



NGO "Open Sense" in cooperation with "C:E:T platform"

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Call for Participants

International 3 step project on
creative thinking and methodology of self-development,
self-presenting and foresight in the field of youth work in
context of employability education.

Training course: June 19-25, 2017 (+ 2 travel days) in Ogre, Latvia

Follow up activity: July 30-August 1, 2017(+ 2 travel days) in Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Financial support: Erasmus+ Program (Key Action 1)



We believe that the youth is our society's future and every one has an impact in its development, so we should focus on creating a healthy, independent and progressive one.

Our goal is to give youth workers useful experience and methods that will help work with young unemployed people/job seekers from rural areas or with limited opportunities, promote creative thinking and reduce imposed society limitation impact on the minds of youngsters.

It will also increase practical youth and youth worker skills to present themselves more effectively, identify their best skills and acknowledge their unique qualities. In this project we will work mostly on two levels- verbal and visual.

Methods will be focused on expanding youngster perspective not only on the society but on themselves as individuals as well. This should resolve in youngsters being more conscious of their possibilities, resources and potential.

Our purpose is to give youth workers the tools that can help to provide and show youngsters independent opinions, knowledge and opportunities for their future so they can make healthy, self-contained, free of prejudice, on their own desires and preferences based life choices.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

- Take active part in Europe 2020 strategy by promoting social inclusion.
- To encourage exchange of good practices related to meaningful youth projects.
- Encouraging international cooperation between organizations specializing in youth leader education.
- To propose new tools, approaches and to identify ways to develop further youth and youth leader education in Europe.
- To reduce school drop outs and raise the level of youth employability.
- Increase capacity and build up competences of youth workers and educators by providing methods for working with youth in relation to self-awareness, self-respect and self-esteem, self-branding, future ambitions and foresight etc.

APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

NGO "Open Sense" founded in March 2015.

Aims of the organization are to:

- Promote youth and youth workers active participation in society's development processes in local, regional, national and global level;
- Boost youth workers (incl. teachers, social workers, psychologists and other support staff) personal and professional capacity through national and international activities, in the context of formal and non-formal education;
- Raise society's awareness and improve knowledge about social inclusion, gender equality and global education topics and questions;
- Impair discrimination by developing the senses of tolerance, liberality and mutual comprehension;
- Discover and improve the competences, talents and abilities of young people in rural areas through national and intercultural context.

METHODOLOGY

Methods will be focused on expanding participant perspective not only on the society but on themselves as individuals as well. This should resolve in youngsters being more conscious of their possibilities, resources and potential.

During the training course wide variety of non-formal education methods will be used (art therapy methods, roleplays, group and team activities, individual exercises, evaluation methods, coaching techniques, elements from public speaking and body language techniques, outdoor activities, methodology from "Girl and boy group" method etc.)

THE FLOW

Project is organized in III following steps:

1st step

Training course "Present Simple Future Perfect" (June, 2017 Latvia)

-A 7 day (+ 2 traveling days) training course that unites together 21 youth educators from seven countries who work with young unemployed people/job seekers from rural areas or with limited opportunities.

-A self-development training course to discover personal values, attitudes, methods on how to talk about future effecting topics such as education, career, family, lifestyle etc. with youngsters who are unemployed people/job seekers from rural areas or with limited opportunities.

-Participants will gain practical skills on self-presentation, self-advertisement, showing self-confidence, public speaking, job interviews and presentation making.

-Participants receive and try methods that are focused on discussing and working with personal topics such as personality types, self-confidence, self-realization etc.

-Participants will share their experience, discuss good and bad practices in their local communities and build future cooperations.

2nd step

Local workshops: Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania, Finland, Romania, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina July, 2017.

-Each Team per country with help of partner-organization implements one day workshop in local community.

-This activity involves persons from each of the partner organization (teenagers, youth, teachers, parents, stakeholders etc.). Partner organization in cooperation with project participants are fully responsible of achieving needs of participants involved in local workshops (needs might diverse depending on cultural, economic, social, ethical and other differences among the countries).

3rd step

Follow - up activity (July, 2017 Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina).

-One participant per country will take part in 3 days long (+ 2 days traveling) follow - up activity.

-Participant will be chosen by partner organization, based on the person's presence and active participation in the 1st and 2nd step of the project!

-While sharing experience, gained through local workshops and activities participants will create plan for youth exchange to be submitted by NGO "Open Sense" for the Erasmus+ deadline April 26th. All of the partner organizations will also be partners in this youth exchange! Thusly creating a youth exchange tailor made for the needs of their local community. Participants will also reflect on efficiency of local activities, personal and professional development, used methods and techniques, meanwhile collecting success stories and building future cooperation.

PARTICIPANTS

Participants must:

-Work as youth educators, youth workers, leaders, social workers, psychologists, volunteers and members of non- formal organizations, educators and employees from schools, universities and municipal who work with unemployed people/ job seekers from rural areas or with fewer opportunities on a voluntary or professional basis

-Age limit 20+;

-Able to attend the full duration of the event and actively participated throughout the project

-Training course "Present Simple Future Perfect": June 19-25, 2017 Latvia

-Local workshops: July,2017 in Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Finland, Serbia, Romania, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

-Follow - up activity: July 29 - August 2, 2017 Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina:

-Participants are required to speak and communicate in English;

-Are motivated and interested in the issue of employability in particular of youth categories. Previous experience regarding the work with young people in the context of employability education and having ability to use methods and new knowledge in their everyday work with target group will entitle to preference in the selection process.

Participants will be selected by partner organizations!

Participating countries:

Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Finland, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Romania



PROJECT TEAM



Madara Mazjane-Kokina is working in the field of youth non-formal education since year 2011, when she became a trainer of "Girl and boy group" methodology. Since year 2015 she has been working as a trainer and project manager within Open Sense with the aim is to create and deliver qualitative workshops and analytical training courses based on the needs of clients and target group.



Ieva Fridmane (NGO "Open Sense") has Professional Bachelor's degree in Health Care, 6 year long work experience in formal education system and 2 year long experience in medical institution working with disabled children. Since year 2012 works in intercultural environment of formal education, have experience in non-formal education on topics such as facilitating and leadership, organization and implementation of projects, need assessment, communication models, method creation, experiential learning framework and outdoor education life, team dynamics, leadership and self-development.



Edgars Bartulans (NGO "Open Sense") has been active in the field of youth work since early 2015. Currently a volunteer worker for "Open Sense" and a project assistant. Has participated in multiple international training courses for youth workers and trainers.



Murselović Suad (CET Platforma/Civilna, edukativna i transparentna platforma) was born on 24th of December 1987., in Bosnia and Herzegovina. He is active in the NGO sector for a long time, mainly through activities related to ecology, human rights, dealing with the past and non-formal education. He is one of the founders and vice-president of CET Platforma. For all this time he was active as a participant in various local and international training courses, seminars and conferences, with the aim to learn new things that will enrich his knowledge and improve his personal and professional outgrowth, and thereby help him to contribute local community.

VENUE

Guest house "Depesu bloda" (heavens bowl), A quaint and cozy guest house located 15 km from the nearest town Ogre and 45 km from the capital city of Riga



HOW TO GET THERE

Information will be clarified and provided during preparational work.

FINANCIAL ASPECTS

Project will cover 100% of accommodation and material costs during the training course and follow-up activities days. Traveling costs will be covered due to the Erasmus+ distance calculator (http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance_en.htm)
20 € participation fee for the training course is required.

Max. refund of traveling expenses per participant
(regarding to Erasmus+ program)

Latvia	Host country does not receive reimbursement
Lithuania	€180
Estonia	€180
Romania	€275
Finland	€180
Serbia	€275
Bosnia and Herzegovina	€275



HOW TO APPLY?

If you are interested in this project:

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Participants must be chosen until
26th of May 2017!

Tickets must be bought and sent to info.opensense@gmail.com until
11th of June 2017!

Thank you for your interest and looking forward for the future cooperation!