

TOGETHER: REFUGEES & YOUTH



Project on youth work
role in supporting social
integration of refugees



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Objectives of the project

Main goal: to create a special programme/methodology through which youth workers could include refugees in their work with youth

Objectives:

- 1) **improve local youth work** by involving refugees with their skills & experience;
- 2) **integrate refugees to the societies faster** by allowing cultural exchange with the local youth;
- 3) also help their integration by **promoting more favourable public**;
- 4) **raise the competences of youth workers**, by providing them with tools & standards for multi-cultural element in their work;
- 5) **lower xenophobia, racism and foster multilingualism** of the local youth.

Timeline

Project duration: June 2016 through May 2018 (2 years)

Stages:

1. Research
- 2. Training course (Dec '16)**
3. Methodology creation & promotion
4. Pilot programme (starting with June 2017)
5. Social business idea challenge & refugee friendly label contest (fall of 2017)
6. Continuation & long-term (starting from 2018)

What now?

The goal of this training course is to:

1. analyse the findings of the research, and offer strategic pillars for the pilot:
 - how to best involve refugees into youth work;
 - how to avoid cultural clashes;
 - how to make such cooperation enjoyable for all the parties involved;
 - how to use this for refugee integration.
2. give necessary skills, competences and insights required for working with and along refugees

What's next

1. Methodology creation - centred on the 4 strategic pillars
2. Promotion across youth centres in LV & LT (April 2017)
3. Pilot programme with 32 weekly events in LV & LT (starting with June 2017)
 - based on the created methodology

Expected (tangible) results

- **Special programme/methodology**, which involves refugees into youth work;
- **Social Business Idea Challenge** – contest for business ideas aimed at helping refugees on their integration;
- **‘Refugee-friendly’ label/badge** that will be awarded to business/organizations (or individuals) that help or employ refugees or support various related initiatives;
- **Web-platform**, which would include helpful resources created during the project.

Intangible results are expected as well (i.e. less xenophobia)

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS