



KA1 ERASMUS + YOUTH WORKERS MOBILITY

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Training course

“SustainABILITY: tools for empowerment of self-organised youth groups and collectives”

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Who we are?

The training course is organized by Kulturlabor Trial&Error e.V. emerged from youth initiative in a search for the own place, has experimented with self-organisation, collective as an organisational form, horizontal structures, meaningful work and alternative economies, nowadays is working as a facilitator for other young people to take own initiative, ownership over the process and an active and responsible role in own life and society in general. At this point Kulturlabor T&E has realized the need to document and share own experience, expand the youth work capacity by learning from others and connecting with like-minded organisations. You can find out more about Trial&Error [here](#).

What is the project about?

The main aim of the project "SustainABILITY: tools for empowerment of self-organised youth groups and collectives" is to overcome geographical and economical borders in order to raise the quality of youth work in geographic European space by exploring, evaluating and sharing the tools for youth empowerment through facilitating self-organisation in collective forms. Together with partner organisations, the topics of volunteer management as well as management of financial and informational resources in self-organised collectives has been defined.

The aim will be achieved through following **objectives**:

1. to give European context to the problematics of youth work quality, innovative methodology, social inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities;
2. to improve the quality of youth work, empower youth workers working with young people with fewer opportunities;
3. to provide space, time and platform to exchange and network for like-minded organisations;
4. to improve the efficiency and sustainability of youth work with self-organised collectives through, diversifying the tools of working with volunteers, finances and information;
5. provide opportunity to practice skills for working in international, intercultural team, in foreign language;
6. completing the learning experience through sharing experience & disseminating the project results within own organisation, the relevant networks and with the general public, preparing the materials for documentation of TC.

What is training course about?

The training course program is carefully built around **the concept of self-organised youth collective/group** - an entity inspired and developed by young people, working in line with principles of bottom-up, grassroots, horizontal organisation, inclusive and consensus decision making, independent financing systems, community building, needs-based approach.

The main purpose of the training course is to bring together youth workers - people facilitating this process - in order to provide ideas and tools as well as facilitate sharing of methods and experiences. The basic idea is to equip these peoples with tools and ideas to give better support for youth to maintain or start their own initiatives.

The program has following topics

DAY1 - arrival&welcome

DAY2 - getting to know each other, setting the program, team building

DAY3 - Who we are & what are selforganised youth groups/collectives

DAY4- Human resources in a collective, study visit

DAY 5 - Volunteer management

DAY 6 - Financial resources

DAY 7- Information: online presence, communication as a resource

DAY8 - Strategical planning, reflection
DAY 9- Documentation, evaluation and follow-up
DAY 10- Departure day

When and where?

The training course will take place in Berlin or Brandenburg from 17th till 26th of March with arrival day on 17th of March, program days from 18th till 25th of March and departure day on 26th of March respectively.

Participants

We expect to meet 35 participants from Germany, Spain, Italy, Ukraine, Belarus, Latvia, Croatia and Serbia.

All participants selected for this project should meet the following criteria:

youth workers and members of already established youth collective, which aimed to work with/for community urban or rural) and strive for emancipation of those communities in socio-political, ecological or entrepreneurial domains or, or in process of founding one; understand and affiliate non-formal, horizontally organised, independent, locally integrated youth work;

highly motivated to learn and share about issues tackled in the training course;

are available for the whole duration of the training;

are able to follow and contribute to program activities in English.

We would like to emphasize, that it will be ensured that the training course is free from intolerance, racism, sexism and all other sorts of discrimination. The selection of participants for training course will be based on their motivation and relevant working experience in self-organised and collective structures.

Financial and practical conditions

The participation is totally free of charge for the participants, all the costs will be covered by the project. Travel costs of international participants will be cover based on the actual expenses up to 275Euro/person. If needed visa and insurance cost will be covered up to 150 Euro/person.

Application procedure

If you are based in one of the project partner countries and would like to participate in this training course, please send your application to sustainabilitytrainingvol.2@gmail.com.

Deadline for application is 30th of January, 2017. The title of email should include the country of origin. Application form is attached here. Applicants will be informed about the acceptance within 2 weeks.

If you have any questions regarding the project and your application, don't hesitate to contact us.