

## Erasmus+ Training for youth workers

### EmpowerED: Advocates for Inclusion and Human Rights

#### Summary

In today's rapidly changing world, the role of youth workers in shaping the future has never been more critical. As advocates for the next generation, youth workers hold a unique responsibility to guide, inspire, and empower young people. The theme of human rights and inclusion lies at the heart of this responsibility. In an era marked by increasing diversity, the digital age, and complex global challenges, equipping youth workers with the tools to address hate speech, foster media literacy, and understand the boundaries of freedom of speech is crucial. Furthermore, youth workers must confront the rise of extremism, protect international human rights, and ensure the needs of various minority groups are met. Promoting respect, unity, and conflict management among youth is essential for building inclusive communities. By delving into these critical topics, our training for youth workers will help participants to enhance their effectiveness, create positive change, and champion a future where every young person's rights and potential are fully realised.

#### Who are we looking for?

3 motivated individuals aged 18 or older, working as a youth worker, teacher, trainer, facilitator, mentor, coach, project manager, or part of an NGO staff with fluent English who are eager to acquire new competencies in human rights, media literacy, freedom of speech, countering extremism, inclusivity, conflict resolution, and public advocacy!

#### When and where?

The 7-days training will take place from 04th to 10th December 2023 (including travel days) in Trnava (Hrnčiarovce), Slovakia, in very nice guesthouse called Na Mlyne (<http://www.namlyne.sk/-o-nas>)- The venue is located in one of the city districts of a city of Trnava, which is a regional centre and historical city located just 50 km from the capital and having a very nice and cosy atmosphere. Accommodation and food will be provided by organisers and travel costs will be reimbursed to participants right after the training upon submission of required documents.

#### What competences will the participants gain?

Participants in the *EmpowerED: Advocates for Inclusion and Human Rights* training program will acquire a diverse range of competencies addressing the pressing challenges of our contemporary world where various minorities don't feel accepted and they even feel threatened. Throughout the program, participants will:

- Explore the diverse spectrum of minority groups and their unique needs, fostering cultural competency and inclusivity within their youth work practices.

- Acquire an in-depth knowledge of international human rights frameworks and conventions, empowering them to advocate for and protect the rights of young people and different minorities on a global scale.
- Cultivate media literacy skills tailored to the unique needs of youth workers, enabling them to critically analyse and navigate the digital landscape, while also equipping them to guide young people in effectively using media.
- Gain a deep understanding of the intricate boundaries surrounding freedom of speech, allowing them to navigate the complex space where this fundamental right meets responsible communication and its implications for youth work.
- Develop the capacity to recognize and combat the rise of extremism among youth by delving into strategies for early intervention, prevention, and fostering resilience in young individuals.
- Learn effective methods for promoting respect, empathy, and inclusivity through different activities, creating safe spaces for diverse youth to engage in meaningful dialogue and collaboration.
- Discover innovative approaches and best practices for making youth work more inclusive, ensuring that every young person feels valued, represented, and heard.
- Develop expertise in conflict management within the context of youth work, with a focus on practical strategies for resolving disputes and maintaining a harmonious environment.
- Cultivate the skills necessary for effectively defending public interests and advocating for positive social change, equipping them to be active in their communities.

**Deadline:**

*The deadline* for applying is **20th October 2023 at 00:00 CET**. Interested candidates can apply by sending their CV and a short motivation letter to a respective partner who will select participants.

Please make sure that all the selected participants will fill this registration form:

<https://forms.gle/U3BdGccuwvf8ocm88>

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