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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

DIGI Tools and instruments for Better Youth Work

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TURKU, FINLAND

About the Project

According to a EUROSTAT statistics, 91% of young people in the EU make daily use of the internet compared to 71% of the total population. This number illustrates very well how important the online sphere for youngsters is. Online tools and services offer great opportunities for personal and professional life and development, but they can involve many threats and can endanger the well-being of young people in different ways. Examples are cyber-bullying, hate speech, loss of personal data and privacy rights, data theft, exposure to fake news, etc. just to name a few. In early 2020, the move to digital youth work was particularly prominent due to the confinements imposed by governments around Europe during the COVID-19 pandemic, which forced many youth workers and teachers to move their activities online.

This caused additional concerns to regard personal data and privacy of young people, and how this data is being misused. Because of these reasons we believe that it is important to increase the level of media literacy of youngsters by informing them about a healthy way of using digital media and to reach out to youngsters with means of digital youth work. This Training Course is for youth workers and youth leaders who want to learn useful methods of digital youth work for their target group (especially youngsters with fewer opportunities) or are working already with these kinds of methods and want to share their methods, get inspired, and complement their toolbox. This project contains a training Course and a monitored follow-up phase.

Objectives

In this project, we aim to:

- raise awareness about the own online behaviour; online threats for youngsters; digital and data security and privacy rights
- increase the level of Media Literacy of the participants and their target group
- share methods for digital youth work and provide a toolbox for youth workers and trainers
- develop new methods for digital youth work
- empower youngsters to use digital tools for their personal and professional development
- set up an Action Plan on how to implement the methods in the home communities
- create network between youth workers and trainers from different European organizations

Participants

This professional development training's target group consists of youth workers, NGO workers, youth leaders and media people working with youth. Participants should have at least good command of verbal and written English and be available for the whole project time (preparation, main activity, material development, dissemination, evaluation). Knowledge of non-formal learning and youth-related topics will be beneficial for a productive process and enhanced experience sharing. We are looking for **six participants from Finland** and **five participants from Romania, Bulgaria, Estonia, Italy and Turkey**.



Practicalities

All those eligible for participation and interested in this training should fill in the following application form by the latest **15th April 2022** in order to be considered for the selection.

Form link is [here](#).



Journey

Participants should arrive at Turku. If you are coming from Helsinki you can take a bus from Helsinki airport. **Express Busses** from Helsinki airport to Turku can be easily found in front of the airport. The timetable can be checked [here](#) or [here](#). The organizers are going to take care of travelling arrangements from Turku to the project venue, just REMEMBER to inform us about your arrival and departure time to Turku!

You are kindly asked to arrive in Turku on 28th of May before 14:00 o'clock.

The meeting point is in **Varissuo, Turku**.
(address: Nisse Kavon katu 3, 20610, Turku)

Arrival Date: **28th of May 2022 before 14.00**

Departure Date: **4th of June 2022** after the breakfast



Accomodation

The Project venue is in Merimasku, Finland. You will be accommodated in a camping area, which is 28 kilometres from the Turku city centre. You will be living in shared rooms with three other participants of same-sex. Each room has a separate bathroom. Bed linen will be provided, but bring your own towel. Please, note that there are no shops close to the training venue and the internet access is limited.

In case you have special needs (allergies, dietary needs) note them in the application form.



Reimbursement

All costs related to the training, food, accommodation, and other practicalities will be covered by the organizers. **The travel costs will be reimbursed up to the determined limit.** Any amounts beyond these limits should be afforded by the participants themselves.

Buying tickets is the own responsibility of each participant (with the support of sending organizations). To be reimbursed, the participant has to provide all evidence of **ORIGINAL** travel documents such as:

- original train/bus tickets,
- original boarding passes,
- original invoices,
- original documents related to COVID-19 expenses

Other important details for the reimbursement:

- Missing or lost tickets will not be reimbursed;
- Taxi or petrol costs are not reimbursed;
- Reimbursement will be done in **EUROS**

Limits of travel costs:

- Estonia - 180€
- Bulgaria - 275€
- Romania - 275€
- Italy - 360€
- Turkey - 360€



Covid-19 travelling

All travellers to Finland are upon entry required to provide **2 DOCUMENTS:**

- proof of vaccination OR overcome of the disease not older than six months
- a negative COVID-19 test result not older than 48 hours
(it could be either antigen or PCR test - both are recognized)

The list of **recognized vaccines** can be found [here](#).

The instructions issued by the border and health authorities apply to all people arriving in Finland during the COVID-19 pandemic. The border authorities decide on the entry of passengers, while the health authorities decide on any health security measures or testing requirements that will be imposed on them. People travelling to Finland must take into account other provisions on entry, such as visa requirements.

What to remember

INSURANCE

The project **does not cover travel insurance costs. WE STRONGLY ADVISE YOU TO TAKE OUT A FULL TRAVEL INSURANCE FOR THE DURATION OF YOUR STAY IN FINLAND.** The insurance has to cover all possible Covid-19 related expenses as well.

The organization will not be able to reimburse you for any losses.

Please also note that private medical care in Finland is expensive.

BRING WITH YOU

- warm clothes
- towels
- traditional food and drinks to represent your country and culture
- positive energy
- documents, leaflets, pictures of your organization to share with others
- board or other types of games which you can share and play with others



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