

Critical Reflection

academy

Peer-to-peer, long-term program for educators in
migration contexts

- 11-15 December 2023 (Weimar, Germany)
- January-April 2024 (3 online meetings)

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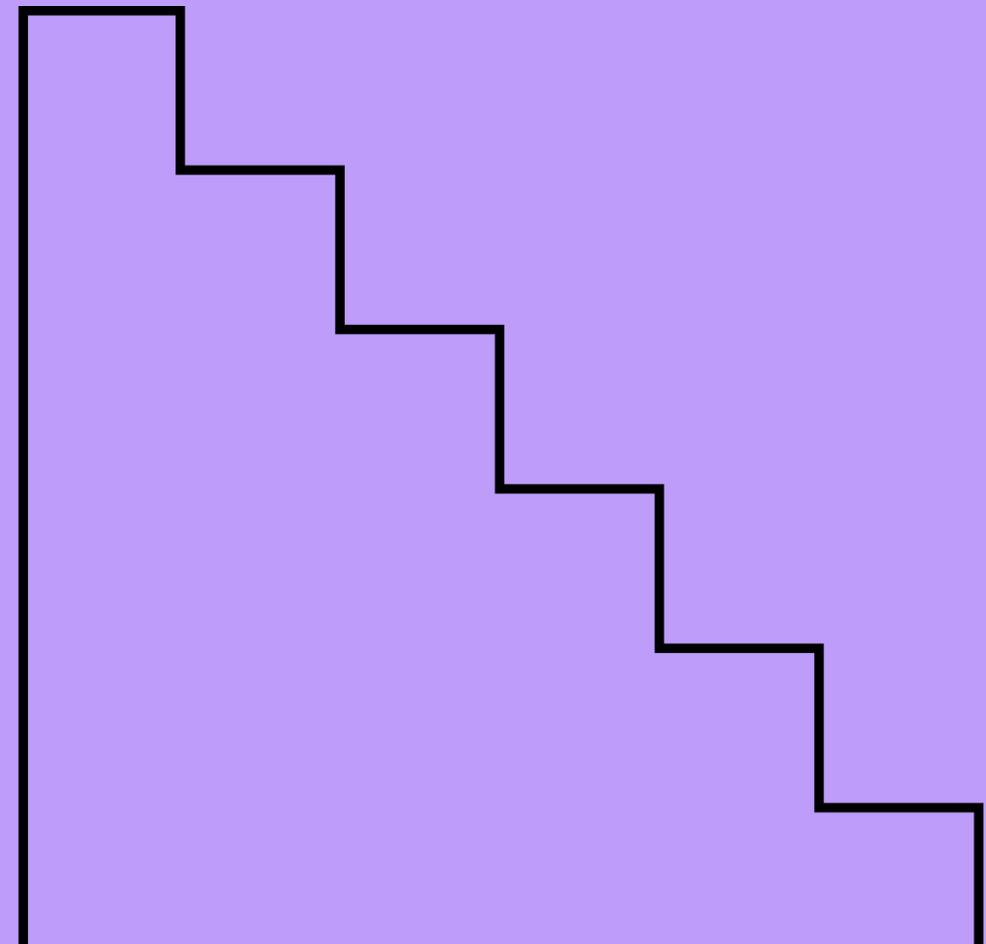
THE NEED

WHY WE DEVELOPED THIS PROJECT

Educators and education services have a responsibility to continuously critically reflect on the methods they use, especially when engaging with vulnerable groups.

However a key building block for critical reflection is both time and a community of peers, which can often be in short supply, especially for educators in a non-formal space, or working internationally.

Through a long-term, peer-to-peer program, we will develop a community of peers and implement short but intense activities to support educators to integrate critical reflective practices into their work.



PROJECT PARTNERS

A consortium of two migrant-led non-formal education NGOs, a regional migration education and counselling service, and a municipal body representing 16 community centres at the Lithuanian/Polish/Belarusian border.

Our partners have a combined history of 30+ years in running international non-formal programmes, and in [2019 implemented a critical reflection program](#) for non-formal educators.



Eurobug / Ireland



Culture Goes Europe / Germany



Varėnos Kultūros Centras / Lithuania (Merkinė KC)



IBS (Institute for Vocational Education and Social Management) / Germany

CRA timeline

Preparation meetings

Online spaces to co-create the program, format and focus of the TC in Weimar.

Oct-Nov 2023

Residential TC in Weimar, Germany

Space for educators to practice critical reflection and create the structures for implementing it within professional contexts.

11-15th Dec 2023

Peer-to-Peer support meetings

Three online meetings to support professional development and exchange. Developed by TC participants.

Jan-Apr 2024

Casebook of critical reflection practices

With the concept defined by TC participants, at least five scholarships will be available for contributions to casebook.

Jan-Apr 2024

OBJECTIVES

WHAT WE ARE AIMING TO ACHIEVE

Build capacities of educators

We believe that critical reflection in peer communities and within a safe environment is one of the most powerful ways for professional growth. CRA aims to support educators in through facilitating these communities.

Create a community

The structure of the CRA program opens the space for educators to be co-creators of the process and build long term connections with peers. We are aiming to create like-minded community for exchange.

Document and share the insights

To lay the groundwork for future action, and for sharing the learning of CRA, a casebook of critical reflection practices and reflections will be developed. Through scholarships, we will support participants to lead the production of this casebook.

Give a start for structural change

The consortium is looking to deepen our work in this area, and will use the experiences gained, and network developed during the CRA to support the developing of future actions.

PARTICIPANTS PROFILE

Profile

The Critical Reflection Academy is aimed at educators that:

- are working with migrants and/or in an intercultural context and/or on the topic of migration
- have led at least 2 group workshops/seminars within the last 12 months
- are residents of EU and/or E+ partner countries
- have a good conversational use and listening comprehension of English (B1 minimum, B2 preferred)
- are at least 18 years old

Commitments & contributions

- are interested in passing on the knowledge gained during this training course to their communities
- are prepared to dedicate enough time to contribute to the entire process, including preparatory meetings before and peer-to-peer online meetings after the training course

Desirable:

- Interest in contributing to the casebook which is being developed as part of the training

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VENUE

EUROPEAN YOUTH EDUCATION AND MEETING CENTRE (EJBW) WEIMAR, GERMANY

ADDRESS: Jenaer Straße 2/4,
99425 Weimar

ACCOMMODATION: 2-3 persons
in one room

MEALS: There will be breakfast,
lunch and dinner provided during
your stay.

All costs related to the
programme, food and
accommodation will be covered for
participants by organisers.



www.ejbweimar.de

Transportation

Limits for transportation costs

Germany - €70

Ireland - €275

Lithuania - €275

For other countries, please refer to the table with the distance corresponding to the one way distance from your start point to Weimar, Germany.

Travel Bands

- 100 - 499 KM: 180 EUR per participant.
- 500 - 1999 KM: 275 EUR per participant.
- 2000 - 2999 KM: 360 EUR per participant.
- 3000 - 3999 KM: 530 EUR per participant.

Reimbursement

To be reimbursed participant has to provide all traveling documents including bus/train/flight tickets, boarding passes, invoices, bills, payments confirmations and etc. (e.g.bank transcript of payment). Visa costs will be covered up to 150 euro.

Inclusion support

Where any extra support is needed to attend, including childcare, please contact Nesirky@cge-erfurt.org for advice on possible supports.





Aiste Slajute

Trainer 

Manager and trainer for the Practicing Critical Reflection training course in 2019, Aiste is a non-formal educator with extensive experience in the field.

- MPhil 'Race, Ethnicity and Conflict' in Trinity University, Ireland.
- BSocSc (Hons) Degree in Youth and Community Work, Social Science (University College Cork, Ireland).
- Diploma in Train the Trainer, FETAC level 6 (Chevron Training Wexford, Ireland)
- Pool of Trainers for ESC Seminars in Lithuania
- Founder of Eurobug International Youth Work, a migrant & ethnic minority focused NGO.



Hanna Aheyeva

Trainer 

Collaborating with diverse organisations to develop non-formal educational program, with eight years of experience in project design and youth work.

Recent project history:

- (Manager & Trainer, 2022) 'Female Resistance, Opportunities in times of Crisis' - Professional exchange of female* activists from Germany and Belarus.
- (Trainer, 2023) 'Europe Begins in Your City': Educational Advisor for three youth exchanges between Weimar triangle cities of Blois, Zamosc, and Weimar on urban participation.
- Educational advisor for FACK e.V., a youth-led organisation in Germany.
- Pool of Trainers for ESC Seminars in Germany.



Robert Nesirky

Project Coordinator - CGE Erfurt e.V.

Working with civil society globally, through Horizon Europe, EuropeAID, Erasmus+ and German federal funding programs, to develop non-formal education interventions in the field of migration.

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Online registration form

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