



Erasmus+



INTERNATIONAL TRAINING COURSE

Akhaltzikhe, Georgia

22-30.09.2019

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GENERAL IDEA

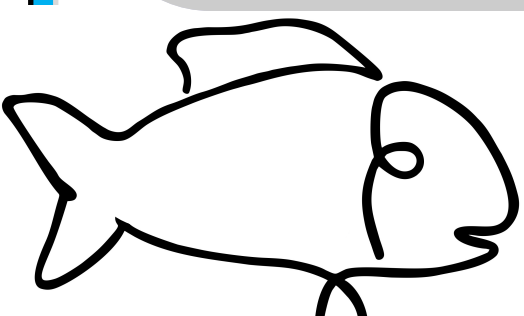
We have observed that not only in international projects, but also in local youth work more and more youth workers AND young people tend to have consumeristic relationship (youth workers offer activities – young people consume them). We are proposing this seminar in order to explore this dangerous tendency and find out approaches in order to give more responsibility of contents and “form” of youth work to the young people. More concretely, during this seminar we want to explore deeper the concept of **YOUTH INITIATIVES** and how youth work can become more participative and co-owned if young people are empowered to implement their own ideas.

Youth initiatives could be micro-projects at a local scale that do not require almost any resources - this we see as a good beginning for young people to start taking the responsibility and ownership.

After this seminar participants will be able: 1) to support youngsters ideas without judging or improving them; 2) to engage young people in active community life by implementing mini-scale projects; 3) to promote co-responsibility, co-ownership and solidarity among youngsters; 4) to deal with "low moments" of motivation during project implementation; 5) to explain basics of project writing in easy way; 6) to support young people in all phases of project realisation.

CONTENTS

- Discussing how consumerism affects youth work in our youth work realities and how to diminish consumeristic tendencies in youth work
- Exploring essence of youth initiatives, how to support them and sharing good practices
- Trying out to implement some local initiatives in Georgia and thus learn from this experience
- Work on youth initiative ideas for future projects in local communities and implement them.



By involving in this projects, it is crucial that participants realize that we expect their active involvement not only during the training, but also in preparation activities and also follow-up activities.

PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

To achieve the objectives of the training, it is highly crucial that suitable participants are selected. Please see the criteria for candidates.

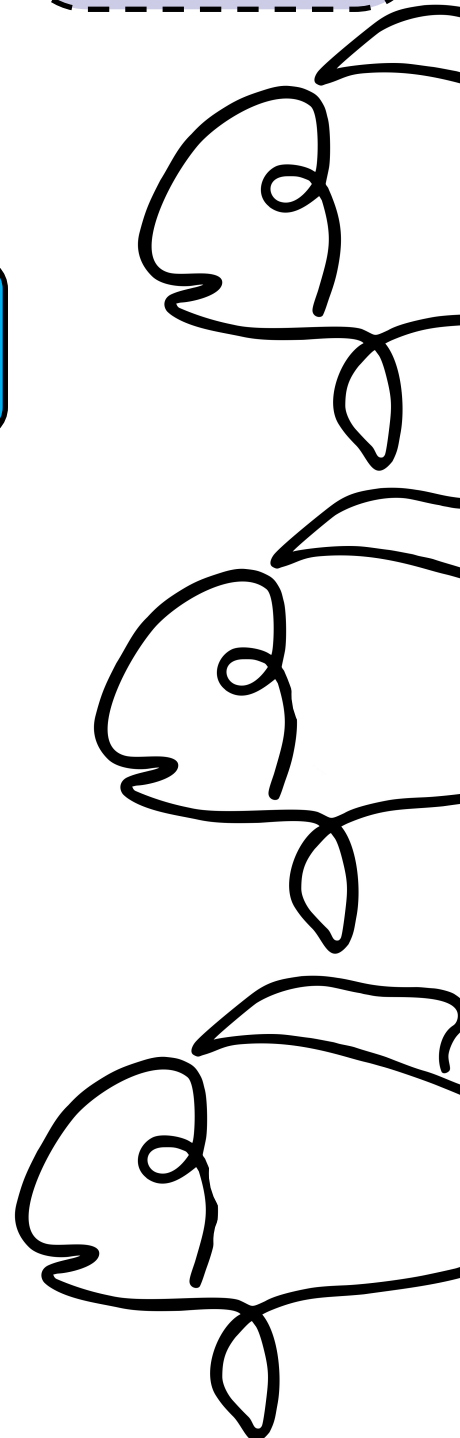
We are searching for:

- 25 youth work specialists from municipalities, youth workers, teachers, social workers, youth leaders, youth leaders, youth club activists, scout leaders, etc.
- Working with young people (as volunteers or paid workers) **at least once a week**
- Interested in youth work innovations and ready to share them with their communities through follow-up activities – YOUTH INITIATIVES and activities that contribute to young peoples' greater involvement
- Fluent in communication in **English**

If candidates selected by partner organizations will not fit the criteria, we keep the rights to refuse such candidates.

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

Participating Countries	Number of Participants
Latvia	3+1 trainer
Poland	4
Georgia	3+1 trainer
Portugal	2
Moldova	3
Armenia	2
Russian Federation	3
Ukraine	2
Spain	2
Greece	3
Total	29



ORGANIZERS

APPLICANT ORGANIZATION: Stowarzyszenie “Dorośli – Dzieciom” (“Adults for Children” Association) from Sępólno Krajeńskie, Poland is an experienced organisation that work with different target groups (children, teenagers, people with disabilities, unemployed, teachers etc.). We are also active in the field of non-formal as well as formal education. Since 2005 we have been actively involved in international cooperation organizing projects like European Voluntary Service, training courses and youth exchanges on different topics.



HOST ORGANIZATION: Non-formal Education Youth Centre “SUNNY HOUSE”.

“Sunny House” is a union of the professional trainers who work in the field of Non-Formal education since 1999. The aim of the “Sunny House” is to promote development of non-formal education in Georgia via working with Youth Workers and different agencies involved in this field. Members of the centre are actively involved in the youth policymaking and strategic planning for different youth NGOs. SUNNY HOUSE acts as a lab for testing and spreading different methods of working with youth in non-formal settings. Organisation mainly works on local and national level, but has few successfully implemented International projects too.

Ieva Grundsteine - Trainer (Latvia)

Ieva has been working in the youth field since 2001 and last 10 years is a trainer of non-formal learning in the field of youth – as a local and European project initiator and manager. She has carried already more than 100 international trainings and enjoys working with youth, youth workers and teachers and likes exploring innovative approaches for working with youth, including games, outdoor experiential learning, learning through dance and movement and have implemented several E+ projects related to

these topics: www.salto-youth.net/tools/toy/ieva-grundsteine.1858



Kety Zhvania-Tyson - Trainer (Georgia)

Kety is actively involved in youth work since 1992 when she discovered Girl Scouts and started her career in Non-Formal Education field as a leader and a trainer. Today she is working in Non -Formal Education youth training center “Sunny House”.



Daniel Wargin - Project Coordinator (Poland) – a member of the applying organisation. Actively involved in youth work since 2005. Coordinator of EVS projects, Youth Exchanges and training courses.



Nodar Maminaishvili - Project Coordinator (Georgia)

Nodar has a diverse experience in different fields of governmental, business and NGO sectors. Today he is a head of “Sunny House” and experienced youth worker.



LOCATION



The training will take place in **Akhaltzikhe, Georgia**. 200 km from Tbilisi and 170 from Kutaisi. It's the capital and biggest town of Samtskhe-Javakheti, Akhaltsikhe means 'New Castle' in Georgian. The Rabati castle dominating the town from the north side of the Potskhovi River hasn't been new since the 12th century but it was lavishly restored a few years ago, helping to turn a town that was previously a sad case of post-Soviet decline into a reasonably attractive stop and jumping-off point for Vardzia. Until the 19th century, the Rabati area around the castle was all there was of Akhaltsikhe. It was celebrated for its ethnic and religious diversity and tolerance, in a frontier area where different empires, kingdoms, and peoples met. Rabati today still has Georgian Orthodox, Armenian Apostolic and Catholic churches, a synagogue, and a mosque, and Akhaltsikhe still has a large Armenian population.

The main activities will take place in **Hotel Star**:

<https://www.booking.com/hotel/ge/star-akhaltsikhe.html>

Participants will share double or triple bed rooms. Meals will be served in the same place.



During the project days there will not be any time to do sight-seeing in Tbilisi, so, if you wish to do it, please stay (on your own costs) 1-2 days before/after the project.

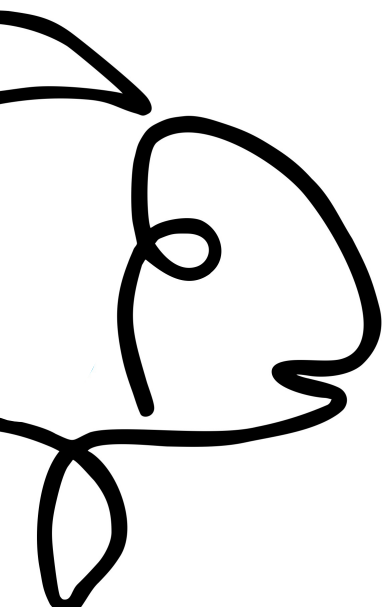
For logistic convenience, the last night of the project, when we also have a farewell dinner in restaurant, you will stay in **Tbilisi** – in a hostel “Fabrika” (<https://fabrikatbilisi.com/>) – with 6-8 people sharing a room (with bunk beds).

We kindly remind you that early accommodation and extra overstays will be your responsibility.

TRANSPORT AND FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

The training course will be implemented in the framework of EU ERASMUS+ Program. The **accommodation and food** will be **covered fully**.

Every participant or partner organisation should buy tickets and according to real ticket price we will reimburse travel costs but not more than you can see on the chart below. Travel costs will be reimburse during the training (Partner countries) and just after the training (EU countries). **Travel expenses will be reimbursed maximum at the amounts mentioned below - depending on travel distance and actual cost.**



Participating Countries	€ per person
Latvia	360
Poland	360
Georgia	0
Portugal	820
Moldova	275
Armenia	180
Russian Federation	180
Ukraine	275
Spain	820
Greece	275

As a contribution to the project, we will be expecting participants from all countries to provide snacks from their country to one of the coffee breaks.

Flight tickets you can buy to Tbilisi or Kutaisi airport. We will support you in travelling to and from training location (so, about 25-30 eur will be deducted from your travel costs). When you buy the tickets, pay special attention to ARRIVAL date and time – it should not be later than 22nd of September (but, bear in mind that we only provide accommodation from evening of 22nd of September!) and DEPARTURE date and time – it should not be earlier than 30th of September. And as usually, we need all your travel documents (invoices, tickets, etc.).

IMPORTANT!

- Make sure you have a valid (not expired) ID card or a valid Passport
- Make sure to have travel insurance
- Keep all your boarding passes, invoices and travelling tickets otherwise we will not be able to make any reimbursements
- Only public transportation will be reimbursed (e.g.: taxi at your own expense)

PERSONAL INSURANCE

Insurance cover for personal effects is the responsibility of the individual participant. Participants are expected to provide themselves adequate medical and travel insurance to cover the period of your stay in Georgia, which we strongly recommend. Neither our organization nor any venue used during the event will be responsible for claims against loss of or damage to personal property.

HOW TO APPLY?

To apply, submit your on-line application form

until August 8th (Thursday):

[online application form](#)

CLICK HERE TO APPLY

As soon as we get the list of participants, we will keep you updated with all the new information we have regarding the project. We will create a Facebook group to enable our communication more smooth and invite you to join it.

For sure there will be some things you will have to prepare (in the national groups and individually) before coming to the seminar and bring with you, nevertheless, we will provide this information few weeks before coming to Georgia.

Selection results:

August 9th



Should you have any more questions, please do not hesitate to ask!

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(technical support in Georgia)

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Daniel Wargin: daniello13@wp.pl

(international travel, financial support)



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	Arrival	setting Up	Theory and practice	Local reality	Preparation / Initiative	Implementation/ Evaluation	Future plans	Wrapping up	
8.00-9.15				BREAKFAST					
9.30-11.30	Getting to know each other II Expectations and fears. Programm of TC	"Harvesting circle" Working session I: Active participation	"Harvesting circle" Study visit of active organisation/ institution in	"Harvesting circle" Initiative project management	Last preparations Mini community project	"Harvesting circle" Evaluation tools Summing up of ingredients of local youth initiative	"Harvesting circle" Project management, sustainability and impact of a		D e p a r t u r e s
11:30	Preparations / Arrival of participants International Coffee /tea/ juice break								
12.00-13.30	Mapping the venue and surroundings Group building	Working session II: Successful team cooperation Working session III: Role of support person	Working session IV: Needs analyses	Planning mini community projects	Mini community project	Developing ideas for Youth initiatives and Solidarity projects	Summing-up and evaluation		
13.30-15.30	LUNCH								
15.30-17.00	Group building	Motivation theories	Free time	Preparing for implementing mini-community project	Evaluation of experience in groups	Ideas presentations and possibilities for cooperation	Learning diaries. Learning outcomes & Departure to Tbilisi		
17:00	International Coffee /tea/ juice break								
17.00-19.00	Recognition of learning experience: Intro to Youthpass, Learning diaries and "Family Group" meeting	Sharing best practices (based on home work) Learning diaries and "Family Group"	Free time	Brief presentations of planned mini-community project Learning diaries and "Family Group" meeting	Presenting results in between the groups Learning diaries and "Family Group" meeting	Working session V: Successful partnership Learning diaries and "Family Group" meeting	Travel to Tbilisi and arrival and check in the hostel		
19.30	DINNER								
21:00	Getting to know each other I	Integration evening	Networking organizations (eve)	Free evening	Evening with community?!	Celebration	Free evening	Farewell Evening @restaurant	