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CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS



PROJECT LAB

FutureCraft

**Redefining Sustainable Development, (De-)Growth &
Social Justice in (International) Youth Work**

12.02. - 16.02.2025 | Weimar (Germany)

**The secret of change is to focus all your energy not on fighting the old,
but on building the new.**
Socrates (attributed)

FutureCraft?

The Project Lab “FutureCraft” is a hands-on, collaborative international event focused on co-creating practical project ideas and building partnerships for future initiatives. Participants will engage in interactive sessions designed to foster brainstorming, share insights, and explore common interests that will allow potential collaborative projects.

Objectives

This 5-day event will bring together organizations, trainers, youth workers, and educators from diverse backgrounds, united by their commitment to **fostering social justice, education for sustainable development (ESD), and de-growth in their work with young people**. Participants will explore how these critical topics intersect within broader societal and ecological systems. The event will highlight the **interconnectedness of social inequality, environmental degradation, and unsustainable economic growth**.

Firstly, the event will feature expert voices from in & outside the non-formal education sector, including activists, academics, and practitioners in social justice and sustainability. **Secondly, the need for a cross-sectoral approach** in non-formal education has never been more urgent, as the complex challenges of today - ranging from climate change to inequality—cannot be solved by one discipline alone. By integrating perspectives from diverse fields, participants will develop a deeper understanding of how social, psychological, and economic systems shape the behaviours and attitudes of youth, and how they influence global challenges.

Cross-disciplinary collaboration will allow participants to break out of the borders that often limit innovation in non-formal education. For example, experts in psychology could offer insights into how young people process and engage with these large-scale issues, while economists and sustainability experts could provide a critical understanding of how systemic forces, such as consumerism, inequality, and resource depletion, affect communities.

Co-creative spaces will encourage participants to reflect on their roles and explore strategies to disrupt harmful cycles. Using the experts’ insights, they will be invited to develop new methods and tools, grounded in a multi-disciplinary understanding, to integrate into their local and international youth work and tackle these complex challenges.

As an additional layer of the event, we will create space for **networking, future collaboration, and project development**. This will provide participants with the opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals and organisations, explore new partnerships, and lay the groundwork for innovative initiatives aimed at driving positive change as described above.

Expected profile of participants

People regularly involved in civil society & academia, as legal representatives, project managers, project coordinators, researchers, educators, trainers, facilitators, social/youth workers and volunteers coming from Erasmus+ programme countries to work on future potential cross-sectoral collaboration opportunities that address current challenges in civil society, youth work and respective fields of engagement.

Travel information

We will reimburse the travel costs on the basis of the cheapest possibilities, e.g. second class railway tickets, economy class flights etc., within the provided limit, from place of residency to the venue of the activity and return, based on the rates of the “distance calculator” of the European Commission <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/de/node/2626> and related regulations as follows:

- 10-99 km: 23,00 EUR
- 100-499 km: 180,00 EUR
- 500-1999 km: 275,00 EUR
- 2000-2999 km: 360,00 EUR
- 3000-3999 km: 530,00 EUR

Green travel can be applied upon previous request & information.

Participation fees

We are aware of the difficult financial situation of many people active in the field. Nevertheless, we see the offered events as a unique opportunity for personal learning, professional development & networking which should be, beyond the received funding by European taxpayers not “for free”. Further, as a place of civic education, focusing as well on topics as (global) social justice, we decided to disrupt the vicious system of underpayment of people active in the field of (international) youth work & education, dedicating their lifetime & energy by offering fair payment for their work, e.g. as free-lance trainers, facilitators or support staff. Therefore, a financial contribution from each participant is required upon individual situation & decision:

- You are a pupil, student, unemployed person or a volunteer (reduced fee): 25,00 EUR
- You are freelanced youth worker / trainer (standard fee): 50,00 EUR
- You are a person in job/employment (solidarity fee): 75,00 EUR

In case you are not able to afford the fee, please contact us for individual solutions.

Venue, accommodation & board

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Accommodation, board (provided) & activities will take place at the Stiftung Europäische Jugendbildungs- und Jugendbegegnungsstätte Weimar (Foundation “European Youth Education and Meeting Centre in Weimar, EJBW): <http://www.ejbweimar.de/>

How to apply?

Please apply **until 28th of October 2024** via <https://forms.gle/TQdTKC9XXFk5bkdC9>

We will inform all applicants after 4th of November 2024.

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