



Keys to Employability – soft skills development for empowering young people

SUMMARY

Educational systems in contemporary Europe are facing many difficult challenges. Every year many young people graduate from high-school or university with an often high level of theoretical knowledge, but at the same time they lack practical skills that are essential on the labor market. As we live in a time of economical crisis and the unemployment rate among young adults is alarmingly high, many of those graduates struggle to find a job and are not able to start a successful career.

As this problem has been widely acknowledged among organizations working with unemployed young people, there are various projects helping them developing competences essential in the process of entering a labor market. However, in many cases the youth workers still focus on hard competences and do not pay enough attention to developing soft skills, which are equally important. We believe that young people can become much more successful both in personal and professional life when they master certain set of social abilities.

The proposed Training Course is designed to gather youth workers and leaders and provide them with an opportunity to explore and experience some new methods of developing soft skills that can be used while working with youngsters in their local communities. They will have a chance to go through an intensive training during which they will test several practical tools that aim at fostering various skills and abilities, such as team work, leadership, effective learning and others. Moreover, participants will have an opportunity to design and test some new methods that can be used in their everyday work. In the second part of the Training Course participants will also attend some sessions aiming at teaching them how to help young people find alternative forms of employment, using and promoting the concept of international youth mobility.

COORDINATING ORGANISATION



**Fundacja Rozwoju Społeczeństwa
Przedsiębiorczego (Poland)**

HOST ORGANISATION



**International Center for
Intercultural Research, Learning
and Dialogue
(Armenia)**

OBJECTIVES

- To equip youth workers and leaders with tools and methods designed to develop social skills among unemployed young people
- To provide participants with the opportunity to exchange experience and expertise in the field of preventing unemployment amongst youth
- To develop some new methods and tools that can be used in participants' everyday work
- To explore potential of international youth mobility as one of the opportunities for young people to start and develop their career
- To establish a network of like-minded organizations and individuals, who are interested in the further exchange on the link between theory and practice of ICD
- To develop follow-up projects for young unemployed, which will make use of the new knowledge and competences gained during the Training Course

PROJECT DETAILS

Dates:	07 - 16 September 2015
Place:	Aghveran (Armenia)
Type	KA1, Training Course
Working language:	English
Countries involved:	Poland, Armenia, Belarus, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Germany, Georgia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Ukraine

PARTICIPANTS PROFILE

- Youth workers and youth leaders interested in exploring new ways of fighting unemployment amongst youth
- Having previous experience in the field of the Training Course and being ready to share their knowledge and methods with other participants
- Interested in setting further co-operation with similar organizations from other European countries
- Being able to communicate fluently in English

NEXT STEPS

Please fill in the following online application form till July 15th

<http://goo.gl/forms/k9jF8GgNhc>

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