

# The Heart of the Story



## Erasmus+ Training Course

18th-26th August 2017 Forres, Scotland, UK



## CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

“The Heart of the Story” is a Mobility of Youth Workers activity promoted by the UK organisation Coyote Initiatives.

The course is designed to make trainers, facilitators and youth workers aware of the many and various uses of the non formal education method of Storytelling and show how it can be used in their work with young people, helping them to develop a range of important abilities and competences in the professional and personal sphere.

The course will take place in the Newbold House retreat venue in Forres, near Inverness, Scotland from the 18th - 26th August 2017. It will involve 24 participants and 5 staff members from 9 European countries (Czech Republic, France, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Portugal, Turkey and the UK).



## CALL TO ADVENTURE

Are you passionate about stories? Are you curious to learn how to use storytelling as a tool to support learning and increase the effectiveness and enjoyment of your work with young people? Then this might really be your call to adventure!



# OBJECTIVES

To identify and understand key elements and skills for storytelling, and explore their potential benefits for learning, personal development and employability

To analyse the increased impact that stories (and media) have on phenomena such as “hate speech”, intolerance and open racism. We will discuss the new needs for awareness, ethics and knowledge that come with the social and digital era

To explore the concept of “transformational storytelling”: using storytelling as an innovative tool to address change and personal development

To use elements of gamification to make youth work more attractive and accessible to young people (especially marginalised YP)

To create an international network of youth workers and organisations, able to use storytelling to develop skills and methods and to have an innovative impact on local levels.



# LEARNING OUTCOMES

To be trained on, and receive information about, innovative approaches based on Storytelling, illustrating specialistic concepts such as the Monomyth, the Way of Council, Gamification - and the work methodologies related to them - combining theory, practice and sharing reflections and good practice tips with trainers and colleagues

To get more proficient in the understanding and use for educational purposes of Comics, Video games, Board Games - all media very popular in youth culture

To increase awareness and learn how to better tackle their potential negative effects in youth work as well: the risk of addiction and escapism from reality, the possible manipulation and propaganda uses that can be used by authorities, political and social actors and governments



# PRACTICALITIES

## METHODOLOGY

The activities will be based on non formal and experiential learning methodologies, all centred on different aspects of Storytelling. We will work on the most classic and traditional forms (sitting around the fire) to the most contemporary, like cinema, comics and video games.

## COSTS

The project has been financed by the Erasmus+ programme. The costs related to accommodation and food will be completely covered by the hosting organisation and the travel costs will be covered according to the Erasmus+ standards as follows:

Czech Republic, Hungary, Ireland, France, United Kingdom (€500-199km): €275

Portugal, Greece, Italy: €360    Turkey: €530    UK (100-499km): €180

## Participation Fee

The participation fee is on a sliding scale between €50 and €150 according to the possibilities of each participant. Please take into account your personal circumstances, and also the difference in costs and standards across Europe with your fee. We ask for this personal contribution as the Erasmus grant does not cover all the costs of this training and we offer the sliding scale so while people pay more or less, we are able to reach at least a middle ground.

## TRAINERS TEAM

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# HOW TO APPLY?

Applications will be via [salto-youth.net](http://salto-youth.net). Please apply via the link below.

[goo.gl/TZNL9A](http://goo.gl/TZNL9A)

The deadline for application is 2nd April 2017

## QUESTIONS?

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