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**Your Voice
Matters!**

Mobility of youth workers

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Project description

This project “**Your Voice Matters**” is a training course for youth workers that work with young people with disabilities and are interested in engaging in Key Action 1 of the Erasmus+ Youth in Action Activities.

The 41 participants from 8 European countries identified the same problems: alarming situation of exclusion and marginalization of people with disabilities into society and the labor market. In addition, many people need advice, support for increasing self-confidence, training and development skills, for employment. The main purpose of this project it has been oriented to face the main hurdles that impede employability and education to youth disabled and implement activities according with the European policy framework, that provide equality of opportunity to all citizens. Within this context, the project wants to find a way to remove barriers to inclusion, sensitize mainstream actions and implement project ideas addressed to boost employability and education for young people afflicted with disabilities. The project wants to support youth workers and offer them theoretical and practical tools to work with and use when training young people.

Target Audience: Youth Workers/ Youth work practitioners working directly with young people with disability (physical/sensory/intellectual) and from organizations who are in a position to implement/lead these projects.

Objectives

Aim: to increase the competencies of 41 youth workers/ youth leaders from 8 countries in working with young with disabilities and sharing best practices to promote social and economic inclusion of people with disabilities through the use of nonformal education

Specific objectives:

- ◆ creating partnerships and networks between organizations working with young people with disability by encouraging the exchange of experiences and by providing inclusion of all stakeholders in order to promote social inclusion in society;
- ◆ Empowering the 41 youth workers in management and writing projects with Erasmus + and familiarize them with the Youthpass instrument
- ◆ to build up partnerships for projects that help disable youth to acquire competencies for entering the labour market;
- ◆ to apply tools and methods acquired by non-formal education used in working with young people with disabilities
- ◆ knowing the situation of persons with disabilities, EU-wide legislation in order to increase their chances of employment
- ◆ overcome the prejudices and promote the tolerance and intercultural dialogue for 41 participants, with a different cultural background



Activities

These objectives will be achieved through non formal education methods, creating free spaces for exchanging and learning, in a climate of respect and empathy towards each other. Participants are expected to exchange their points of view and share their ideas and experiences on the topic In this context, the activities to be carried out are the following: group dynamics, games, icebreakers, simulation, field visit, seminars, debates, workshops, working groups, assessment activities, technical projects development techniques for analyzing problem

Impact

Immediate results will target the personal and professional development of 41 youth workers from 8 countries who will acquire knowledge, methods and tools for the social and economic inclusion of people with disabilities through Erasmus+ projects and by developing a guide to work with young people with disabilities . The toolkit “The Young Tolerant” will provide educational activities to raise awareness regarding the problems of people with disabilities and to work better with these young people integrate into the labor market. Youth workers will improve their capacity for adaptability and flexibility to the changing conditions of society by achieving the goals of tolerance and equity, respect for others. The impact of the project will be felt on the partner institutions and the launching of new projects with European funding under the Erasmus + program in order to ensure the continuity of the European dimension and the continuous transfer of good practices