

Integration through Youth Work

Report on 64 events in Latvia & Lithuania

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The report¹ includes over 60 different actions & methods, which involve refugees into youth work. These were tested in real environment in Lithuania & Latvia throughout summer and autumn of 2017 (as activities of a wider Erasmus+ project "Together: Refugees & Youth" (TRY)).



Publication is a product of: 1) research on the feasibility of integration through youth work²; 2) a corresponding training event for Latvian & Lithuanian youth workers³; and 3) a previously created methodology⁴ for 64 integration events in Latvia & Lithuania. It not only lists activities for such refugee integration, but also regards how to:

Every separate activity/action/method has a brief description on what it is and how it was implemented. It also gives tips & recommendations (for implementation) where and when applicable. In addition, the descriptions tell about the venues used, recommended number of people and anything else of importance (such as the amount of time required & whether it helped the integration much – in 5-star ratings). If available, every activity also provides a testimonial from the participant, as well as press releases, links & photos.

The report also states that it is of key importance to properly organise and coordinate the activities. To that end, they provide findings on the four main aspects of implementation:

1. ensuring continuous participation of both refugees & youth
2. preparing the groups and avoiding & diffusing potential clashes
3. making the activities interesting, relevant & useful
4. public relations & communication.

¹ Note that all the opinions expressed in this publication, any conclusions and recommendations do not necessarily coincide with the position of the European Commission and/or Erasmus+.

² Summary of the research - <http://refugees.lt/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/TRY-Research-Summary.pdf>

³ Press release after the training - <https://www.facebook.com/notes/refugees-in-europe/refugee-integration-in-the-baltics/223646298062701>

⁴ Initial methodology for TRY integration events - <https://refugees.lt/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Pilot-programme-1.1..pdf>

Summary of activities

Note: the fourth column indicates whether the activity is good for building up a link between the participants. This rating is given on a 1 to 5 scale (where 1 means not suitable; and 5 – very suitable). The colour code for this column is as following: red – no satisfactory result; green – very satisfactory results. While yellow means that the activity is neutral in this sense.

No.	Title	Duration (in hours)	Rating for integration
Took place in Lithuania Error! Reference source not found.			
1.	Lithuanian Traditional Cooking Workshop (Rukla & Vilnius)	2-2.5	5
2.	Language games	2	4
3.	Adventures in Dūkštai Educational Trail	4-5	5
4.	Playing Arts Workshop	2-2.5	5
5.	Language Café (VA Caritas)	2	4
6.	World Refugee Day (Rukla Reception Centre)	3-5	5
7.	Integration Picnic (VA Caritas)	2	4.5
8.	Closer to the refugees ("Arčiau pabėgėlių")	2	5
9.	Garden Day	2	5
10.	Let's play Board games	2	3
11.	Magic Show with Rokas Bernatonis	4-5	5
12.	Lithuanian Folk Dances	2 – 2.5	5
13.	Grillin' & Chillin'	2 – 3	5
14.	Let's play together	2	5
15.	Presenting Italy	2	5
16.	Arab Culture Pub-Quiz	2 – 3	5
17.	Refugees in "Open Kitchen"	2 days	5
18.	Inspirational videos evening	2	4
19.	Bingo/Charades evening	2	5
20.	Henna Tattoo evening	2	4
21.	We run Vilnius Together	2	5
22.	United Football Tournament	4	5
23.	Basketball Together	2.5	5
24.	Ramadan - Iftar dinner (VA Caritas)	2	5
25.	Music evening (Red Cross)	2	5
26.	Sharing is caring	2	5
27.	Social Business Idea Challenge	4 months	5
Took place in Latvia			
28.	Workshop on Morocco and Arabic culture	2.5	4,5
29.	Faith moves mountains	3	3.5
30.	Social entrepreneurship opportunity workshop	2	4

31.	Handcraft workshop	2-3	5
32.	One roof for global stories	1.5-2	4,5
33.	Picnic and sports	1.5-2	4,5
34.	Sports together	2	4,5
35.	Ramadan Together	2-4	4,5
36.	Hiking in Zemgale	2-3	4
37.	World refugee day in Latvia	1.5-2	5
38.	Midsummer celebration day	1.5-2	4,5
39.	Learning Europe languages	1.5-2	4
40.	Social Business inclusion	2-3	4,5
41.	Intercultural dinner party	2.5-3	4
42.	Boosting intercultural awareness	1-1.5	4
43.	inclusion	1.5-2	4,5
44.	Getting to know Eritrea	1.5-2	4
45.	Creating open space for intercultural dialogue	1.5-2	4
46.	Today's youth – tomorrow's vision	1.5-2	4
47.	Youth together, part I	2	4
48.	Youth together, part II	2	4,5
49.	Kurdish cultural evening	2	3,5
50.	Open cinema evening	2	4,5
51.	Intercultural meetup with students	2	4,5
52.	Storytelling evening	2.5-3	4,5
53.	Ukrainian cultural event	1.5-2	4
54.	Table games zone	2	5
55.	Story sharing for better experience	2	4
56.	Loesje workshop, part I	4	4,5
57.	Loesje workshop, part II	2	4,5
58.	Karaoke evening	2	5
59.	Human Library	2-2.5	5

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