

THE SWARM

Collective Intelligence for the Community

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PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

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LLINARS DEL VALLES, SPAIN



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INTRODUCTION

Swarm intelligence is a form of collective learning and decision-making practice based on decentralized and autonomously organized systems. In nature it is very common: flocks of birds and schools of fish act and react as groups, without instructions or directives from a single leader: the input of a single member tends to immediately alter that of the entire group.

Collective intelligence can be considered as a growth engine for every organisation, social and corporate. By bringing out the best in each of the group participants and enhancing each individual, the development of collective intelligence puts a powerful motivational dynamic into action and multiplies the knowledge of the community, because the combination of knowledge and attitudes of individuals can produce much more of their simple sum.

We imagine this meeting as a **community of practice**, a group of people who "share a concern or a passion for something they do and learn how to do it better". Swarm intelligence inspired AI that replicates the collective behavior and cooperation of large numbers of homogeneous, self-organized, and decentralized agents.

What impact does all this have on our work with young people and communities?

BACKGROUND

THE SWARM is driven by two key elements: the recent accreditation of INCA Catalunya under the Erasmus+ Youth program and our collaboration with Link Association. This partnership has prompted us to reflect on best practices through two main lenses: first, INCA's approach to developing strategies for innovative artistic and educational activities across diverse spaces; and second, how Link Association's Community Library, Agorateca, successfully hosts a variety of educational and cultural programs for children, youth, and adults.

From these interconnected experiences, the idea for a seminar emerged, aimed at sharing best practices, exploring new entities engaged in cultural activities, visiting a significant venue, and planning future projects. Recognizing the essential role of trans cooperation between community spaces and other entities (artists, educators, youth workers, cultural managers etc.) in youth education, the seminar will focus on fostering new collaborations and partnerships, sharing resources, enhancing strategic alliances, and exploring innovative approaches (new tech, AI, etc.).



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ABOUT INCA

INCA Catalunya is an organization dedicated to utilizing performing arts to benefit the community through immersive and participatory strategies. It promotes youth development and educational initiatives via a variety of programs, emphasizing international collaboration and community empowerment. By providing access to the arts and opportunities for cultural exchange, skill development, and audience engagement, INCA Catalunya seeks to enhance learning experiences. Its innovative projects aim to foster vibrant, inclusive communities that thrive on creativity and collaboration.



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ABOUT LINK



For 20 years, Associazione Link has been dedicated to working with young people across Europe and the local area to implement European projects. Our organization focuses on promoting social inclusion, youth engagement, and intercultural dialogue through a wide range of activities. We offer training, workshops, and events designed to empower young individuals and foster community development, often utilizing the arts as a means of expression and connection.

www.linkyouth.org

www.agorateca.it



Link

Erasmus+ accredited organization



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SHORT DESCRIPTION

THE SWARM is a seminar designed to bring together diverse stakeholders to explore best practices, foster connections, and develop collaborative projects. Participants will have the opportunity to network, share insights, and plan long-term cooperation, all while applying new ideas in their local contexts.

OBJECTIVES

- Create opportunities to connect and build relationships with diverse stakeholders in the arts and education sectors.
- Provide a platform for sharing successful strategies and innovative approaches in community engagement and youth development.
- Encourage participants to brainstorm and outline potential collaborative projects that leverage the strengths of each organization involved.
- Plan for Long-Term Cooperation: Support the development of sustainable partnerships by outlining actionable steps for ongoing collaboration beyond the seminar.
- Adapt and Implement Local Strategies to apply new ideas and practices in local contexts, enhancing the impact of initiatives.



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ACTIVITIES

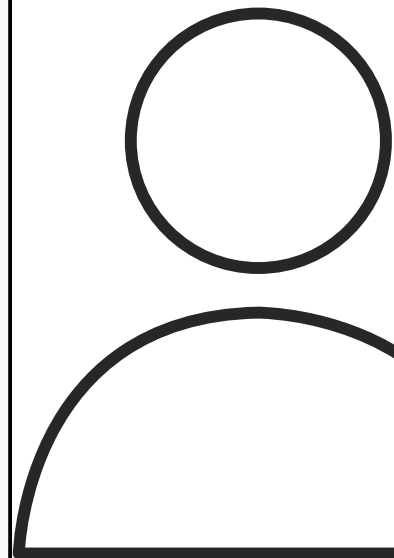
STUDY-CASES
GOOD PRACTICES
KNOWING EACH OTHER
VISIT

1. PLANNING PROJECTS:
YOUTH EXCHANGES AND TRAININGS
2. STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS
3. SHARING RESOURCES

PARTICIPANT'S PROFILE

We are looking for cultural operators, project managers, organisers, with the following characteristics:

- Being able to share their organisations experience (including OI&D).
- Interested to develop new partnerships
- Possess fluency in English to ensure effective communication and collaboration.
- Representatives of an organization which is involved in Erasmus+, Creative, organise a Festival, manage a community Space.



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VENUE

Activities will be hosted at MOGENT in LLINARS DEL VALLES. The place is an old monastery located in the country side. 15 min. Walk from the train station.

The place has plenty of rooms to carry out the activities, there is slow wi-fi connection.

All the programme will be implemented here.



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FINANCIAL RULES

Travel, board and lodging expenses are covered by the European fund. Regarding the travel, the expenses will be reimbursed within the limits of the ceilings as foreseen by the User's Guide of the program Erasmus+ ([distance calculator](#)) and according to the rules of the Partnership Agreement that will be signed.

In the case you want to use **GREEN TRAVEL** option please contact us.

The project dates are 20TH-26th OF JANUARY 2025 (**travel days included**). If you want, you can arrive one day before the beginning of the project 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.

To get reimbursed, you need to send us, at the end of the project, all the documents related to the travel (tickets, invoices, receipts etc.).

HOW TO APPLY

Do you want to apply?
Please use the following LINK!

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