CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Training Course "Youth centres - Models of participation and management"

27th September - 3rd October 2021 (including travel) Bilbao, Spain

Organized by:





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Organisers

This Training course will be organized by DYPALL Network in cooperation with Novisi Elkartea.

DYPALL Network (Developing Youth Participation at Local Level) is a European platform of over 70 civil society organizations 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 realize 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 organizations 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: <u>http://dypall.com</u>

Novisi Elkartea is a space for intercultural encounter, training, exchange and mutual knowledge. It is a non-governmental organisation that enhances a network of actions focused on the individual and their development. Initially created to represent the Togolese diaspora in the Basque Country and to promote solidarity and fraternity between the two regions, Nosivi Elkartea has become the face and voice of the immigrant youth in Euskadi and in Spain. The main objective of the organisation is to promote active citizenship of migrant youth and to foster their participation in the development of their host communities.

For more information: http://www.novisielkartea.org

Training course

This training course is designed for **municipality officers** and **youth workers from youth centres** from Spain, Croatia, Greece, Portugal, Slovakia, Turkey, Bulgaria, North Macedonia and Italy.

The training, based on non-formal education methodologies, will contribute to their professional development, improve knowledge, competencies, abilities about the theoretical background of youth participation and different practical participative methodologies within youth centres, focusing also on different models and practices to manage youth centres according to their context and target.

The training will improve participants' competences in creating participatory settings and environments to create strategies to involve young people in processes of co-creation. Competences such as planning, organizing, staffing, leading or directing, and guiding a space for the purpose of accomplishing a goal, will be explored and adapted to each context to allow the participants to transfer the knowledge to their own reality.

Participants will share their experiences, best examples and challenges that they faced running youth spaces and fostering youth participant within it. This way they will learn from each other and raise a better understanding of youth work on the international level and identify similarities and the differences between partners in order to improve their knowledge and increase the tools and options available to deal with the obstacles. The training course will also promote their personal development and skills in youth participation and different concrete participatory methodologies contribute to the involvement of young actors.

Objectives

The specific objectives of this Training are to:

- develop competencies in co-creation, advanced youth participation and youth work skills in youth centres;
- increase knowledge and expertise about different approaches to manage a youth centre in different contexts;
- improve competencies to provide platforms and tools to encourage youngsters to participate meaningfully in the youth centre context;
- create youth work support system for quality international youth work;
- share various methodologies used in youth worker training programs in the context of youth centres.

Profile of participants

This study visit is targeting youth workers and youth municipality officers. Moreover, the participants must:

- be able to work in English;
- be willing to contribute with their experience to the Training course;
- be residents of Spain, Croatia, Greece, Portugal, Slovakia, Turkey, Bulgaria, North Macedonia and Italy;
- be able to attend the whole duration of the Training course;
- have relevant experience in the topic of youth participation and youth centres;
- be highly motivated to develop their skills in youth centres management.

Two participants will be selected **per country**, namely:

- 1. Municipality officer working in the youth field within the municipality;
- 2. Local youth worker working with and for youth and young people in a youth centre.

All interested participants should apply individually.

Practical information

Travelling days and expenses

- > Arrival day is 27th September and departure day is 3rd October 2021.
- Travelling maximum 2 days before or 2 days after the designated travel dates is allowed (in which case the organisers will not cover the costs of stay on the extra days)
- Tickets shall be bought only after confirmation from the organizers. Travel expenses to and from the venue will be reimbursed up to a maximum per country/per participant (including all travel costs from the participants' home to the venue in Bilbao and, if needed, COVID tests): Spain 0€, Croatia 275€, Greece 360€, Portugal 275€., Slovakia 275€, Turkey 360 €, Bulgaria 360 €, North Macedonia 360€ and Italy 275€.
- Reimbursement will be done via bank transfer after the training (approximately in one month);
- Accommodation and meals will be provided by the organizers in BIlbao. Please note that the accommodation will be provided in shared rooms. There is no possibility to be accommodated in a private room.

Other information

- An info-pack with further details on accommodation and programme will be shared with the selected participants;
- > There is **no participation fee**

Registration procedure

To apply for participation in this Study visit, please **fill in the online registration form:** <u>https://forms.gle/2nMAy3J6y9waA1n36</u>

The deadline for applying is 27th July 2021 by 12 p.m. (midday) CET.

Funding

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