



EVELINA KVARTUNAITE

PROJECT COORDINATOR | YOUTH WORK & NON-FORMAL EDUCATION |
INCLUSION, WELLBEING & COMMUNITY BUILDING

PROFILE

I am an education designer, facilitator, project coordinator and community-builder with over 20 years of experience in youth work, non-formal education, inclusion, belonging and intercultural learning. My work connects educational design, community development, arts-based participation and international cooperation, with a strong focus on creating spaces where young people and practitioners feel seen, heard and able to contribute meaningfully.

I have designed and coordinated learning programmes, workshops, events and community initiatives across diverse international contexts, working with young people, educators, youth workers, artists, volunteers, NGOs, cultural institutions and European youth work networks. My experience includes Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps contexts, Council of Europe and EU-supported training environments, and multi-stakeholder collaboration around inclusion, participation, mental health, wellbeing and community building.

I bring a combination of strategic overview and hands-on coordination: holding the vision of a project, designing coherent processes, managing timelines and communication, supporting teams, navigating complexity, and making sure the practical implementation remains aligned with the values and objectives of the work.

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Founder & Director | Word Up Amsterdam | 2015 – Present

Founded and coordinate an international platform for spoken word, creative expression and community building. Lead the strategic development, partnerships, programming, fundraising, communications and production of events, workshops and educational initiatives.

Key responsibilities:

- Designing and coordinating international cultural and educational programmes
- Managing partnerships with cultural institutions, municipalities, artists and community organisations
- Leading volunteers, facilitators and project teams
- Creating inclusive spaces that foster belonging, dialogue and participation
- Producing festivals, workshops, exhibitions and community events

Education Designer & Facilitator | 2003 – Present

Design and deliver non-formal education programmes, workshops and learning experiences for diverse audiences across Europe. Areas of expertise include inclusion, belonging, intercultural communication, diversity, equity and inclusion, conflict transformation, nonviolent communication and community building.

Key responsibilities:

- Learning design and curriculum development
- Facilitation of international groups
- Stakeholder engagement and partnership building
- Evaluation and quality development
- Capacity-building for organisations and professionals

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RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (CONT.)

Erasmus+, European Solidarity Corps & International Youth Work Expert | 2006 – Present

Contributed to international youth work initiatives, training courses, partnership-building activities and strategic cooperation projects supported through Erasmus+, the European Solidarity Corps, the Council of Europe and other European programmes.

Key responsibilities:

- Supporting youth participation and active citizenship
- Designing learning processes for young people and youth workers
- Facilitating intercultural dialogue and inclusion
- Building international partnerships and cooperation networks
- Advising organisations on project quality and impact

Project Coordinator & Event Producer | 2010 – Present

Coordinated conferences, symposiums, cultural events and multi-stakeholder projects involving educational institutions, NGOs, public bodies, cultural organisations and international partners.

Selected experience:

- Rijksdienst voor het Cultureel Erfgoed (Netherlands)
- Amsterdam Fringe Festival
- EYE Film Museum
- Diaspora Professionals Club Summit
- International educational and community-building initiatives

Key responsibilities:

- Project planning and timeline management
- Stakeholder coordination
- Team leadership
- Budget oversight
- Logistics and event production
- Risk management and problem-solving

Lecturer | Intercultural Communication & Leadership

University of Amsterdam / CIEE | 2022 – 2025

Designed and delivered experiential higher education programmes focused on identity, culture, leadership, communication, belonging and intercultural competence for international student groups.

KEY COMPETENCIES

- Project & Process Management
- Conference & Event Coordination
- Multi-Stakeholder Collaboration
- Youth Participation & Co-Creation
- Erasmus+ & European Solidarity Corps
- Facilitation & Non-Formal Education
- Community Building
- Inclusion & Belonging
- Mental Health & Wellbeing
- Strategic Planning
- Partnership Development
- Intercultural Communication

EDUCATIONAL TRAINING

Leadership & Innovation | Massachusetts Institute of Technology | 2021

Professional education involving aspects of innovation and diversity and inclusion to boost and impact leadership

Manufacturing Engineering & Management | University of Southern Denmark | 2006 | Masters

Agile management and engineering including basics of robotics, lean manufacturing and marketing.

Transport Engineering & Economics | Vilnius TECH University | 2005 | BEng

Essential technical education including liquid mechanics, quantum physics, mathematics, chemistry, etc moving into logistics and transport engineering.

SELECTED PROJECTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- Colonial Collections Datahub Launch Event (2026) – Project coordinator supporting stakeholder engagement, programme development and event production for a national heritage initiative involving institutions, experts and communities of origin.
- Word Up Amsterdam (2015–present) – Founded and coordinate an international community platform combining arts, education and social connection through events, workshops, exhibitions and public programmes.
- Amsterdam Fringe Festival – Producer of multidisciplinary performance projects involving artists, venues and production teams.
- University of Amsterdam / CIEE – Designed and delivered intercultural communication and leadership programmes for international student groups.
- Diaspora Professionals Club Summit – Contributor and facilitator in international gatherings focused on leadership, community engagement and professional development.
- European youth work, Erasmus+ and ESC projects – Designed learning experiences, facilitated international groups and supported partnership-building, inclusion and youth participation initiatives across Europe.