

"Rural NEE(d)T"

Training course on causes of NEET situation of rural youth and provide local and European youth work solutions for fighting against it

22-30 September 2017, Sfantu Gheorghe, Romania

Themes of the training course:

By our project we will investigate the current situation of young people in Europe, focusing specifically on those who are not in employment, education or training, and to understand the economic and social consequences of their disengagement from the labour market and education in rural areas. The term NEET is used to describe young people who are not engaged in any form of employment, education or training. The term has come into the policy debate in recent years due to disproportionate impact of the recession on young people (under 30 years old). NEET are young people aged between 15 and 29 years old who were not in employment, education and training. According to the research of European Foundation for the Improvement for the Living and Working Conditions between 2011 and 2015 and published at June 2015, the rates of NEET in across Europe: 15.4% of the population between 15-29 years old in Europe, 14 million young people in Europe who are NEET, 4.1% is the difference between female and male, 48.1% unemployed as share of NEETs. Among the risk factors, the location is the most highlighted in the work of partner organisations as we all represent rural youth from villages, settlements, islands and remote areas. According to this statistic, living in remote areas increases of becoming a NEET up to 1.5 times. Beside the location, there are other risk factors we have to face with working with rural youth as early school leavers, drop out from the formal school system at 14 or 16 or 18 years old without having any professions, because there is no other higher school in the surroundings, or young people are not motivated to learn more or leave their village, or there is no financial support provided for further formal education. Young people with a low level of education are 3 times more likely to become NEET compared to others. As first or second generation of

refuges family settled in the villages: young people with immigration background are 70% more likely to become NEET compared to nationals. Disability: those declaring of suffering some kind of disabilities are 40% more likely of becoming NEET compared to others. Divorce: young people who suffered the divorce of their parents are 30% more likely to become NEET. Unemployment: having parents who experienced unemployment increases the probability of being NEET by 17% - this could happen very easily in remote areas. Household income: young people with a low household income are more likely to become NEET than others. These are the target groups, rural youth workers have to deal with and provide support to fight against NEET and become full member of the local societies, participate in non-formal educational activities provided by youth work in order to attend higher formal education or gain such type of transversal or soft skills which can support them to enter into a labour market or a vocational training. We have initiated our project, because of the urgent need of rural young people who need such type of youth work methods and techniques which can empower them to believe themselves, encourage them to be citizens and take responsibilities for their decisions and lives. We would like to define why NEET situation occurred in our villages among young people, what are the themes, stereotypes, emotions towards NEET and being in NEET, what are the causes of the NEET and how we can provide non-formal educational support to handle it through youth work activities.

The overall aim of this trainign course is to to train rural youth workers, youth leaders in order to explore the personal, social, economic, geographical reasons of NEET, to understand the emotional background of rural youth being NEET. Being able to invent and propose local and European youth work methods and techniques based on the needs of NEET young people in order to solve the causes of the NEET situation and develop and improve their transversal and soft skills to become full members of the local communities. Establishing an European network among rural youth organisations in order to fight against unemployment of rural youth.

Learning objectives of the training course are:

- To define the meaning and foster understanding at being in NEET situation in rural areas;
- To explore the local and global reasons and issues around being NEET in that situation;
- To share the common theme, stereotypes, emotions associated with NEET in rural areas;
- To identify the causes of NEET situation and develop youth work methods and techniques in order to support young people to fight against NEET situation;
- To invent local and European youth projects based on the needs of young people in NEET according to Erasmus + Youth in Action programme;
- Partnership building among rural youth organisations working with rural youth in NEET situation.

The methodology of the training course:

The training course is based on the principles of non-formal education and will utilise holistic and experiential approach based on participants' needs, motivations and experiences. The training will be delivered utilising non formal methods of education, and twill cover the approaches, methods and tools such as learning circles, mind mapping, brainstorming, role plays, group work and reflection supported by short presentations utilising still and moving images and scene setting scenarios. During the training, participants will engage in:

- Working in small groups, individually and in plenary;
- Facilitating debates and dialogue, discussions and "thought showers";
- Focusing on the personal development (emotional intelligence, attitude sharing, opinion building);
- Presentations, lectures, brainstorming;
- Role plays, sketches and "live theatre" ;
- Comparisons and best practice sharing;
- Putting non formal methods theory into practice;
- Interactive knowledge sharing;

- Integrative –participant-participant learning;
- Learning by doing, practice and observation, analyzing and comprehending.

These activities will engage participants in an exchange of views, opinions and experiences on topics related to European youth work, education and employability. Participants will experience tools of non formal learning that support them in engaging rural youth in learning as part of their development.

A safe, comfortable and non threatening environment will be created by the trainers/facilitators to encourage active and full participation - a space of unique and true trust suitable for feedback and constructive criticism, both giving and receiving.

Programme flow will be

1. Getting to know each other;
2. To explore the global - rural situation with NEET;
3. Share own experiences working with rural youth in NEET;
4. Learn from local good examples;
5. Causes of NEET and developing youth work methods to fight against it;
6. Inventing local and European youth projects for involvement of rural youth in NEET situation, partnership building.

Who can participate in the training course?

- Youth workers, youth leaders who are directly working with non rural youth in villages, settlements, islands and remote areas;
- Youth workers, youth leaders having own experiences working with unemployed young people or being unemployed by themselves from rural areas;
- Youth professionals who are directly targeting young people in NEET situation as not in Education, not in Employment and not in Training and living in rural areas;
- Ready to take part in the whole training course;
- Have organizational support for further activities with local and international youth projects;
- To be able to communicate English language.

Participating organizations: *Asociația Culturală și de Comunitate Dobolii de Sus - Feldobolyi Kulturális és Közösségi Egyesület - Romania, YOPA – Hungary, TICKET2EU–Spain, HYPLeaning - Greece, ADEL - Slovakia, AMSED - France, VsI Inovaciju biuras – Lithuania, BRNO for you- Czech Republic, Connect - Italy, Green Culture for Youth - Turkey*

Number of participants: 3 participants/ country

Applicant organisation:

Asociația Culturală și de Comunitate Dobolii de Sus - Feldobolyi Kulturális és Közösségi Egyesület

The association for the culture and community of Dobolii de Sus was founded in March of 2015. It was initiated by 3 youth worker, with the aim to work on cherishing the traditions of the small village. Also our aim was to bring back the life to the village and to build back or strengthen the community of the village. One of our main aim was to get back to the traditions, and to the history by having a young rural society who is working on savaging the 'misteries' of the village.

As we are a really young association we just have an imagination how we would like to rebuild the community in this little village with and for the young people. Our aim is to help youngsters to get involved to the social life in this little community, we try to encourage them to be active. In this community there are Hungarian, Romanian and Roma people living together, so itself it is a culturally divers community, which helps us in our work, in promoting cultural diversity and empathy towards each other.

As this region is geographically apart from the other villages or communities, it has its own wonders but difficulties as well. Given from the geographical obstacles there are several people in NEET as well, who has no opportunity to study further, participate in self development trainings, and given from this facts they have less opportunity to get employed as well. Our staff members, have a vast experience in funding, project writing and organizing events and programs in many field: conferences, sport, environmental protection, festival, camp, rural youth involvement.

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Preliminary programme:

Hours	Arrival day	Day 1 <i>Getting to know day</i>	Day 2 <i>Day of rural – global NEEET situation</i>	Day 3 <i>Day of experiences of NEEET</i>	Day 4 <i>Day of study visit</i>	Day 5 <i>Day of the causes of NEEET</i>	Day 6 <i>Day of methods and techniques against NEEET</i>	Day 7 <i>Day of future projects</i>	Departure day	
8.00 – 9.00	Arrival of participants	breakfast	breakfast	Breakfast	breakfast	breakfast	breakfast	breakfast		
9.30– 13.00		Getting to know each other Refreshing the names Group building activities	Learning ON What is rural NEEET?	Learning ON Experiences of NEEET	Learning ON Case study: visit to NGOs targeting NEEET young people successfully	Learning ON Evaluation and follow up of the study visit Causes of NEEET	Learning ON Catch 22 experience	Learning ON Presentations of projects' plans Partnership		
13.00 – 15.00		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch		
15.00 - 16.30		Registration and accommodation	Intro of the TC Aim and objectives Expectations Personal learning goals	"Global" village Exploring global impact on the lives of rural youth	Themes, stereotypes, emotions associated with NEEET	Free afternoon	Young people as problem or resource?	Breaking the Cycle	Youthpass	
16.30 – 17.00		Coffee break	Coffee break		Coffee break		Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	
17.00 - 18.30		Welcome Introduction Ice breakers	Working with rural NEE(d)T – our realities		Effects of NEEET? Preparation for case study		NEET: whose fault is that?	Overall presentation of Erasmus + Youth in Action programme Idea development	Evaluation of the TC	
18.30- 19.00			Reflection groups	Reflection groups	Reflection groups	Reflection groups	Reflection groups			
19.00- 20.00	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner		
20.00-	Social evening	Rural evening	Treasure hunting evening organised by young volunteers	Movie evening	Karaoke evening	NEET cafeteria	Projects' cafeteria	Farewell Evening		

Financial conditions

The food and accommodation will be provided and paid by the organizers during the project.

The travel costs are limited, the Lump Sums are defined according to the distance band used by the ErasmusPlus Programme:

Hungary – 180 EUR/participants

Lithuania – 275 EUR/participants

Spain – 360 EUR/participants

Czech Republic – 275 EUR/participants

Greece – 275 EUR/participants

Turkey – 275 EUR/participants

Slovakia – 275 EUR/participants

Italy – 275 EUR/participants

France – 275 EUR/participants

Travels costs will be reimbursed by bank transfer AFTER the training course. Please note, that our National Agency requires from us to transfer all the travel costs of the participants to the bank account of the partner organizations.

Accommodation

The training course will be hosted in the Hotel Park, which is situated in the center of Sfantu Gheorghe. If you are interested about it, you can check their webpage for some pictures:

<http://www.hotelrestaurantpark.ro/index.php?page=1>

If you would like to be part of our project please send the application form from below to the partner organizations no later than 5th September 2017!

Greetings,

Agota RAPOLTI, coordinator