# PARTICIPANTS' PACK

## DEAR PARTICIPANTS,

**Non Formal Education** has existed for as long as we know. But only 'recently' it has been given the clarity and recognized importance it deserves! We are therefore also very pleased and enthusiast, knowing that you will participate in this Training Course (TC) focusing specifically on **Non Formal Education**. We hope that this training course will make a change in your daily work!

We are looking forward to welcome you on this TC and to work together with you on the different aspects and quality elements within **Non Formal Education**!

We hope that you are as excited as we are with this TC which is specially designed for experienced and new users of European mobility Programmes, especially the **Erasmus+: Youth in Action Programme**.

This TC is not only based on a 'one-way information-flow' but requires a pro-active participation from you. Therefore, the importance of this information before the start of a hopefully adventurous, challenging and inspiring TC!

This pack contains all the important topics and information which regards you as participant. Having read, understood and agreed upon all of this will allow you fully to enjoy and involve.

Please **read carefully** next chapters. We have tried to include all possible information in this pack, even the apparently obvious topics. Don't hesitate to contact us in case something might not be clear. At a later stage (after the selection procedure) you will receive further practical information in relation to your stay, the training etc.

The trainers' team.

# BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SOME ASPECTS...

## FOR WHOM?

◎ All actors in the youth field (youth leaders, youth workers, local authorities…).

◎ Youth workers and youth leaders coming from every country in Europe, either with a long past of using NFE, or in countries where everything has to be build.

Participants should be at least 18 years old and should have a **good level of English**. Group size: max. 30 participants

## AND 'TO DO WHAT' MORE CONCRETELY?

◎ To stimulate the participants to feel and reflect about the power of NFE by experimenting different kind of non formal educational methods.

◎ To analyse the role and perception of NFE in our different countries within a common Europe.

◎ To understand how NFE methods and approach can be used to promote cultural diversity and intercultural learning (ICL)..

◎ To fight against the growing consuming approaches towards young people in the non formal education field and to work on their *real* active participation.

◎ To explore meanings, roles, and complementarities of different educational approaches and methods (formal, non formal, informal).

◎ To reconsider daily youth work practices.

◎ To understand the principles of NFE within Erasmus+ and its effects on elements as programme building etc.

This TC can also provide:
➔ An opportunity to meet possible partner groups and to make contacts in other countries.

# THE PROGRAMME

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## THE PEDAGOGICAL PROCESS

The TC is not limited to the couple of days the participants spend together but starts before the actual encounter, through a Facebook group. Participants should therefore be well aware that they will be actively involved from the very beginning.

## A FUNDAMENTAL FLOW DURING THE TRAINING

◎  Experiencing: different educational settings, different non formal education methods (role play, simulation game, exercises...).

◎  Reflecting: on the methods and its impacts, on the power and limits of NFE, on building a pedagogical process…

◎  Transferring: to the own reality of participants, in order to improve ways of working with young people.

◎  Sharing: different perceptions, current situations and experiences.

◎  Developing: the building capacity of the participants, by including them in the decision process of the project designing (participants will decide some sessions they feel they need to have) but also in the implementation of the program ("Power to the People – the People who are you" moments).

## EUHM …FREE TIME?

When you look at the programme (page 5), you will notice that free time is very sparse. In case you wish to see more of the country, we advise you to come earlier or stay longer (of course, at own expense!). As you make the travel anyway, this might be a good opportunity. Check with your National Agency for possibilities concerning the dates of your ticket.

We wish to inform participants that this training course is very intensive, not in physical terms but in terms of 'working time'.

# 3 FOR YOU TO BRING...

## ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION

During this training course, we will not have an organised time slot for each one to present his/her organisation. However, there will be informal opportunities to do so. In case you are interested to do so, we encourage you to bring as much –relevant- materials as possible. In case you wish to bring PowerPoint Presentations or CD Rom with pictures, there will be an opportunity to show these during the informal moments and the coffee breaks.

Useful to bring with you:

- English information about your organisation
- All relevant information you have on the previous international project(s) you've organised / been part off (reports, gadgets, press releases,...).
- Picture, posters, etc.
- Your tablet or laptop

## ABOUT YOUR COUNTRY / REGION / TOWN

Most of you have probably experienced before an 'Intercultural Evening'. Also during this training course (=TC) we plan to organise one. According to the final place where this TC will take place, there will be local involvement and interaction during several moments of the programme, allowing a deeper intercultural learning for all involved.

So we invite you to bring posters, postcards, leaflets etc.

Please note that if you bring with you videos you will only be able to watch and show them during your free time, which is sparse. We also wish to invite you to bring gastronomic specialities from your region or country: snacks (it is not possible to cook or heat up) and drinks for this 'Intercultural Evening'.

Bring music, or other things that you wish to share with all of us during this evening and other evenings. Bringing with you different board games or a music instrument to be used at informal times is not forbidden! ☺

# 4 TRAINERS' TEAM

This TC will be run by a team of 3 experienced trainers:

- ◎ Denis Morel (http://trainers.salto-youth.net/DenisMorel/)

- ◎ Jo Claeys (http://trainers.salto-youth.net/JoClaeys/)

- ◎ Simona Molari (http://trainers.salto-youth.net/SimonaMolari/)

Looking forward to meet you soon!

**The NFE trainers' team**

# The Power of Non Formal Education - approach & tools

## A Training Course for Promoters of the Erasmus+ Programme (YiA)        2018

| Wed 07/03 | Thu 08/03 | Fri 09/03 | Sat 10/03 | Sun 11/03 |
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| | Presentation of TC, Team + pax, | Groups experience: simulation exercise Plan B (citizenship & society building) | My learning process so far | 'Power to the People' |
| | Break | Break | Break | Break |
| Team meeting | Informal, formal and non-formal education: understandings and conceptualisation. Examples presented by pax. The importance of setting within NFE | Debriefing Plan B | The Erasmus+ Programme | Real life examples of NFE in different settings on different topics |
| | Lunch | Lunch | 'Power to the People' | Lunch |
| Lunch | The 'fun' of learning Characteristics and approaches | | Youth-ta-pass moment | Sharing of practice and previous experiences |
| Arrival participants | Break | Analysing and identifying NFE activites | (Late)unch | Personal action plan |
| Dinner | Exercise: 1 step forward | Break | Free time | Youth-ta-pass moment |
| | 'Power to the People' | 'Power to the People' | | TC evaluation |
| Welcome activity Welcome drink | Dinner | Youth-ta-pass moment | Dinner | Youthpass & closure |
| | Recognition of NFE in Europe / Life long learning /Youth-ta-pass moment | International evening | Free evening | Dinner |
| | | | | Public event: |

A training course organised within the philosophy of Erasmus+ YiA ...with, for and by actors in the youthfield.
Please note that this course has an organic character, according to the needs of participants and local community

Power to the People: evaluation moment in group combined with a forum during which participants can discuss happenings of the training and take decisions (if needed) for future programme elements.

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