

“Let’s EVS now!!!”

Training course on personal, social and professional development of EVS volunteers and recognition of learning process within EVS projects by using Youthpass

Description of the training course

The **overall aim** of the training course is to train EVS (task) related persons, mentors, tutors, sending organization, EVS promoters for being aware and raising understanding about quality aspects of EVS projects according to proposals of Youth in Action programme. Furthermore, to develop competences of host organizations in order to make quality EVS host projects through experiential learning during the training course. To gain knowledge, during the training for host organization and learn how they can improve their own volunteers (present and future one) personally, socially and professionally. Moreover, to discover and get well informed the usage of Youthpass within EVS.

Objectives, which will lead us to achieving the aim, are:

- To clarify the challenges of European Voluntary Service regarding to content and methodology, non formal and informal learning process, intercultural learning and impact on local community;
- To raise knowledge and gain new experiences on Youthpass as tool of recognition of non formal learning;
- To raise awareness on key competences and develop different methods for using them in practice within EVS projects.
- To experience being in position of volunteers and raise awareness on personal, social and professional development during EVS activity.
- To prepare quality EVS project, matching new requirements of programme YiA with their organization
- To offer the opportunity to meet possible partner groups.

Methodology involved

The training course is based on non formal learning educational approach which means that combination of different creative and interactive methods will be used by the trainer team and designed upon the profile of participants. This training combine theoretical inputs, individual/group activities, group exercises, also working on examples in small group, case studies and real attempt – practical experience related to the hosting EVS volunteer.

Participants profile:

- Age over 18;
- Sending and hosting organizations, those organizations who are accredited but didn't hosted yet, task related persons in EVS project, mentors, tutors, coordinators;
- directly working with young people, having experience of running EVS project;
- Ready to take part in the whole training course;
- Have organizational support for further activities within EVS
- Able to communicate on English language

Number of the working day: 6 days

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

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Subotica, Serbia, 15-22October, 2010

Hours	Arrival day	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Departure day
8.00 – 10.00	Arrival of participants	breakfast	breakfast		breakfast	breakfast	breakfast	breakfast
10.00– 11.30		Official opening of the TC Getting to know each other	Special focus on EVS between SEE and EU countries	Introduction of Youthpass as tool of recognition of learning process within EVS What are the competences within EVS project?	EVS in action Phase II: Running EVS actions for and with children and young people at Constantinum Institution as EVS host place	EVS in action Phase III: Evaluation of small EVS actions in previous day with special focus on competences	Learning space dynamics: - Financial management; - Risk and safety management - Problem solving, conflict management	Departure of participants
11.30– 12.00	Registration and accommodation	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break		Coffee break	Coffee break	
12.00– 13.30		The aims and objectives of TC, Day by day programme Group contract Preparation for "EVS projects' Fair":	Clarify the roles and functions of actors within different phases of EVS: Who and what is the task of mentor? Who and what is the task of sending coordinator? Who and what is the task of coordinator organisation?	Introduction of EVS project in the host organization: LDA	My diary of the day	Results of NFE: What volunteers can learn during our EVS project? How learning could be implemented better in the future?	Personal and group action planning: proposals to cooperation in the future Planning group communication EVS project market	
13.30– 15.00		Lunch	Lunch		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
15.00-17.00		"EVS projects' Fair"	Recognition of formal, informal and non-formal learning How to support the learning process?	EVS in action Phase I: Preparation Prepare the session young people in different NGO org in Subotica	Free afternoon	Intercultural learning How the learning can be facilitated in the EVS project? How the ICL can be maintained during the project?	Fill in Youthpass	
17.00-17.30	Introduction games Ice breakers	Coffee break	Coffee break				Coffee break	
17.30– 19.00		General overview of YIA My diary of the day	The learning process of the volunteer during EVS Different learning styles My diary of the day			Impact on local community Intercultural reciprocity between volunteers and local community	Evaluation of the training course	
19.00-20.00	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	
20.00-	Welcome evening	Intercultural evening: sharing the most interesting and funny intercultural moments from EVS	Mentors' tea	Working evening	Free Evening	Movie evening	Farewell evening	