



Yo-Pro - Youth Work in Progress



Project type

Pilot

Contract year

2003

The Challenges

To change youth work from adult-controlled activities to encouraging young people to develop their own ideas and take control of their own activities. Increased participation in the decision process gives young people the possibility to be active contributors rather than passive consumers.

To teach young people to assume responsibility and adults to relinquish it, new methods and strategies are needed in youth work. Based on this statement, the project is developing and piloting a new training and development programme designed for youth leaders.

Description

The project will develop a model for the vocational training of youth workers and leaders. Six education modules will be designed and tested in a "learning by doing" process. The new programme will incorporate the following areas:

- Active Citizenship
- Entrepreneurship
- Empowerment
- Social Inclusion
- Equal Opportunities
- Managing Change

Aim

To enable youth leaders, in both the private and public sectors, to upgrade the skills required to work with young people between the ages of 13 and 25. In their developed role, they will act as "contributing educationalists" in a way which encourages young people to take responsibility for their own social development and that of their community.

Target group

Youth leaders involved with public, cultural and recreational activities and voluntary youth work. End-users are the young people themselves.



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Accountable organisation

Trondheim council, Chief of the Culture and Environment Department.

Contact

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Participating countries

Italy, Poland, England, Sweden, Norway.

Partner description

Skellefteå council, Østersund council, Trondheim council, Pixel Associazione, Firenze, Centrum Kształcenia Ustawicznego, Sopot and No limits education and training, Nottingham. The last three partners are private organisations involved in youth education.

Expected results and timeframe

The project ends in the spring of 2006. New methods and tools for youth work will be developed and piloted: idea generation, project management, teamwork, evaluation and empowerment strategy. A set of education modules will be available for use in an academic context, complete or in part, at university/college level. A web-portal for European youth leaders will be established.

Web site

At the moment, no web site is available. For further information, please contact Tone Christensen, email-address: tone.christensen@trondheim.kommune.no

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