

Youth Association DRONI  
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**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY**

# “YOUTH WORKERS’ PLAY GROUND”



**RUSTAVI, GEORGIA  
6 - 14 DECEMBER 2022**

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# ABOUT THE PROJECT

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PLAY

EXIT

**"Play is our brain's favourite way of learning" - Diane Ackerman**

As youth workers, we are constantly creating learning opportunities for the young people we work with. A very powerful tool to do this is playing games. Games can address a whole variety of topics in a very accessible way. Whether it's global warming, poverty, leadership skills or conflict resolution: a game can help us to actively process new and complex information. Especially when working with young people, playing games and doing things together is a great way of connecting with them and stimulating them to learn new things.

**"I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand."**

However, as a youth worker, you don't always have the know-how, the time or the inspiration to come up with new and exciting material. This is why we felt the need to create a platform for youth workers where they can learn how to create educational games, practice their game-building skills and share their ideas and good practices with other youth workers from different countries. That's why we came up with an idea to design a training course "Youth Workers' Play Ground," (YWPG) 7-day training course that will bring together 34 youth leaders and youth workers from Armenia, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia and Moldova, to train them in the field of **gamification strategies in youth work** and using these methodologies/approaches into their daily work with young people.

# OBJECTIVES

In this project, we aim to:

- raise awareness about the importance of gaming in education
- introduce gamification as an efficient tool while working with youth
- raise youth workers' competencies in engaging local youth by using gamification
- develop educational games and internalize the learning through the reflection

Thereby:

- introduce participants to different elements of creating high quality educational games
- develop educational games within the project to be used back home by the participants
- boost participants' creativity and joy from the work
- create a booklet about games and disseminate it to wider groups

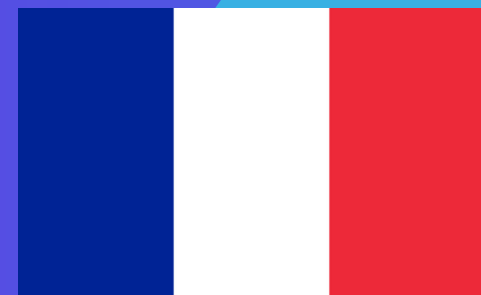


# PARTICIPANTS

This professional development training is open for youth workers, youth leaders, youth trainers, and educators, as well as students of youth work and educational science who already work or plan to work with young people in their daily work life or frequent voluntary activities, especially with hard-to-reach young people and those representing minority groups.

We are looking for:

- 5 participants from France, Finland, Armenia and Moldova
- 6 participants from Estonia
- 6 participants from Georgia



Participants should be:

- Able to communicate in English;
- Able to participate in the whole duration of the activity;
- Working with youth and/or motivated to explore approaches in youth work;
- Ready to create a board game and later develop and disseminate it;
- Ready to support dissemination and visibility activities.

# PRACTICALITIES

All those eligible for participation and interested in this training should fill in the following application form by **25 August** in order to be considered for the selection.

Form link is [HERE](#).



# ONCE SELECTED

## Before the training:

- Check the conditions for travelling to Georgia and back to your country.
- Purchase and collect all travel tickets after consultation and agreement with the hosting organization.
- Cooperate with the participants from your country and prepare together for the trip and the training.

## During the training:

- Deliver all travel documents to the hosting organization.
- Actively participate in all workshop sessions and the planned activities.
- Take part in the dissemination of the results of the mobility (posts in Social Media, videos, BlogPosts, etc).

## After the training:

- Disseminate results, both offline and online (send all the documentation/pictures to the organizers).
- Implement a local workshop with local youth participants in cooperation with other participants.



# ACCOMMODATION

The project will be held at the [International Scout Center](#) in **Rustavi, Georgia**. It is about 25 km away from Tbilisi. We will organize your transportation from Tbilisi to the project venue and back. You will be accommodated in rooms with 3 – 4 beds, which you will be sharing with participants of the same gender, however, mixed with participants from other nationalities who are also participating in the training. All meals will be provided.

Address of the Venue: International Scouts Center Rustavi, #9 Balanchivadze str. Rustavi, Georgia



# REIMBURSEMENT

All costs related to the training, food, accommodation, and other practicalities will be covered by the organizers. The travel costs will be reimbursed up to the determined limit. Any amounts beyond these limits should be afforded by the participants themselves.

Buying tickets is the own responsibility of each participant (with the support of sending organizations). To be reimbursed, the participant has to provide all evidence of travel documents such as original train tickets, original boarding passes, original invoices, etc. as well as the evidence of payment (e.g.bank transcript of payment). Before purchasing the tickets you will need to send us potential routes and costs and wait for our confirmation.

If you want to arrive earlier in Georgia, or leave later from Georgia, and still receive your reimbursement, you have two extra days for travel. It's possible to arrive max. two days in advance OR leave max. two days after the training finishes. Please be informed, that participants will have to take care of their own costs and expenses on these extra days.

**The official Travel day is 6 December - the latest possible arrival is 7 December before 10:00 AM. The official departure date is 14 December, in the morning.**

Other important details for the reimbursement:

- Missing or lost tickets will not be reimbursed;
- Taxi or petrol costs are not reimbursed;
- Boarding passes for all the parts of air travel are essential for reimbursement

## Limits of travel costs

- France - 530 €
- Estonia - 360 €
- Finland - 360 €
- Moldova - 275 €
- Armenia - 110 €
- Georgia - 20 €





# HOW TO REACH US



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