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Call for participants

TC “Competencies for Basic youth work - meeting challenges in the youth field”

The Training course: “**Competencies for Basic youth work - meeting challenges in the youth field**” is being implemented under the Erasmus + program, KA1 action. The project is being implemented by partners: MOPT (Lithuania), JASMA (Latvia), Maltezka pomoc (Czech Republic), SAMR (Romania), Universum NGO (Poland), HEAK (Estonia), TRIPS (Italy), OCEAN ZNANJA U REPUBLICI HRVATSKOJ (Croatia), The training course will gather 33 youth workers in Lithuania **from 5th to 15th of August, 2017 in Lithuania.**

Venue: Training centre DAUGIRDIŠKĖS www.daugirdiskes.lt

WHY WE DO THIS?

Very often youth workers are seeking for and learning trendy methodologies like “Gamification”, “Geocaching”, “Outdoor experiential learning”, “Rope courses”, “Education through sports” where they learn the technique/form, but **educational aspect is left behind**. In other words – it is widely spread phenomenon among project partners where youth workers are more focused on form, than on educational content. Youth workers “play games” with youngsters, which is fun, but conscious development of young people competencies, especially attitudes is not happening. All partners have agreed that education of young people, especially on the level of attitudes is very crucial when we talk about valuing diversity, intercultural and inter-religious dialogue, respect for fundamental human rights. These are the issues, which are on the top of Europe's agenda these days and are felt on the daily basis, when working with young people.

The idea of the training course comes from several needs in the youth field:

1. Lack of youth work competences

When sharing our experiences in youth field, we have identified similar challenges faced in our everyday work - lack of youth work competences when working with a young person:

- youth workers are not capable to include young people from marginalized backgrounds. This capability requires individual approach to each youngster, taking into account their different age, sex, background, values and beliefs, having specific needs and learning aims.
- they lack competences to facilitate learning process of a young person;
- they experience lack of tools and approaches for performing working with youth on the level of development of needed competencies (knowledge, skills and attitudes).

2. Lack of quality of Erasmus + projects

All above mentioned often leads to lower quality of international youth projects implemented under the Erasmus + program. Especially youth exchanges are very



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often organized, let's say, on the "surface level". It was very clearly expressed, by project partners, that quality of learning facilitation during E+ projects is a very crucial point that needs to be developed.

Aim of the training course:

To develop youth work competences of youth leaders/ workers in order to foster inclusion and empowerment of young people who are facing marginalization on daily basis.

Objectives:

1. To explore the concept of youth work, inclusion, and empowerment, when working with marginalized young people.
2. To develop competences of youth leaders/workers from partner organizations, enabling them to use variety of educational approaches with an aim to foster young peoples understanding about diversity, intercultural, inter-religious dialogue and common fundamental values of our society.
3. To share good and bad practices from partner organizations, reflect and learn from them.
4. Contemplate on different methodologies on how to reach marginalized youth and establish educational relationship
5. To develop high quality future international projects within Erasmus +
6. Create action plans how to support youth work quality development at local level.

Target group:

The target group of the project are workers working directly with young people (especially with fewer opportunity youth), representatives of partner organizations, youth policy and youth work stakeholders.

We will select people who are:

- Active in direct, educational work with young people: Youth workers, teachers, sports coaches and youth leaders, having at least 2 years direct working experience with youth groups;
- Facing challenges in empowerment and educational work with young people;
- Those who are aiming to involve young people with fewer opportunities into their educational activities;
- Language: able to communicate, actively take part in complex discussions in English;
- Able to participate in whole duration of the training programme;
- Is committed to disseminate of project results in their countries and communities;
- Interested in sharing experiences and gaining new ones from European partners;
- Have support from their organisation (or right to decide) for initiating educational projects.



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Participant Countries and number of participants:

Participating countries	Number of participants
Lithuania	5
Poland	4
Italy	4
Latvia	4
Romania	4
Estonia	4
Croatia	4
Czechia	4

Methodology of the training course:

Main principles we will follow during the learning process are:

1. Learner centred approach – it will be taken into account the personal needs and interests of each participants leading to personal and professional development.
2. Dealing with diversity – by creating the safe environment the diversity within a group will be seen as the source for sharing and learning.
3. Relevance to reality – the learning will be as close as possible to the reality of the participants making the links to and taking the examples from the real situation of the participants.
4. Learning from the experience – the personal experience of participants will be the source for learning by reflecting on it and making the conclusions for further application.
5. Active participation – space and conditions for active participation will ensure active role and involvement of the participants during the learning process.

Facebook event of the project:

<http://bit.ly/2qq3ltf>

Apply via:

<http://bit.ly/2qSUEez>

We are waiting for applications **till 30th of June, 2017.**
All applicants will be informed about the selection results.

Financial conditions:

Board, lodging is covered by EU programme ERASMUS+ following its regulations.

For your travel:

The organization ecological policy requires participants from **Poland, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia** to travel by most ecological means of transport (bus, train or car). **Max amount of reimbursement:** Latvia-60 EUR, Estonia-120 EUR, Poland-120 EUR, Lithuania-30 EUR.

Participants from **Italy, Romania, Czech Republic, Croatia**, are required to plan their trips as early as possible and to choose the cheapest ways of traveling. **Max amount of reimbursement** - 250 EUR.

European commission is clearly stating, that everyone should travel via cheapest means of transportation, as this money should/could be used for other means, more closely related to quality learning of participants.

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