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SOCIAL INCLUSION IN YOUTH CENTRES – TRAINING COURSE

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Celje, Slovenia

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We are happy to welcome you to this unique training course, a process like a living creature, inspired and evolving through the inputs of all the participants involved.

Invitation to training course

It is a training for youth workers. More exactly program youth workers. You will be trained to develop regular program content of your youth centre from the minor project activities in the field of social inclusion to complete youth centre programmes, which will serve as the practical part for the development of the Strategic Guidelines.

But before you decide to participate, we would like to take you on a journey about project named Social inclusion in youth centres. The training you are about to attend is just one piece of the whole idea.

About project Social inclusion in youth centres

Social exclusion is a modern challenge by which youth centres meet on a daily basis, but there are no concrete policies and strategies to deal with social inclusion in practice and in the field. It is a fact that there is no concrete strategies or guidelines that would provide support or help the youth centres in effective dealing with social inclusion in the long term. To this end, within the framework of the project Social Inclusion in Youth Centres, we will analyse the situation on the ground of all partner countries in local environments. In doing so, we will define the criteria for the effective program functioning of youth centres in the field of social inclusion and develop concrete and innovative solutions at the level of the program action to integrate social inclusion activities into the strategic program activities of youth centres, since youth work offers one of the basic spaces for social inclusion and youth participation. In doing so, the creation of project products will lead to the strengthening and empowerment of the youth sector in working with young people with fewer opportunities. We will provide for the quality preparation of programs and projects, as well as informing and raising public awareness on the importance of social inclusion of young people in organizational and program documents of organizations, in our case, youth centres operating in local environments.

The project Social inclusion in youth centres is a strategic partnership will involve all relevant stakeholders and actors on the topic of social inclusion at the national levels of partner countries, which will also be reflected in the analysis of the situation, followed by an action plan for cooperation and involvement of national and local stakeholders in the process of preparing the program in youth centres. In this context, we will connect all relevant stakeholders that are important in the social inclusion of young people at the horizontal level, both at national and local level.

Whole project is combined with many activities, starting with kick-off meeting and study visit in Germany. All partners already prepared analyses on national level about social inclusion understanding. Next step is



international training course, that will offer a qualitative ground for national short trainings and give enough knowledge to create or upgrade activities and programmes in youth centres. From these activities we will create strategic guidelines for youth centres with tested pilot cases and activities.

Themes and topics

These are some of the themes which will be tackled during the training course (more detailed agenda will be sent later on to the selected participants):

- social inclusion/exclusion,
- what is program/activity in youth centre (difference between program and activity),
- project management,
- Erasmus+,
- human rights,
- open youth work principles.

Various non-formal and youth work methodologies will be used and presented, such as: case study, theatre methods, field work, visit to good practices, debates, comic book, street youth work, digital youth work, intercultural evening, structured dialogue...

Participants profile

To participate in training, we are announcing a call in our networks (MaMa Network, ANK, YLC). We will select youth workers who are in any way involved in the preparation of program activities in youth centres and interested to upgrade their skills, competences and never the last context of their youth centre. The participation criteria will include at least 1 project activity in the field of social inclusion, which through training will be developed and after training inserted into the regular program content of the youth centre. Next to first criteria part of dissemination is also support on national level in preparing and executing national one-day seminar to strengthen the network of youth centres which aim to develop social inclusion methods or programmes.

Practically this means, that as participant your obligation is not just participation on training, but also support in preparing and contributing national seminar in topic of social inclusion and making at least one activity in your youth centre.



Date & venue

Date: 1. 10. 2018 – 8. 10. 2018

Venue and accommodation: [Celjski mladinski center](#) (Youth center Celje)

Each partner organisation (Mreža MaMa, ANK, YLC) participates with 8 participants.

Apply [here](#).

Detailed program of training course, details for travel and accommodation will be provided to participants in September 2018.

- Travel budget: up to 275€ per person
- Participants will be accommodated in dorm rooms, by gender.
- Bed linen and towels are provided in hostel.
- Wi Fi free hostel
- Working rooms are in the same building.
- Breakfast, lunch, dinner and two coffee breaks will be organized.
- There is a small kitchen in hostel and a fridge as well.
- Weather: should be [nice](#) ☺

Travel Tips

- Make sure you have a valid (not expired) ID card or a valid Passport.
- Make sure to have your European Health Card in your wallet.
- Pack in your hand luggage some “back-up” clothes and underwear in case your suitcase gets lost in the airport.
- Keep all your boarding passes and travelling tickets otherwise we will not be able to make any reimbursements (reimbursements are done to the partner organisation in each country in package for all participants, as Network MaMa receives travel report with all proofs).
- Only public transportation can be reimbursed.



More information

All participants are supposed to cooperate in 100% of activities.

Some basic Slovenian words that you can use while staying over here:

- Social inclusion: SOCIALNA VKLJUČENOST
- Youth: MLADINA
- Youth in action: MLADI V AKCIJI
- Youth worker: MLADINSKI DELAVEC/MLADINSKA DELAVKA
- Thank you: HVALA
- Please: PROSIM
- Hey: ZDRAVO
- Good morning: DOBRO JUTRO
- Good afternoon: DOBER DAN
- Good evening: DOBER VEČER
- Good night: LAHKO NOČ

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Who are we?

Youth Network MaMa

Youth Network MaMa (hereinafter referred to as the Network MaMa) brings together and represents organizations that carry out activities of youth centres in Slovenia. It is a non-governmental organization organized as a private institution. Its biggest advantage is that the network organization and the integration of members (youth centres) currently numbering 50 covers the whole of Slovenia.

What does the Network MaMa do?

It connects youth centres and provides them with substantive support in carrying out their activities, represents the common interest of the members, provides regular information to members and other interested public on activities concerning young people and work with them, organizes meetings and promotes communication and interaction among members, provides expert assistance to members, provides non-formal education and training for members, encourages and promotes the activities of youth centres in the general public, it enforces the principles of tolerance, good cooperation and social criticism. Network MaMa is an inclusive national networking organization for the youth work in Slovenia and takes care of and advocates the interests and needs of youth centres throughout Slovenia. It is a learning organization that, with a professional approach to work and social responsibility and proactive content-oriented activities, contributes to the development of the whole community, especially for the young person. Network MaMa is an active organization in the youth sector, according to the needs of its members, thematically upgrades and provides various activities in areas where its members need professional support. Network MaMa has a Quality standard ISO9001 NGO for three years now, which is renewed annually by an external auditor.

ANK

Association of Estonian Open Youth Centres (AEYC or ANK) is a nationwide umbrella organization, which connects youth centres from whole Estonia. AEYC was founded on 9th November 2001. By 2017, the association has 97 members, local authorities and NGO-s, with 154 youth centres. AEYC aim is to create a network of youth centres in Estonia, support the activities on local level and partnership activities between members on national level. AEYC cooperates with state and local governments, youth organizations in Estonia and abroad, and other institutions involved in youth work. The association is supporting new youth centres, analysing current situation and needs of youth centres, supporting youth workers, organizing seminars and trainings, introducing new methods in youth work, arranging information exchange between different actors, sharing ideas and inputs for national youth policy. AEYC develops local and international projects and partnership shaping youth policy at national and local level. AEYC is a trustful



partner for Estonian State Government taking part in different commissions in ministries, also partner for other umbrella organizations in Estonia (Estonian Union of Child Welfare, Estonian National Youth Council etc.). AEYC has worked as a partner to Estonian National Agency counselling local regional potential applicants in international projects. Since 2015 AEYC is EVS hosting, sending and coordinating organization and is actively taking part in international collaborations within Erasmus+.

Youth Leaders Coalition

NGO Youth Leaders coalition is working since 1999 within the focus on development of the youth policy and youth work at the local, regional and national level and the capacity building of NGOs are working with youth in different areas of the interest.

YLC are working as resource centre for those who are interested in the development of youth work.

YLC have great experience on NGOs development and cooperation with local governments, youth centres development and capacity building of people are working with youth, research field and expertise in EU Youth issues.

YLC have been implemented more than 200 projects in the past in various fields related to youth. YLC have great expertise in working in EU, Post-Soviet Union countries, Africa, Balkans, South America and Asia.

YLC is one of the leaded expert in Latvia according to local youth work. YLC have been taking part at the establishment of range of youth centres in Latvia, consultations to the local governments on development the youth strategies. YLC have many youth centres in our network we are cooperate regularly. We do have great knowledge on reality of daily work of youth work and clearly understand how deep this project match with the needs of the members of our network.

There are around 185 youth centre in Latvia where around 40 are multi-functional youth centres who have the major focus on activities of non-formal education for youth.

YLC are organizing trainings, consultations, conferences for youth workers and various activities for youth, incl. EU Structural dialogue processes all around Latvia.

There are few main fields of expertise of the persons involved in this application from YLC side: youth policy at local, regional, national and international level; youth researches; youth work importance on minimization of youth radicalization; project management; networking; public relations and communication; advocacy; youth entrepreneurship/employability; outdoor activities; art and creativity; organization management; international cooperation.

YLC have great network of experts in Latvia and abroad and can manage the necessary resources according the needs.