'responsibility', as ways to define and reach personal and professional objectives and live a more fulfilling life;
- To experience tools and methodologies that can be utilized to enable, empower and inspire young people;
- To discover how non-formal education can enhance employability of young people and guide them in finding their own career path;

Trainer team

Buzz Bury – UK, trainer profile: <http://buzzbury.co.uk/>
Bara Blahova - Czech Republic, trainer profile: <http://trainers.salto-youth.net/BaraBlahova/>
Carmino Rodi Falanga – Italy, trainer profile: <http://trainers.salto-youth.net/CarminoRodi/>
Mafalda Morganti – Italy, trainer profile: <http://trainers.salto-youth.net/MafaldaMorganti/>

How will we work?

“**Follow the Yellow Brick Road**” is an interactive and experiential training course that aims to develop participants' skills for self-empowerment, ownership of their life, dealing with challenging situations as well as foster their youth worker skills to support young people dealing with change.

This training course is organised within the context of **Non-Formal Education** (NFE). This means that we will have an interactive, participatory, horizontal and non-academic approach. What you give is what you get! We expect that participants share their knowledge and their own expertise and actively contribute in the programme, exchange experiences, build together experiences and share feelings and opinions.

An important part of the programme will be the **connection with nature and experiencing outdoors** and during the week the participants will be invited to possibly “face their demons”, experience self development in environments that may be unfamiliar to them and to **challenge themselves physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually**. To what extent they experience this will be entirely up to them.

Many of the inputs and methodologies used during the course will revolve around the tool of **storytelling**, with a special focus on the practise of “**The Way of Council**” (a storytelling process of personal narratives, self-reflection and the power of listening conceived by the *Ojaj Foundation* – for more infos <http://ojaifoundation.org/discover-council>.) and the archetypical tale of the “**Hero's Journey**” (an holistic experience which aims to explore the physical, mental and spiritual dimensions of the participants based on the model of the “*Monomyth*”, conceived by Joseph Campbell in his “*The Hero with A Thousand Faces*” - for more infos <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monomyth>).



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When and Where?

The training course will take place in **Wezuperbrug**, a small village in the province of **Drenthe**, in the north-eastern part of the Netherlands, approximately 200 km far from Amsterdam. The accommodation where the project will be hosted is the **Molecaten Park Kuierpad** (molencaten.nl/kuierpad).

We booked 7 little bungalow houses, in each bungalow will stay 5 participants. Each house has his two bathrooms, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, a bedstead and living room. Breakfast will take place in your own bungalow, lunch and dinner are at the trainings venue, which is located about 500 meters far from the bungalows.

WiFi is available at the accommodation (€ 10 per week). The venue is in a rural area, be aware that WiFi connection can be poor so please don't plan any important things through email for that week.

The course will run from the **24th of November to the 1st of December 2014**. To be able to attend the course from beginning till the end is one of the basic conditions for participation, so please **arrange your travel in order to attend the course for its whole duration**.

Costs

As for Erasmus+ standards, the **maximum possible travel contribution per one person** is:

Italy, Czech Republic, Poland, Ireland, UK, Malta – 275 €

Belgium, the Netherlands (for distances **more than 100km** from the training venue) – 180 €

the Netherlands (for distances **within 100km** from the training venue) – 0 €

It might be possible to redistribute it in a more sensible way, but we don't know this yet, as the grant programme is brand new and still in process of establishing the rules. The reimbursement will be done **after** the end of the project, upon receiving all original tickets and boarding passes from the group. More details on that will be given during the training course.

A participation fee of 50€ per participant is expected and will be paid in cash during the project.

How to apply?

Selections are open, the participants who are interested can apply online filling the application form at the following link <http://goo.gl/sQKkQ3> until the **30th of September**.

For any information please contact us at emailthewizard2014@gmail.com (this is the official email, somebody from the team will be always answering).

We are looking forward to know the future participants of our "Follow the Yellow Brick Road" course!

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