

“Media literacy: Critical thinking in youth work”

Erasmus+ Key Action 1 project



Venue: Egeruphytten, Skælskør

Dear participants,

Hereby we are presenting you information on our international training course: “**Media literacy: Critical thinking in youth work**”. Please make sure to read this information carefully.

The project is designed for youth workers who seek to incorporate media literacy skills into their daily work, and consists of preparatory phase, training course, dissemination and follow-up activities. The training course will bring together 36 participants from 15 countries in order to learn how to analyse and evaluate media content regarding portrayal of migrants and refugees in EU countries. It will be implemented in Egeruphytten, Skælskør, Denmark between 12-21th of December 2018.

The specific objectives of this project are:

- * to give youth workers the ability to build knowledge, skills and attitude based on media literacy and critical thinking;
- * to promote non-formal learning and cooperation in the field of youth work in EU countries;
- * to exchange good practices about media literacy that can be transferred to various contexts of youth work;
- * to explore the dimensions of diversity in migrant and refugee related issues;
- * to support the professional development of those who work in education, training and youth fields.

All participants will gain a more in-depth knowledge about the current situation with migrants and refugees in various European countries and in the world and how it is presented in media. By developing critical thinking skills participants will learn how to identify fallacies in biased media content. The working methods will be varied and in balance between theory and practice. It will include interactive presentations, experience-exchange sessions, facilitated and self-facilitated discussions, thematic media literacy workshops, critical thinking workshops – analysis of case studies, debates, and skills development activities. Participants are expected to assume an active role during the program and share their knowledge and experience.

We have to underline, that the project doesn't consist only of the training in Denmark but also includes visibility of the seminar activities, dissemination activities before and after the project as well as follow-up activities. It's very important to keep this in mind before engaging into the seminar itself and be ready and willing to participate in dissemination and follow-up activities too.

Project language

English

Preparation

Each participant have to make a small research and to identify what are the main problems / needs regarding young people in their community and how these problem are covered in local and national media.

Another task is to find various news and disinformation cases and portrayals of migrants and refugees in mainstream and alternative media in your and other countries.

Participants are requested to bring at least one idea for the future potential project. Prepare a description of your projects / experiences and the lessons learned from your previous project and NGO and youth work; bring pictures, brochures, multimedia presentations or other materials.

Project activity week in Denmark

December 12, 2018 – December 21, 2018

- Arrival day: Wednesday, December 12, 2018
- Departure day: Friday, Decemner 21, 2018.

IMPORTANT: We are not able to cover the expenses or provide accommodation for you before/ after these dates but we will encourage you to travel to Denmark in order to get familiar with our country/ culture and see the sights

The profile of participants:

- Youth workers, volunteers working in partners' organizations with young people and also teachers who work with non-formal education methods.
- Being minimum 18 years-old, youth worker with fewer opportunities or working with this target group.
- Being motivated and able to share the project results in his / her local context and involved in dissemination and follow up process;
- Active members, volunteers or youth workers, youth leaders, multipliers, trainers working in media literacy and open to enrich their knowledge and awareness regarding the other cultures and media literacy topic.
- All participants selected for this training course must be actively involved in the organisation and in general in the youth field in their community. They have to be able to attend the full duration of the training course and fully committed to act as multipliers after the end of the training course. There can be youth workers with and without media experience among participants. Participants with fewer opportunities are welcome to take part in this project.
- Both men and women (preferably in equal numbers!)

IMPORTANT: All participants must be on time to all sessions, respecting all the program of the training course which will be sent before its implementation. Moreover, we emphasize that this is NOT a tourist stay or a vacation, and the participants must be motivated and interested in the project topics.

Accommodation

Location

‘Egeruphytten’

Egerupvej 49

4230

Skælskør

We are going to stay in a big cabin one hour from Copenhagen City and surrounded by a forest, green open spaces and very close to a beach.

Facilities

- Sleeping arrangements depends on gender division (max 3 or 4 in one room)
- **REMEMBER: Please bring own bath towels**
- CYN will provide; pillows and blankets.

Meals

Lunch and dinner are prepared by CYN kitchen team (breakfast by participants). The participants will be involved in the cooking, cleaning and preparation of activities, as it is a great opportunity to bond with and inspire each other.

Travel reimbursement grants

Financing: The seminar will be financed according the Erasmus+ Programme rules (cost of accommodation and food will be covered by the organisers, international travel cost will be reimbursed based on the distance calculator (http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmusplus/tools/distance_en.htm) after the submission of the necessary original documents (flight: tickets/itineraries, invoices, boarding passes; train, bus: tickets indicating the price). The invoices can be issued to the name of the partner organisation or to the name of the participant. The maximum travel reimbursement is 275 EURO.

We encourage the participants to present traditional, typical, local dishes; drinks; games; music; dances or whatever you find relevant in order to give the rest of us an 'insight tour' of your country, national identity and culture.

We kindly request you to bring some national snacks, drinks and music from your home country, as a contribution to the intercultural evening. You could prepare presentation about your culture or who you are. Try to think something that we could do together about your culture to promote intercultural learning in an interactive way (interactive means that you involve the audience in your presentation): for example show or teach the other participants a dance or a song from your country; or prepare a short performance, sketch or quiz to introduce the other participants to your culture. Don't worry about being perfect, this is about having fun together.

Activity week programme

In the first week of December, we will send the activity schedule to the organisation contact persons via e-mail and to all confirmed participants via our project specific Facebook group.

IMPORTANT: If you have any suggestions for content (own presentations, games, social events, relevant films or other) besides the mandatory, please inform us and we will consider the possibilities.

Communication

We will create an official project Facebook page, where all participants can communicate with each other and us regarding the project. All participants are to send an access request in order to join the page. As soon as we have created the Facebook group we will inform the partners and participants.

We wish you nice preparation, nice travel and we are looking forward to meeting you soon!



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