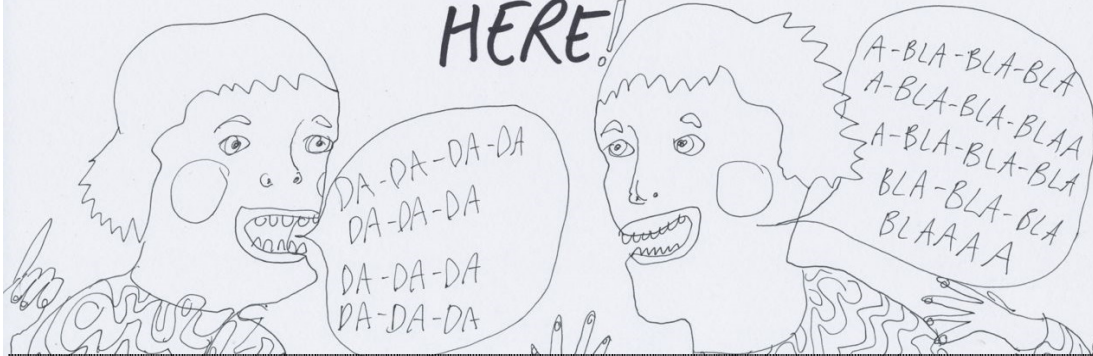


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IT QUIET WITH  
YOUR COMPETENCES  
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**We don't need no education! Or do we?**

Meeting the challenges of working in the youth field -  
how can education and training help to address these  
challenges?

International seminar for trainers, teachers, curricula  
responsibles, training organisers etc working in the  
academic and non-formal education in youth field.

In Tallinn, Estonia, 14-17.10.2013

## Dear colleague,

We are happy to announce the international seminar aimed at exploring the diversity of educational practices supporting the quality in youth field<sup>1</sup> - from formal to non-formal education settings in their various levels.

We offer a platform for different stakeholders to meet and discover the role and contributions of these practices to the development of quality in youth field. Also to share the most exciting practices as well as to discuss the ideas for future actions needed for further developments.

Hence the seminar seeks to answer:

What, how, why, when and where is provided to educate the actors of youth field - in formal and non-formal environments - to contribute to the quality of youth field?

### OBJECTIVES:

- to frame and explore the key challenges of the youth field, from grassroots to European levels;
- to explore the role and potential of educating and training youth field actors in support of quality and capacity building in the youth field;
- to share realities and practices in different countries, taking into account the specifics and potentials of formal and non-formal settings in education and training;
- to provide opportunities for mutual learning and developing ideas for future co-operation across contexts and levels;
- to look for ways to support personal and professional development of people involved in education and training in youth field with support from European programmes and beyond.

Estonia is happy to host the seminar that links with the achievements of the national program “Developing youth work quality” that has been implemented in the years 2008-2013 in the frame of European Social Fund. The seminar also links to the priorities of European Training Strategy that contributes to the development of youth field in Europe and has relevance to the new EU programme for 2014-2020.

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- <sup>1</sup> Youth work is a broad term covering a large scope of activities of a social, cultural, educational or political nature both by, with and for young people. Increasingly, such activities also include sport and services for young people. Youth work takes place in the extra curricular area, as well as through specific leisure time activities, and is based on non-formal and informal learning processes and on voluntary participation (Resolution on youth work. Council of European Union, 2010). In the context of this seminar, youth field is used as a complex term, encompassing both the youth work as well as the policy dimension related to youth (issues).

## PARTICIPANTS:

The seminar welcomes up to 65 people who are **connected to education and training for youth field actors in Europe: trainers, teachers and lecturers, curricula responsables, organisers of training, institutions and umbrella organisations from the fields of education and training, policy makers and researchers, National Agency representatives dealing with training etc.**

The diversity of the group of participants in terms of their backgrounds and educational approaches is one of the intrinsic values of the seminar. We would especially like to welcome participants who:

- are ready to share some innovative educational practices supporting the quality of youth field;
- have launched educational projects and/or introduced systematic approaches towards youth field actor's training through co-operation between formal education and non-formal training;
- are interested in expanding their international networks in the field of education and training.

## PROGRAMME:

The programme of the seminar will start in the afternoon **14<sup>th</sup> of October** and **departures are planned from the morning of 17<sup>th</sup> of October**. The programme will include thematic inputs, debates and discussions, workshops for sharing inspiring practices and cultural programme. Working language of the seminar is English.

Participants are encouraged to introduce their **educational practices supporting the quality in youth field**, incl. materials, manuals, tools, examples of academic curricula, quality and competence frameworks, research projects around education and training, cooperation projects between academic and youth field, further training programmes, policy frameworks, initiatives to support the internationalisation of youth field etc. Please see the application form for making your proposal for possible contribution in this respect.

**Design of the programme high-lights the following key themes:**

- Challenges of working in the youth field and how to address these in relation to the quality in youth field;
- Current practices in educating and training youth field actors in support of quality and capacity building - what can we learn from these?
- Building the future: what is emerging today and what is needed?

Day 1: 14 <sup>th</sup> of October	Day 2: 15 <sup>th</sup> of October	Day 3: 16 <sup>th</sup> of October
Building the connections and creating the context: who is in the room? What has brought us to the learning space? What is happening in the field?	Current practices on the field to meet these challenges: what is working today? What new is emerging?	Future perspectives: What is needed, what else is possible in the framework of new programme perspective?
Linking with each other, personal reasons to be here and linking to the theme/challenges	What is really happening on the field, what are the current education and training offers?	Dreaming for future training and education... Where are we going? What is needed now? What is possible?
Challenges in the youth field and what is there for me personally and professionally?	Stories from the field: Sharing the practices/examples in different contexts	Personal questions and projects: creating the new!
What do these needs tell me? What does it mean to the education and training field? Quality in youth field?	Stories from the field: What do we notice? What works? What else is needed? Where lies innovation/newness? What does it mean to me? What do we see emerging?	Evaluations and Closing
Personal reflection Collective harvesting, “sense-making”		
Cultural program		

The programme facilitation will be supported by the team of two trainers: Andreas Karsten from Germany and Piret Jeedas from Estonia.



**Andreas** works in the wide field of lifelong learning at the junction of research, policy and practice for Demokratie & Dialog and the Generation and Educational Science Institute. He is one of the founders of [www.nonformality.org](http://www.nonformality.org) portal and works with organisations and institutions on learning and training, human rights and empowerment, citizenship and participation, and change and common sense. One key area of interest and experience relates to the development of learner-centred and interaction-focused online learning scenarios and settings. He also contributes to the development of a new M.A. on European Youth Studies.

**Piret** has extensive experience in non-formal education and trainings in youth work and in addition to her free-lance training career in these areas, she works as lecturer at Tallinn University Adult Education Department. She is passionate about creating spaces for inspiring learning where something new is ready to emerge. Her calling is to support leaders in hosting meaningful change processes through simple practices like circle or open space and is happy to have had the chance to learn from some of the most outstanding practitioners in the field of participative leadership like Peter Senge, Otto Scharmer and Juanita Brown.

In addition to Piret and Andreas, several experts from the European youth field as well as formal and non-formal settings of education and training will contribute to the programme.

## **ORGANISERS AND PARTNERS:**

Seminar is organised by Foundation Archimedes, Estonian National Agency in the frame of the European Social Fund programme “Developing youth work quality” with support from the European Union Youth in Action programme National Agencies’ network.

Seminar is planned and implemented with the support from the Steering Group, involving the Youth In Action National Agencies in United Kingdom and Slovakia and in consultation with representatives of academic institutions holding youth work curricula in Estonia: Narva College of

University of Tartu, Viljandi Cultural Academy of University of Tartu and Pedagogical College of Tallinn University.

Youthpolicy.org - a global community and knowledge base on youth policy - will contribute to the success of the seminar as partner responsible for dissemination and exploitation of its results to wider public.

## PRACTICALITIES:

**Deadline for applications: 14.07.2013**

**Date of pre-selection for NA-s: 29.07.2013**

**Information on selection results for participants: 26.08.2013**

**Seminar in Estonia: 14-17.10.2013**

The sending National Agencies are expected to cover the travel costs of the selected participants from their countries to the venue. The organisers will cover the programme costs of the seminar, incl. accommodation and meals for all selected participants.

So far the following National Agencies have expressed their interest to support the participation of their selected representatives: Austria, Belgium-Flanders, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Sweden, Turkey and United Kingdom. In case of free places and in agreement with respective National Agency, also participants from other countries than mentioned above are welcome to join.

Participation of the staff of National Agencies is welcomed and needs to be

covered additionally by the respective NA.

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\* The drawing on the cover is a graphical visualisation done by Joonmeedia - a research environment for drawing, which interacts with social themes, simulates the media and creates the different way of reflections and coverage of events. They have also been working during educational events in youth field, both in the frame of Youth In Action and "Developing youth work quality" programmes, see <http://www.drawingmedia.blogspot.com>