

# To Gather

SHARING METHODS AND PRACTICES  
FOR YOUTH PARTICIPATION

INFOPACK

27 November - 2 December 2024  
Altamura, Italy



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# KEY QUESTIONS



Which **tools** do we use “to gather” young people?



What are our strategies to enact **social transformation**?



What are the most effective **methodologies** we adopt to make youth participation and social inclusion possible?



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# WHAT'S "TOGATHER"?

ToGather is a PDA seminar organized by Link APS Association aimed at bringing participating organizations together to share practices and methodologies used to promote youth participation and social inclusion.

Specifically, the focus of the seminar will be on sharing the following:



**Strategies for involving youth** with fewer opportunities in social impact projects



**Facilitation techniques and methods** used in activities with youth



Ideas for **future partnership projects**



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## ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES

In each of these three phases, participants will be **directly and actively involved**. Each will be asked to share practices and methods used, as well as ideas for future collaborations.

Participants may be asked if they would like to **lead short sessions** to introduce the methodologies used in facilitation (*graphic facilitation, board games, role-play, music, circus, etc.*).

Sessions will be held to compare and **discuss** strategies adopted to engage youth in their local and international action.

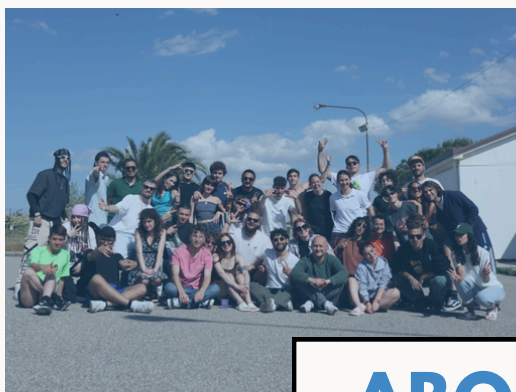
Finally, discussion tables will be organized to **co-design** new ideas. The final schedule of activities will be shared later on.



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# ABOUT LINK



Link is a youth organization founded in 2003 and based in **Altamura** (South of Italy). Through its activities, Link offers opportunities for non-formal education, mobility and intercultural exchange to young people, giving concrete answers to training needs, personal growth and the practice of active citizenship to young people and adults.

In recent years, Link has been focusing its work on various issues, including mental health, environmental sustainability, combating social inequality, promoting reading, etc.

The tools used revolve around forms of artistic expression (music, videomaking, etc.), but also the organization of public events, nature-based activities, role-playing and simulation exercises, and other approaches typical of nonformal education.



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# PROJECT'S PRIORITIES

In recent years, Link has worked on multiple **topics**, but with a special focus on:



**Inequalities and social inclusion**



**Sustainability and responsible consumption**



**Mental Health**

Through, in particular, the following **tools**:



**Performing arts, music and theater**



**Collective organization of cultural events**



**Experiential learning and learning by doing**



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## PARTICIPANTS

The project is open to both partner and third countries' organizations. **We'll prefer NGOs who are interested in or have experience with the topics and tools prioritized in the project, but also those willing to share different approaches and methodologies are welcomed.**

The seminar will involve around 25 youth workers from youth organizations working with Erasmus+ program.

We need to stress the importance of sending a person who is really involved in the organization and having the capacity to contribute actively, to take decisions and bring concrete proposals. When needed, it's possible to accept two participants from the same organization, one senior and one junior youth worker. Primarily we would like to invite all the organizations belonging to the informal network with which we already cooperated, moreover we plan to reserve 30% of places to new organizations who should send a detailed description of their work and explain why they want to participate.



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## WHEN & WHERE



The seminar will be hosted in Altamura from the **27th of November** to the **2nd of December 2024**. Arrivals on the 27th before 3PM, departure on the 2nd of December after 1PM.

Participants will be hosted in double rooms at the **B&B Malandrì**, in the old town of Altamura. Bedsheets and towels are provided by the B&B. Activities will be hosted at **Agorateca**, the community library managed by Link, which is about 20 minutes walk to the city center.



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# TRAVEL



**SAFE YOUR TRAVEL TICKETS INSIDE THE DRIVE FOLDER and read the travel instructions document!**



Please mind that travel reimbursement will be done after the end of the seminar, after the reception of the scan of all travel tickets (through Drive folders), **ONLY to organization bank accounts.**



The maximum amount for travel costs is calculated according to the provisions of the Erasmus+ program, **BUDGET RULES OF 2023.**

[Please check the distance calculator.](#)



If you want, you can arrive one day before the arrival day and leave one day after the end. In this case, the accommodation expenses for the extra-days will be **NOT** covered by the budget, so they will be **NOT** reimbursed.

**Mind:** Our National Agency does not allow to extend travel days more then this!



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# TRAVEL BUDGET

Namely: if the main part of the travel, in terms of kilometers traveled, is done by bus, train or car-pooling

Travel distance	Normal travel	Green travel
10 - 99 km	23 euro	/
100 - 499 km	180 euro	210 euro
500 - 1 999 km	275 euro	320 euro
2 000 - 2 999 km	360 euro	410 euro
3 000 - 3 999 km	530 euro	610 euro
4 000 - 7 999 km	820 euro	/

## IMPORTANT

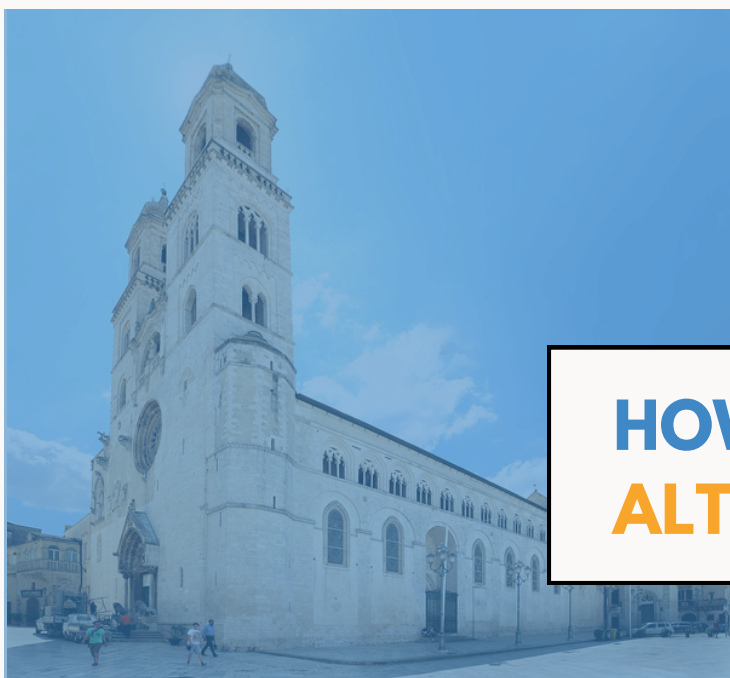
- Participants can arrive 1 day before and leaving 1 day after the project dates (27 November - 2 December 2024). The accommodation for the extra-days is not covered by the project budget;
- In case of **green travel**, participants have 2 travel days for the arrivals and other 2 travel days for the departure. We ask you to inform us in advance in case you want to use green travel.



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## HOW TO REACH ALTAMURA

### FROM BARI AIRPORT

The nearest airport is BARI PALESE. **Here you can find info about how to reach us.**



There are two chances from Bari Airport: one is by shuttle bus from (timetables [here](#)) and another one is by train. In this second case, you need to take the train from the airport (Bari K.W.) to Bari centrale and then from Bari Centrale to Altamura - [website](#). To get the train to Altamura you need to change the station. They are close to each other, the company is [Ferrovie Appulo Lucane](#)).

### FROM NAPLES OR ROME

You can check [omio](#) website to search for connections from this airports to Altamura. Ask for support and confirmation to Birgit - [link@linkyouth.org](mailto:link@linkyouth.org)



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## LINK TEAM

The seminar will be facilitated by **Birgit Atzl**, legal representative of Link and the youth worker **Marco Lorusso**. Logistics and activities will be supported by the ESC volunteers hosted by Link.

We kindly invite you also to share with us ideas of extra activities you would like to realize during free time and evenings.

## HOW TO APPLY

If you are interested, please fill in the [application form by the 4th of October 2024.](#)

If you need more information, please write to [link@linkyouth.org](mailto:link@linkyouth.org)



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