

because ideas are no birds



**A TRAINING COURSE
1ST-11TH JULY 2013, LATVIA**

the project

Project “Because ideas are no birds” is a training course for participants from 12 countries and will take place from 1st-11th July, 2013 in Latvia.

It will deal with solving several common problems in youth organizations/projects by training youth workers/volunteers about idea creation and brainstorming methods, innovative presentations and publicity in field of international youth work.

All the activities will offer an important capacity to participants personally as well as to their organizations. An important part of learning process will be the exchange of experiences about the agreed problems to be solved.

topics /problems

During the TC we would like to hint in direction of three common problems that many youth organizations/projects deal with. Nevertheless, the particular aspects will be discussed in groups to fit the local/personal experiences more.

- active citizenship and ways of finding and involving disadvantaged youth
- necessity and creation of support systems and platforms for exchange of experiences among youth project organizers and facilitators, instead of just trainers
- maintaining motivation of youth project participants’ to get involved in follow up activities of projects/ creating an effective sustainability of outcomes.

working methods

We plan on working with different nonformal and formal education methods, namely presentations, group works, discussions, improvisation theatre, creative workshops etc. The training course is strongly based on experiential learning.

your role in this project

- Consider your personal and your organization’s experience with particular topics before arrival, if needed look for materials and ask for help for colleagues
- Share own experience and expertise among participants

- Help in promoting the project through sharing links to project website. Taking photos and videos, sharing personal gains and experiences of the project on social, organizational and mass media.
- Implement the outcomes of training and give feedback to the trainers and other participants in order to increase the effect and gain of intercultural insights

time to share

During the project we have foreseen several activities to allow participants to share their knowledge and good practices.

Besides the possibility to discuss personal experiences concerning the topics in groups, there will be an afternoon, where we expect participants to exchange methods through workshops/open space method. Please, consider what could be your input - we will collect the ideas in the first days of training.

There will be no specific time to present your organization. If you do want to spread the word about it - bring materials and give them to us at the moment of your arrival, we will include them in participant folders or find a space to make it visible.

expected outcomes

- Participants trained on usage of innovative methods, that will help them being more competitive in job market as well as to improve the capacity of own youth organization
- At least one creative solution developed for each of selected problems and all of them tried out in different organizations among partners
- A video clip that promotes the spirit of volunteering and nonformal education
- An e-booklet that reflects most important learning outcomes of this TC

what to bring with you?

- Good mood and open mind for new knowledge, skills and impressions.
- Clothing both for hot and sunny days and for cooler rainy days and evenings (the Latvian summer is unpredictable, but it will not make you freeze). Make sure you have suitable clothing or physical outdoor activities, as well as indoors.
- For your own comfort - slippers or shoes for indoors.
- There will be no place for country presentations in powerpoint, but if you wish to present your country in a way, then you are welcome to bring whatever materials/snacks you might need to do so (please keep in mind - intercultural evening will take place only on 5th day)

where will we stay?

Days Hotel Riga

in double rooms

More info:

<http://www.dayshotelriga.com/>

Guest House "Vecmuiža" in rooms with 2-5 people. More info:

<http://www.vecmuiza.lv/>

fees

Participation in this course is free of charge. Expenses for activities, catering and accommodation, as well as 70 percent of your travel costs are covered with financial support from Youth in Action programme. The insurance costs will be covered by organizers starting from the arrivals day of training up till departures day.

When planning your trip, please, consider that you must arrive in Riga on July 1st no later than 19:00 and depart from Riga no earlier than July 11! In order to receive travel reimbursement you must use the cheapest available means of transportation (2nd class) and submit us **originals** of all your tickets, invoices and boarding passes. Taxi expenses cannot be covered from project budget. Travel reimbursements will be done during the training course in cash or via bank transfer after the project.

Total amount of travel costs per person should not exceed:

800 EUR for Palestine;

700 EUR for Egypt;

600 EUR for Armenia;

400 EUR for Georgia;

350 EUR for Bosnia and Herzegovina and Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia;

300 EUR for Spain;

250 EUR for Italy;

200 EUR for Germany and Netherlands

50 EUR for Estonia

useful links

What does Latvia mean? You will find out more on the official tourism site

<http://www.latvia.travel/>

There are direct bus and flight connections to very many European capitals. You will be able to find the cheapest means of transportation on

www.skyscanner.net

www.dohop.de

The central bus station of Riga

<http://www.autoosta.lv/main.php?lng=eng>

Project is organized by Club "The House" - youth for united Europe. More information about it you will find on

klubsmaja.lv/index.php/en/

More about Youth in Action and opportunities it provides:

ec.europa.eu/youth/index_en.htm

PROGRAMME

DAY 0

Arrivals

DAY 1

Getting to know each other and the project

DAY 2

Fears and expectations. Work with youth in context of Europe, our role in it. The common struggles in youth field. Where does creativity come in the picture?

DAY 3

Moving to countryside. Open Space method to share the good experiences and methods.

DAY 4

Idea creation and brainstorming methods.

DAY 5

Innovative presentations and publicity in nonformal sector

DAY 6

The day of Loesje - text writing and editing workshops

DAY 7

Discussions and solution finding for chosen problems in groups. Work based on knowledge gained in previous days.

DAY 8

Preparation of creative presentations, presenting. Work back in groups on improvements and documentation of found solutions.

DAY 9

Follow up, a look into the future. Evaluation.

DAY 10

Departures

AFTER THE PROJECT

Implementation of found solutions, sharing the good outcomes and ideas with colleagues and other people in the field. Other follow up activities.

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