LINKING LEARNING

Young people in present day society learn in many different ways. Apart from their daily school life they participate in other educational activities, like youth centres, trainings, sports, etc.

Even though the schools and the youth work sectors work with the same young people often there is little knowledge on the different actors involved. Schools often are not aware of the activities that their students participate in outside the school context. Similarly, youth work organizations often do not have sufficient information on the situation of the young people within the school. Thus, the various places where people learn act independently, with a



fragmented approach to the learning processes' of young people as a result. This is particularly challenging when working with youngsters with fewer opportunities.

With this project we intend to bring together representatives of both the youth work sector and schools, in order to promote greater understanding and cooperation. We believe there is great value in a direct meeting of the different actors involved in the learning of people.

We are looking for 5 EU partner organisations who will send each 2 youth workers (professional or volunteer). Each partner organisation is also in charge of finding 2 teachers from a school in the neighbourhood/region. So, if you believe that the young people with whom you work would benefit from a more holistic approach, which brings together the values and qualities of youth work and schools, this is <u>the</u> project for you!

Objectives:

- reflect on the concept of learning;
- reflect on the individual learning style and process of the participants;
- share experiences and different approaches to facilitate learning;
- gain knowledge on and understanding of good practice examples of cooperation between formal and non-formal education;
- translate the learning into applicable tools for the daily practice of the participants;
- raise awareness of the opportunities within Youth in Action and other educational programmes of the EU to connect formal and non-formal education.

Target Group

- Active teacher (or last year teacher students) or youth worker (volunteer or professional;
- Be under 40 years old;
- Committed to attend the training course for its entire duration;
- Motivated to share and learn and willing to support the peer learning process;
- Be able to work in English, as this will be the working language.

Location and date

The project will take place in the Netherlands in July/August 2012 (the final dates will be discussed with partner organisations).

How to sign up

We will apply for this project within the framework of the Youth in Action programme on the 1st of February 2012. Participants will pay 30% of the travel costs and a $50 \in$ participation feel. All the other costs (70% of the travel, accommodation, food and insurance) are covered by the hosting organisation.

If you are interested in joining this project as a partner organisation send part III (in attachment) as well as a brief explanation (about 100 words) why this project would benefit your work to: <u>linkinglearning2012@gmail.com</u> **before the 21st of January 2012**. Send the original part III, signed and stamped to:

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