



CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Capacity Building of Youth Workers "Follow UP! Level up"

Online Training Activity



Dates:

- 25th, 26th November 2020
- 2nd, 3rd, 9th, 10th, 16th, 17th December 2020

Organised by:











Organisers

This training visit will be organised by DYPALL Network in cooperation with Active Bulgarian Society, United Societies of Balkans and Youth for Exchange and Understanding.

DYPALL Network (Developing Youth Participation at Local Level) is a European platform of over 60 civil society organisations and local



authorities from more than 30 countries, that aims to involve young people in decision-making processes at local level, and thus enable municipal and regional authorities to address the needs and interests of youth, engage young people as active actors of problem-solving and increase the level of ownership, commitment and involvement of an important part of our communities.

YP Lab is a resource and mobility centre within DYPALL Network with the focus on research development and capacity building in the field of local youth participation.

In order to realise this ambitious and challenging initiative, DYPALL Network has the following objectives:

- Develop structures and mechanisms for youth participation in decision-making at local level;
- Identify best practices and introduce innovative approaches on public governance in cooperation with local authorities and civil society organisations active in the field of youth;
- Foster youth engagement and inclusiveness in representative and participatory democracy processes;
- Build capacity and provide technical assistance on various areas and processes like policy making, advocacy, structured dialogue, co-management, and more;
- Mainstream youth policies at local and regional level (such as youth Guarantee schemes) to develop cohesive and engaged societies.

For more information: https://dypall.com/

Active Bulgarian Society (ABS) is a youth organisation created using our imagination to improve our potential and surrounding environment with fresh and positive ideas. What solidifies them is their passion to take the initiative and involve young people in social life, through European Mobility and Training programs. ABS applies an innovative approach to develop youngsters through deep involvement in the activities of the organisation.

For more information: https://activebulgariansociety.org/

United Societies of Balkans (USB) is an NGO created in Thessaloniki in 2008 by a group of energetic young people with rich experience around voluntary programs and with social sensitivities. Their vision is the empowerment of youth at local, national and international level, intercultural dialogue, the promotion of the principles and values of



democracy and human rights, through the mobilisation and mobility of young people, their involvement in volunteering, as well as raising their awareness around social issues

For more information: https://usbngo.gr/usb

Youth for Exchange and Understanding (YEU) is an international youth organisation established in 1986 and member of the European Youth Forum in Brussels. It is an inclusive network of youth organisations, led by and for young people, promoting the importance of active citizenship initiatives by using non-formal education as a tool in order to provide knowledge, skills and intercultural experience for personal and social development.

For more information: http://www.yeu-international.org/

Training

The training course will be a capacity building activity on how to ensure local impact and local engagement of young people taking part in European and international mobilities through effective follow-up strategies. It will be based on the collected best practices and on the results of the research performed by the consortium.

Together, the 20 youth workers will analyse the feedback and inputs from the research phase and they will discuss and share their own expertise on the local impact of learning mobilities and on possible and efficient follow-up strategies and activities. They will analyse the barriers that stop young people from engaging at the local level, and will devise strategies and solutions on how to overcome them. A participatory approach and NFE methodologies will be used.

The training is a part of a project "Level Up! Life After Mobility" under Erasmus+ KA205 - Strategic Partnerships for youth - Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices - Youth workers mobility. The outcomes of the training will serve as a resource to review and improve the follow-up platform, which is currently under development and will be an Intellectual Output of the project.

Objectives

The aim of the training is to build the youth workers' capacity to ensure local impact and local engagement of young people taking part in European and international mobilities through effective follow-up strategies.

The training has the following objectives:

- to identify the gaps in the existing follow-up strategies;
- to revise existing practices and reflect on how to improve them;
- to ponder about the new obstacles that emerged with COVID-19 pandemic
- to consider the real needs of local communities;
- to understand the needs of the young people after the learning mobilities;
- to ideate on how to keep young people's curiosity, engagement and motivation alive and how to channel it into local participation processes;
- to reflect on which specific measures and systems should be put in place to engage disadvantaged youth in this process;

- to correct and improve the follow-up platform, which is an output of the project
- to devise strategies to apply and replicate positive and effective follow up strategies/practices;

Profile of participants

The training is designed for decision-makers, experts on non-formal education, practitioners, directors of the organisation and experienced youth workers from Portugal, Belgium, Bulgaria and Greece.

Moreover, the participants must:

- be able to work in English;
- be residents of Portugal, Belgium, Bulgaria and Greece;
- be able to attend the whole duration of the Training;
- have a stable internet connection;
- have relevant experience in the topic of international mobilities, national & EU youth policy, youth issues and practice
- be highly motivated towards learning about methods of ensuring the engagement of local youth after the mobilities
- be minimum 18 years old

Five participants will be selected **per country**.

Programme

The training will consist of 8 sessions between 15:00-17:00 CET on:

- 25th, 26th November 2020 (Wednesdays, Thursdays)
- 2nd, 3rd, 9th, 10th, 16th, 17th December, 2020 (Wednesdays, Thursdays)

Day Session Session Day Introduction 1st 2nd What about digitalisation? Online training & networking Mobilities and EU programmes-Quality essentials and best 3rd 4th Before and after COVID practices 5th Mapping communities - working 6th Local Youth engagement & Youth with stakeholders initiatives support Dive into the Platform 7th 8th Follow-up plans, evaluation and closure

Online activities will be complemented by asynchronous assignments.

Please note that participation in every session is mandatory.

Registration procedure

To apply for participation in this Training, please **fill in the online registration form:** https://forms.gle/qE57QBQotvEbMqsW9

The deadline for applying is 11th November 2020 by 12 p.m. (midday) CET.

Funding

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For more information: https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/

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