

The Youth Worker TEAM Project (Training to Empower, Animate and act as Multipliers)

4 – 8 June 2018 (Travel days 3 and 9 June 2018)

Location: Derry/Londonderry, Northern Ireland (UK)

The Youth Worker TEAM Project is funded through Erasmus+ KA1 Youth Mobility for 8 Month project from the 1 January 2018 – 31 August 2018.

Summary

The Youth Worker TEAM Project will develop the capacity of youth workers to participate in and to encourage youth in their community participate in Erasmus+ activities to promote personal development by improving their skills enhance their employability and gain cultural awareness.

The objectives of the TEAM project is to:

- (i) learn about the European Union, local governance and the Erasmus+ programme to explore opportunities for youth participation and future project ideas (Empower)
- (ii) reflect on and share leadership styles and practices through peer learning to promote professional development (Empower)
- (iii) network and share experiences of Erasmus+ projects to learn the benefits of participating in projects (Animate)
- (iv) share new methodologies and tools to improve skill to engage with local youth (Animate)
- (v) be an active citizen, to communicate and engage in democratic life (Multiplier)

Throughout the training youth workers will be supported to develop the skills and approaches they need to empower and engage their communities and to help them develop project ideas and find ways for them to collaborate with each other to create Erasmus+ project ideas.

Partners: Germany, Portugal, Spain, Ireland and Northern Ireland (UK)

Participants

Training will be delivered to 5 youth workers from each partner region during a 5 day training in Northern Ireland (UK). Total number of participants: 20.

The training will include workshops, visits to meet with youth and youth workers, community groups and politicians.

The training will include accredited training through The OCN NI Level 2 Award in Youth Leadership to provide an understanding of the skills and knowledge required for youth workers, an introduction to leadership styles and effective communication methods which enables progression to further learning in this area or into employment.

Working language: English

Venue: St Columbs Park House, Derry/ Londonderry opened as a peace and reconciliation centre in 1994 offering a shared space for learning, leadership and peaceful activism. <http://www.stcolumbsparkhouse.org/about-us/welcome>
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 1 Welcome and Introduction

Youth workers from Portugal, Spain, Germany and UK get to know each other

Morning: Begin exploring EU opportunities for youth highlighting Erasmus+ as well as other EU programme such as the European Solidarity Corps.

Activities to explore what is meant by youth work and Understand the roles and responsibilities of a youth leader.

Afternoon: Visit to museum of Derry to understand the context of youth work in this region following a history of civil rights, the era known as The Troubles and the Free Derry Irish nationalist movement in the early 1970s

Evening: Dinner and youth workers share their youth work so they start to think about opportunities to collaborate together in future Erasmus+ projects.

Reflection on the learning achieved

Day 2 Communication, Empowerment and Engagement with the community

Exploring leadership styles to empower and engage youth in the decision making process and how hard it is to make everyone happy by making decisions.

Morning: Site visit to meet community leaders to experience different leaderships styles and how the youth workers engage with their local communities to empower and engage them.

Site visit to community leaders in two interface areas. Presentation of the community needs and issues. This site visit will act as a case study for day 3.

Afternoon: **Communication, Empowerment & Engagement with politicians**
A visit to local municipality to see how the local city is run. Participants will get familiar with the city and meet with politicians to understand how to communicate and present the needs of the community in a way that politicians will support.

Reflection on the learning achieved

Evening: Dinner and celebration of culture

Day 3 Dealing with a real community issue

Morning: The youth workers use the case study to see how they can use a community issue to generate ideas to develop a potential Erasmus+ project.

Afternoon: A simulation Community Relations workshop with open debate on how to meet the needs of the people in the interface areas to find the best way forward for the communities.

Reflection on the learning achieved

Evening: Dinner and mid evaluation

Day 4 My Community

Morning: Youth workers will prepare presentation of what they want to achieve in their community to include the different leaderships styles they observed in site visits with youth workers, politicians and how to communicate to empower and engage with their community and political leaders.

Afternoon: **Promotional videos**

Work in groups to produce a promotional video for what they want in their communities and how they will promote the idea.

Reflection on the learning achieved

Evening: Dinner

Day 5 Reflection, final evaluation, way forward and feedback

Visit to Strabane youth Council hosted in the EA Youth Centre.
Presentation for youth councilors on their roles and activities.

Exploring potential for Erasmus+ projects.

Evening: Farewell Dinner and celebration