

The Natural Edge
Training Course for Youth Workers within the frame of Erasmus+
13-21 September, 2019 | Kisterenye, Hungary

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS



Curious to know what is there? Come to the edge!

We invite you to where the real adventure in learning is, to a programme on co-operative leadership for personal and group transformation, social initiative and cultural cohesion to pass on your work with young people.

The Natural Edge is an 8-day-long international training course in September, 2019 in Kisterenye, Hungary aimed at **youth workers, educators, leaders, facilitators working with young people.**

What is the Edge?

The edge is where learning takes place, that special place for us all that allows a new perspective, an openness to an experience that is essentially out of the known zone and furthers the limit of our self and collective education.

How can we realise this education in ourselves and others?

Working Methods

We will work deeply with the communication skills of **the Way of Council** in combination with a **24-hour solo time in nature** and use and explore the method of **experiential learning** – This combination contains elements designed to elicit;

- storytelling • ceremony • build meaningful relationships and natural leadership • deepen development and awareness of one's self and others' place, wisdom and abilities in a group and culture • how to give regenerative feedback • read the field to best know how to foster optimum learning conditions.

The course will have a strong experiential part. Be prepared to be challenged in some ways that can surprise you! Participants will be offered a space for trying themselves out, and there will be a space for their inputs to be incorporated in the course.

The course aims:

- To introduce, confer and develop a basic to intermediate methodology of Council practice, facilitation skills, the use of agreements, strategies and forms, dynamic potential for self transformation, small and large groups learnings and collective wisdom.
- To strengthen the value of our stories and skill in storytelling, to explore relational dynamics, increase awareness of the impact and responsibilities in our communications.
- To offer tools and methods that can educate young people to community-mindedness, that support building relations and trust, promote common values, inclusion, diversity, mutual respect and tolerance.
- To deepen an awareness and connection of our natural human resources with a 24-hour solo experience in nature as a reflective non-formal, non-biased education method, an open resource accessible to all.
- To develop leadership, service social/civic competencies in its multiple and diverse forms and as natural outcomes of our work
- To contribute to a cross-cultural peer community of youth workers and facilitators in transformative learning.
- To carry forward social entrepreneurship, initiative and learnings through a relevant follow-up project, designed, peer-mentored and facilitated by participants

The trainers:

Rob Dreaming, UK is a Mentor, Facilitator and Trainer of Way of Council and qualified as a wilderness guide by the School of Lost Borders, California. He has supportive trainings in Acting, 5 Rhythms dance movement, meditation and over 17 years of offering programs, trainings and leading groups in consciousness and communication.

Rebecca Card, UK is a Transitional Rites & Vision Quest Guide, a Facilitator and Ceremonialist of Nature-based wisdom and Cultural Healing Practices. She offers Deep Nature Connection, Embodied Awareness, Grief work and 8 Shields programs and consultancy at a local and national level. She is also a Facilitator of Council.

Krisztina Pasztor, Hungary is an Experiential/Outdoor Trainer and Counselor with Wilderness-Adventure Therapy Specialization and a Facilitator of Council. Project manager, permaculturist. She is passionate about the transformational power of nature, self-development, ecopsychology, sharing and listening to stories and is devoted to initiate the process of change, facilitate group processes.

Gyula Szabo, Hungary is a Trainer, Green Living Coach and Historian, and Facilitator of Council. Born in 1967, has his degrees in Business Administration and History. After various types of working experiences in music industry, telecommunication and CSR, now works as a green living coach, trainer and council facilitator. He is a determined enthusiast of Mother Nature and strongly believes in the power of stories.

The Venue

The training course will take place **90 kms from Budapest in Kisterenye, Hungary**. The venue is a retreat centre outside the village in beautiful natural surroundings, called „The Valley of Three Treasures”. Participants will be accommodated in 4 bedded rooms. The closest airport is Budapest Airport. The training course will start on the 13th of September. The 21st of September is the departure day, there is no program.

Who can apply?

The course will involve **28 participants from 9 countries: Hungary, Latvia, Bulgaria, Greece, Czech Republic, Turkey, United Kingdom, Slovakia, Portugal**, plus 4 trainers.

The ideal applicant will be a **trainer, youthworker, social worker or educator** working with young people, strongly motivated in participating for the whole duration of the course, including the preparation, follow up and dissemination phase. The working language will be English. Note: what matters when choosing the country of your application is the **country of your residence** - from where will you travel, not your nationality! You may be asked to **prove your residency** in that country, that is to present an official document that shows you live in that country.

Our official partner organisations in this project will take part in the participation process and your application will be shared with them.

Impact, dissemination, follow-up

Participants are required to disseminate and promote the project and its outcomes, and **to take forward the learnings into a follow-up project in a team**, described during the training course.

It will be necessary to provide proof of the implemented dissemination and follow-up activities. A special focus is invited on reaching marginalised youth.

Costs, reimbursement and other conditions

Food and accommodation and the training course will be paid for and will be free of charge. For **Turkish** participants the **costs of the visa** (including travelling to arrange the visa) **up to 110 EUR will be reimbursed**.

As **participation fee**, each participant will be asked to contribute according to their possibilities between **50 and 100 EUR on a sliding scale**.

Participants will receive a **travel reimbursement** up to the following amounts:

Hungary: 20 EUR

Czech Republic, Slovakia: 180 EUR

Greece, UK, Latvia, Bulgaria, Turkey: 275 EUR

Portugal: 360 EUR

Application:

You can apply here: <https://bit.ly/2lpVKG9>

Deadline of application: **12 July, 2019**. You will be informed about **the result** of your application on **19th July, 2019**. Please ensure to check your emails around this date as you will have only a few days to confirm your participation if selected.

Contact:

If you have any questions please write to: the.natural.edge.tc@gmail.com