



Games-4-youth

Training Course
Youth Workers

Gudevitsa, Bulgaria
14th April – 24th April 2019

OFFICIAL GUIDE

Training course Gamification for Youth Work

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Hello dear friends,

In the following pages, we have summarized the information you need about our training course "Games 4 Youth".

We are very glad that you have decided to participate in our project and therefore we will strive to offer a warm welcoming to you in the training course for youth workers that will be held between 14th and 24th April, 2019 in Gudevica, Bulgaria.

If you have further questions, do not hesitate to contact us at:

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Summary of the project

The „Games 4 Youth" project will be held as a long learning process - a combination of an on-line course, a 10-day skill development training and a follow-up for application and evaluation of results. 25 youth workers from 6 countries will participate in the training.

Main goal of the project

The aim of the Games4Youth project is through a structured learning process and training based on **non-formal education** to train and raise the capacity of youth workers to apply **pedagogical methods** such as **gamification**, aimed at developing practical skills for young people on:

intercultural dialogue
realization and career guidance,
teamwork, **communication**,
interaction, emotional intelligence,
creativity,
entrepreneurship,
finance,
self-awareness



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Specific goals

At the end of the project, participants will:

- create 5 fully-fledged games on the 10 above-mentioned topics which will be described and disseminated by the partner organizations so that they can be implemented independently at local, national and international level;
- use specific skills like: designing educational goals, empowering young people, facilitating processes based on experiential learning, steering group dynamics, giving and receiving feedback, designing and implementing educational experiences.



Working process

1. Preparation (distance learning)

On-line tools are used during preparation. Provides basic **information** to learners, creates contact between participants and trainers, and initiates the **individual preparation** process.

2. Training (10-day training 14th-24th April 2019 in Bulgaria)

This is the time to deliver and develop a specific set of **practical skills** related to **gamification and gamestorming** for young people. During the training games and educational experiences will be designed for the follow-up.

3. Follow-up (application of the results)

After the training, **practical tasks** are carried out in real situations at the workplace and / or in the community of youth workers. A database of all the games and educational tools created during the training will be created and participants will have the task to implement and evaluate these games in real life. Thus, the games will be evaluated and “fixed” if some fine-tuning is needed.



Important dates

20th February 2019 / Deadline for submitting of application forms;

27th February 2019 / Selection of participants;

15th March / Deadline of buying tickets and sending copies of them;

10th March – 10th April / On-line materials

14th April / Arrival day in Sofia / Plovdiv, Bulgaria / transport will be provided to Gudevica;

24th April / Departure day / after 2 p.m.;

15th May 2019 / Deadline to send copies of the tickets in original by post.



The methodology

All of the activities and methods will contribute to the process of **non-formal learning**.

The methods in the program follow the model

"Learning by doing" -

debates, simulations, energizers, ice-breakers, communication games, activities for exploring and sharing, group discussions, coaching sessions, creativity, reflection and self-reflection, open space and others.

We will **play all kinds of games** and **create new games** related to the topics of the project. You are welcome to bring or organize and share games from your childhood, adulthood, folklore.



The program

The program is designed with a logical flow that starts with introduction to concepts and progressively gets into the topic, to end up working on the of practical creation by participants. This way, the course will close with a new products containing all the information gathered in the training.

We will send the full program to all applicants!

The training course will be fully implemented in English!



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Selection of pax.

The training course is aimed at

youth workers who **actively work**

with youth on intercultural dialogue

realization and career guidance,

teamwork, **communication**,

interaction, emotional intelligence,

creativity,

entrepreneurship,

finance,

self-awareness

N of participants: 25

Participants per organization: 5 (1 of them has to be with fewer opportunities)

APPLY HERE ;)

Deadline for submitting application forms is **20th February 2019**. We will send the list of applicants to all partners and will ask from them to do and confirm selection.



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Travel information

We will provide the bus from Sofia and Plovdiv to Gudevica on the day of arrival. Please make sure that you arrive either in Sofia or in Plovdiv not later than 13:00 pm on 14th April 2019.

We will also provide a bus back to Sofia and Plovdiv on 24th April. Please note that you will arrive in Sofia not earlier than 18:00 p.m.

If you plan to arrive earlier or leave later and you need to find an accommodation, let us know, so that we can support you. **Your expenses out of the days of the training will not be reimbursed by the organizers.**

The travel expenses (from your home town till the venue of the course - Gudevica) are reimbursed on presentation of the relevant receipts up to the maximum limit. In the frames of the Training Course the reimbursement will be done only for travel expenses incurred according to the rules given below:

Travel expenses will be reimbursed **only** upon presentation of documentary evidence of the sum actually paid: original invoice or/and a copy of credit card slip. The documents must have the date, price, name of the traveler, destinations of the travel and the bill has to be completely clear.



Travel info 2

Electronic tickets will only be reimbursed on receipt proof of payment (invoice, paper of booking/purchase printed from internet, copy of credit card-slip showing the transfer of the money for the ticket, payment confirmation from internet) and on presentation of the boarding pass for the outward journey.

Note, that **the booking paper alone is not enough to prove your travel expenses**. You should present as well the **boarding passes**, a bill, a slip of payment and print-out from your bank account to confirm the sum paid for your ticket.

Keep all travel documents you get during your trip: boarding passes, bills, slips, tickets etc., because we absolutely need them!

Taxi fares cannot be reimbursed.

Personal health. It is very important that you notify us of any health risk or possibly necessary medicines (if you did not note it yet in your application form, please let the team know about it as soon as possible via e-mail). The information you provided on any special needs does not remove your own personal responsibility for ensuring your own health.



Reimbursement and insurance

Board and lodging will be provided and paid by the organizers of the Training Course.

There will be **travel reimbursement** according to the Erasmus + regulations. Please pay attention to the figures and conditions. We are strongly recommending you **to have insurance** while you are in Bulgaria.

Each participant will be in charge **of purchasing one**, because no private insurance will be reimbursed.

Organizers **will reimburse 100%** of **eligible travel costs** up to the limit. Travel cost will be reimbursed after participants provide their original tickets and fill their personal report from European Commission.



Travel limits

Reimbursement will be done by bank transfer in Euro to the sending organization's bank account. If you bought your ticket in your local currency which might be different than EUR, we will calculate your travel costs according to the exchange rates from official **European Commission web-site:**

www.ec.europa.eu/budget/inforeuro/index.cfm?Language=en Note that, only participants attending the entire training course can be reimbursed. The Commission solely reimburses public transport costs.

Travel limits:

180€ - Macedonia, Bulgaria

275 € - Romania, Poland, Italy

360€ - Spain

Very important: your tickets are an **essential part** of accounting of the project that we must keep and present to the Erasmus+ National Agency, the main funders of the training. Therefore, if you cannot provide your original tickets, receipts, insurance and invoices clearly stating the travel agency, your name and the exact costs of the tickets, we will not be able to reimburse you.

Please DO NOT BUY

any tickets

before approval of the organizers!



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Venue / Accomodation / Food

The training course will take place in "School in Nature" in Gudevica village. It is an education and training center in the Rhodopi mountain in Bulgaria just 2 km away from the border with Greece. In April it will be chilly, so bring on your warm clothes.

Participants will be accommodated in common rooms as the center is designed to work as a community center – if you are looking for a single bed room Gudevica is not your place. But if you are ready to dive into community life – you are more than welcome.

Meals are only vegetarian and a qualified cook prepares 3 main meals a day along with two coffee breaks using mainly local organic food.



What to bring?

- Clothes and shoes suitable for **sports** and walking/**hiking**.
- Flashlight or headlight;
- Jacket, hat, gloves, scarf – it is the mountain!
- Needed medicine;
- Own toiletries (organic based and nature friendly);
- Your **original tickets** for the entire trip, the **invoice** of the travel agency (the price clearly indicated on the ticket), **the boarding passes**.
- Your **travel insurance** contract and a legible copy of it.
- Your ID/**passport**.
- Your own **medication**.
- Something typical **about your country** such as food, drinks, music, traditional objects, promotional materials and whatever else you want to present.
- **Materials** about **your organization**.
- **Your willingness** to reflect on your own skills, knowledge and attitudes.
- **Your motivation**, inspiration and energy for an intense and hard working week.
(; Your spirit to share your **experience**, questions and doubts.

Concerning special needs (diets, medicine) please, tell us beforehand if you need any assistance from us in this matter.



Useful information

Located in South Eastern Europe, **Bulgaria** is bordered by Greece and Turkey to the South, Romania to the North and Macedonia and Serbia to the West. Its Eastern Border is formed by the beautiful Black Sea Coast. A country of outstanding natural beauty the environment remains unspoilt and is incredibly varied.

A relatively small country, a few hours drive will take you from the snow covered central Pirin mountain Ranges to the long sandy beaches of the Black Sea coast.

Forming the heart of several of ancient histories greatest civilizations Bulgaria's rich culture is reflected in a vast number of architectural treasures.

Throughout the country you will find ancient Greek sites, Roman amphitheatres and Byzantine churches. The country is home to 160 monasteries, 36 cultural centres and 40,000 listed archaeological monuments. Nine sites have achieved a coveted place on the UNESCO world Heritage list.



| Short visit card

CAPITAL CITY IS **SOFIA**

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE IS **BULGARIAN**

THE **CURRENCY** IN REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA IS
"LEV". THE COURSE OF EXCHANGE IS FIXED AND
1 EUR = 1.95583 BGN.

THE AVERAGE **TEMPERATURE** FOR APRIL IN THE
MOUNTAIN ON 1300-1500m. ALTITUDE IS
0-15 DEGREES CENTIGRADE.

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