SUPER SMART HIGH QUALITY YOUTH WORK TRAINING COURSES

The project **Youth Workers Network** was created in the partnership between three very experienced organisations with a longstanding resume in youth work, youth policy making and learning.

Partners of this project are:

KEKS from Sweden,
Croatian youth network
Youth Network MaMa from Slovenia.

The aim is to build a comprehensive content of the training program for youth workers. This program will tackle four topics that we see as the basis of youth work and that we believe every youth worker should be knowledgeable about. We will therefore organise four international training courses, each addressing one of the four main pillars of youth work:

1. **˝What is and what is not Youth work?'' - Youth work policy.** Purpose of the training is for participants to understand the common European ground of youth work. They will get to know about and discuss the definitions of youth work and youth worker as well as the scope and purpose of youth work. They will be able to recognize the core principles of youth work, as well as the differences between youth work and social work, leisure work and cultural work. **20. 4. – 24. 4. 2020**

2. **˝Participation in Youth work or Youth work as participation?'' - Participation and inclusion.** Training course aims to raise capacities of youth workers and trainers for creating use of own potential for positive social change within the community. Participants will reflect on differing understanding, concepts and levels of youth participation and critically analyze practices of active participation in their own communities. The participants will also look into different approaches to include young people with less opportunities and try to identify and apply methods that promote inclusion, diversity and equality in youth work practices. **September 2020**

3. **˝To learn or not to learn that is the question.'' - Learning process.** Participants will be able to understand a concept of non-formal learning in relation with formal and informal learning. They will be introduced to the concepts and methodology of different learning styles and learning preferences. They will have an opportunity to reflect on their own learning process, will be able to understand the need for the proper reflection and learn new methods to enhance the learning process among young people. They will look into the EU Key Competences for young people and will have an opportunity to assess their own competences as a youth worker. **January 2021**

4. **˝Did we make it or didn't we? ˝ - Reflection and evaluation.** Participants will be able to understand what is important in the process of follow up and documentation. They will get to know what should be documented in youth work and learn about different methods for follow up and how these can be used to communicate outcomes. **April 2021**

Each training course will last 4 working days and will demand an extensive participation. All participants will also be asked to assess the program of each training course, because the learning modules will later be used by all partner organisations.

This programme consists of four training courses. We are searching for the participants who are willing to participate in all four training courses. This is a pilot programme and we will kindly ask for the final feedback on the content and the implementation from participants at the end.

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