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Training course for youth workers  
01.09.2020 - 31.07.2021

# CALL FOR PARTNERS

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### DESCRIPTION

Ultimately the world and Europe is facing a lot of challenges and crises: migration, youth unemployment, empowerment of those with less opportunities, economical or geographical obstacles and even pandemia. Government is creating a law and structures to help the society to deal with all of that. But so many times is not enough or at least the change is too slow. That's where NGO's and youth organisations are having an important role to create innovative and effective solutions for all those challenges. Youth worker role is becoming more and more important every time. With this project we are seeking to **give the opportunity to youth workers from different European countries to get some new tools, exchange their knowledge and experience and together create something useful and sustainable**. To manage the youth organisation or develop a project is not always an easy task. Skills of leadership are crucial to be able to youth workers who are standing in a front line and helping society to accept and complete different challenges and bring change. This project is **designed for youth workers who wish to develop their leadership and bring their organisations or projects to a higher level**. During the project youth workers are going to gain some skills of leadership itself, learn more about non formal education adaptation in youth work and will get some knowledge about different ways of financing projects and publicity of them.

Youth workers so many times are bringing youth out of the comfort zone to create a space for learning. During this project **participants themselves are going to be brought out of the comfort zone with the aim to raise and learn**. By using experiential learning techniques we are going to bring participants out for a winter hike in a mountain Etna expecting that the energy of the volcano is going to raise the spirit of participants to become a better leader.



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Main **OBJECTIVES** of this project are:

- support youth workers in their daily activities;
- raise youth leaders;
- raise competences of NGO's and youth organisations through youth workers;
- create an international network of youth workers having different experiences;
- support new local and international initiatives;
- expand knowledge of youth workers about different projects foundation opportunities;
- support the development of non profit initiatives visibility;
- strengthen youth workers knowledge of non-formal education and lifelong learning;
- give a possibility for partner organisations to create a space for their youth workers to develop their skills and competences.

## ACTIVITIES

This project has 3 parts:

1. **HIKING SNOWY VOLCANO.** During the hike and being out of the comfort zone participants are going to have a possibility to check their capacity of working in teams (especially in stressful situations), measure their leadership skills and methods, experience different experiential tasks and evaluate their personal comfort zone. After coming back from the mountain participants are going to have time to evaluate their experience and collaborate with each other to design their personal project.

### *ACTIVITIES DATES*

09.12.2020 - 17.12.2020

2. **PERSONAL PROJECT.** After the first part of a project participants are going to have a few months to develop their own personal project in a field of youth work. They will have a chance to do that by themselves or collaborating with other participants of a programme. It will create a possibility to raise an international network and collaboration between participants.

### *ACTIVITIES DATES*

17.12.2020 - 22.04.2021

3. **EVALUATION.** After a few months from the first project participants are going to gather all together once again and share their achievements. They will have a few days to evaluate their



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own learning achievements, exchange their experience during the open space and plan their future projects and activities.

### **ACTIVITIES DATES**

22.04.2021 - 26.04.2021

## **PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS**

Participants of this training course are going to be youth workers from countries where partner organisations are situated. Participants of a training course should have following qualities:

- be (or wish to be) a youth worker in an NGO or youth organisation;
- would have (or aims to) work with youngsters with less opportunities;
- would have a possibility and time to develop their own personal project during the program;
- would like to develop their leadership skills;
- be interested in projects/activities foundation;
- would have a wish to exchange their personal experience and knowledge with others.

This project is welcoming youth workers with less opportunities and those who are working with disadvantaged youth. We are welcoming those youth workers and volunteers involved in youth activities who are working in smaller cities of their countries and rural areas and also those who are facing economical obstacles.



**LET'S CHALLENGE**

**VOLCANO.**

**FOR THE CHANGE!**