

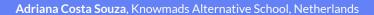
Co-creation of inclusive international youth projects

Meaningful experiences in international youth projects often stem from young people feeling that their needs and interests were met. **Creating programmes in a participatory way together with youngsters is a great way of achieving that**. It fosters coherence, ownership and allows for learning opportunities already during the process of creation.

Concrete tips and tricks on how to do that:

- In order to avoid frustrations and potential conflicts, set the frame of what is possible when asking for young people's suggestions.
- You should also remember to create the right conditions for young people to share their ideas: reach out ahead of time and offer an adapted space for these contributions to be shared.
- Young people know their interests and needs best and should be treated as
 equal partners. Talk with the young people you would like to invite to your project
 and listen to their fears, needs and desires.
- **Include young people in all parts of the programme**: co-design the youth exchange with them, let them lead activities during the exchange and conduct evaluation and dissemination together with them.

"So our biggest success in this program was to see that those participants that had expressed a very clear need, right, or being very clear about the condition that they were coming. It was very beautiful to see them acting upon their needs and co-creating with the rest of the group that were obviously also on board to make sure that they could participate and feel comfortable participating."





Reach out to your national agency for support:

Find contact details on the <u>EU commission's</u> webpage.

More resources about inclusion:

SALTO I&D Resource Centre and the Strategic Partnership for Inclusion are continuously enriching the <u>ID library</u> with up to date resources about inclusion and diversity.

