

VISUAL STRATEGY

TRAINING COURSE ON INNOVATIVE TOOLS
IN YOUTH WORK



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ABOUT

This is an introduction to the training course “Visual Strategy – Innovative tools in Youth Work”. In this file you will find essential information about the description of the TC, objectives, participants profile, venue, travelling, financial conditions, logistics and more details about the project. Take a look at the following pages and don't hesitate to join us!

The “Visual Strategy – Innovative tools in Youth Work” course aims at bringing European youth workers together and train them on how to use infographics as a tool for promoting non-violent messages and intercultural dialogue among youth.

During the project, participants will go through an intensive set of different workshops and exercises allowing them to explore the key aspects of the infographic method.

With all complexity, this training course will focus on the potential of the infographic technique as a means of intercultural learning and promotion of culture of peace. Infographics is a concept that combines several different aspects, it can be used when more efficient and quicker perception of information is required. Beside this, it is a highly engaging method that also explores the digital ways of visual arts. It's a tool to create interactive and powerful messages and get them out. Infographics can be used in various contexts and outputs such as posters, calls, reporting and many other ways. This tool will enable participants to create a new quality in their everyday youth work.



8 – 16 June 2024
Stepanavan,
Armenia



Applicant Organization
ID.E.A., Greece



Hosting organization
Colibri Youth Development
Center, Armenia

Participants' profile

- The training course is addressed to youth workers and young leaders who are working with disadvantaged youth. (e.g ethnic/national/religious minorities, refugees, people with fewer opportunities). Participants are expected to be actively involved in youth work, preferably as professional staff.
- Participants should be 23 + years old
- Participants should be committed to take part in the full duration of the project ,development and implementation of follow-up activities for young people of their communities in the thematic fields.
- Participants should be interested in establishing future co-operation with similar organizations from other countries.
- Communication level of English is required



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OBJECTIVES

Provide participants with the knowledge of infographics as a new digital tool to approach the topic of intercultural dialogue

Equip the participants with the skills necessary to design and implement projects on higher quality level

Explore how infographics and other related tools can be further on shared with young people who can use them in their daily activities

Promote the culture of peace and intercultural learning among youth leaders working with communities of diverse cultural backgrounds

Encourage participants to use open source technologies in their daily youth work

Develop a concrete plan for follow up projects focused on promoting intercultural dialogue

Establish a network of like-minded organisations and individuals, who are interested in the further exchange on the topic of using creative visual tools and methods for working with the youth



VENUE

The Training Course will take place from **June 8-16, 2024** in **Stepanavan**, a small town close to mountainous forest and 150 km away from Armenia's capital Yerevan.

The recently built and renovated guest house (Sunhome Stepanavan Guest house- <https://www.facebook.com/sunhomestepanavan>) is located in the center of the town Stepanavan and surrounded by shops, banks, ATMs and **all** the facilities to ensure your most **comfortable** stay. The guesthouse has **large** indoor and outdoor working spaces, WiFi, and typical Armenian **organic** food, suitable for **all** the dietary regimes.

Dendropark Botanical Garden is just a few minutes away. Bike rental is an extra service. It is equipped to host international projects with appropriate working spaces, conference hall (also several medium and small-sized training halls for group activities/discussions), and also park /garden area and outdoor working spaces, pergolas (e.g. for team building, outdoor games, informal communications). Participants will be accommodated in 2-4 persons in a room with the same gender.



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Study visits and short hiking

During the project, participants will have a study visit at the COAF center and outdoor activities. Participants will enjoy their time by the river Dzorage, do outdoor exercises facilitated by the trainers and simply enjoy magical nature.

Weather

In June, the weather is relatively warm but it can be cool in the evenings, so please make sure to bring appropriate clothes with you. In Yerevan, the average temperature is usually a few degrees higher than in the mountains. Please be prepared for some sudden weather changes and bring a **light raincoat and warm jacket and comfortable hiking shoes**.

Travelling to the venue

As participants are obliged to arrive no later than 8th of June (15:00) to Yerevan and leave no earlier than 16th of June, 2024. Some changes in the flight timetable can be discussed with the support staff before your booking. You should arrive to **Yerevan, Zvartnots international airport**. You can also travel via **Tbilisi, Georgia** (flight options will be discussed personally with selected participants and **approved by the support team**). It is possible to extend your total stay in Armenia by a maximum of 5 days before or after the project days covering your accommodation costs on your own.

On June 8th (arrival day), all participants will gather at the meeting **point in the center of Yerevan** and together will depart to Stepanavan (planned by the organizing team). Participants are responsible to arrange their transfer from the bus station or airport to the meeting point. More information will be provided to selected participants. Participants' booking of the ticket will serve as the **final confirmation of participation** in the project

VISA Arrangement

Most of the participating countries do not need visa to enter Armenia. You can stay visa free for 180 days in Armenia Please, take your PASSPORTS with you. (Not IDs). You have to have a valid passport to enter Armenia.

Money

The currency in Armenia is Armenian dram (AMD). Approx 435 AMD= 1 EURO. You can exchange your money both in the airport or in the city on the arrival day as near the meeting point there will be exchange places.

Insurance

All participants should have travel/health insurance during the stay in Armenia.



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WHAT TO BRING

All participants have to prepare and bring the following to the project in Armenia

- For sessions you will need a **laptop or a tablet**. Later you will be informed what programs you might need to install before coming.
- **Intercultural evenings** – You can bring some sweets or specific national food that you would like to share at the cultural evenings.
- **Sweet Box**– You can also contribute to our **International Sweet Box**: during the coffee breaks . You can bring some national sweets (candies, cookies etc) from your country and contribute to the international sweet box that will be additionally served during the coffee breaks.
- Bring your good mood and active participation

TRAVELING COSTS AND REIMBURSEMENTS

The amounts are set by the **European Commission** based on the distance calculator to the venue. Participants will be reimbursed for their travel within their lump sum mentioned above within 1.5 months after project.(After providing all travel documents)
20 Euro is already deducted from the lump sum which will be used for the local transportation of participants during the project). Selected participants will receive a separate document on travel arrangements with a **step-by-step instruction**.

There is a **participation fee** for this Training Course

- 20 EURO – Greece, Italy, Spain, Czech Republic
- 15 EURO – Armenia, Georgia, Ukraine



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Travel costs for participants will be reimbursed up to the following maximum amounts:

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	REIMBURSEMENT	PARTICIPANTS
Greece	255 EUR	3
Armenia	–	6
Italy	340 EUR	2
Spain	510 EUR	2
Ukraine	255 EUR	2
Czech Republic	340 EUR	2
Georgia	190 EUR	3

Apply here

Please fill in the application form here <https://tinyurl.com/39wk7ttp> putting your correct name and the required fields. Deadline to submit the applications is **mentioned in the post**.

Application results will be sent to your email within 2 weeks after the deadline. Thank you.

For additional information or questions you can contact . Colibri team colibriyouthcenter@gmail.com or info@idea.org.gr

See you in Armenia



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