

youth connections



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About the project

Youth Connections is a project funded by the Erasmus+ programme aiming to create a strong link between young migrants (refugees, asylum seekers) and European youth through creative work and cultural activities to foster social inclusion.

The creation of a bridge between youth living in the EU will enable them to engage in peer-to-peer intercultural dialogue and so become more open-minded, thereby creating a more socially inclusive young society.

The project focuses on raising awareness regarding the current situation of newcomers and social issues in their home countries as well as in their hosting countries around the EU.

In the framework of Youth Connections project, four outputs will be developed:

- A methodological framework based on storytelling involving target groups since the beginning of the project
- A Social Inclusion Handbook including practical activities and tools to involve young people in online and direct settings
- A Youth Connections Charter for social inclusion and quality youth work including Policy Recommendations, aiming to foster social inclusion between young resident refugees, asylum seekers, migrants and EU youth.
- A Protocol for certification of competencies used as a guide to validate and certify the competences of any professional making use of the innovative learning approach developed by the project.

Training for youth professionals working in multicultural settings

The partnership has developed an innovative Training for youth professionals working in multicultural settings.

This training aims to answer the demand of the professionals and youth workers that are contributing daily to strengthen the impact of associations to foster diversity and social inclusion of the targeted youth.

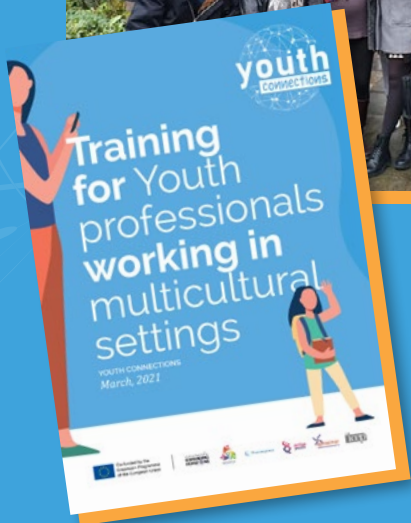
This training is a collection of tools, learning modules, good practices and innovative methodologies to guide youth workers (teachers, social workers, trainers) in the facilitation of effective and quality peer-to-peer learning

within small multicultural groups (of young people from European and immigrants/refugees' backgrounds).

It is a response to promote social cohesion between young Europeans and Non-Europeans by strengthening youth workers skills and competencies enabling them to develop, together with the targeted youth, common frameworks and practices promoting non-discriminatory behaviours and mutual respect.

<https://www.youth-connection.eu/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Training-Modules-for-youth-professionals-working-in-multicultural-settings-ENG.pdf>

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Storytelling & youth

Storytelling is one of the methodologies used in Youth Connections project. It is the art of telling stories using words and actions to unveil another person or to a group specific elements and images forming part of a story, which generally aims at encouraging the audience's imagination.

Storytelling is a powerful tool to build empathy with others, enhance memorisation and it is enjoyable. Storytelling is indeed a particularly useful tool to share knowledge and create links between the group, to make them feel inspired and connected emotionally to one another, making them focus on the points in common rather than the differences. It would also give an advantage to the youth worker as the storytelling would be used to maintain a certain amount of control over the group, while making them have an enjoyable moment during the learning and bonding process. For each young individual, storytelling is a beneficial activity that can recall a moment of life, during school education or at home.

Handbook – Tools for Youth Workers

Another innovative product of the Youth Connections partnership is the Handbook – Tools for Youth Workers.

The Handbook represents a practical guide for youth workers and European stakeholders to facilitate high-quality youth work aimed at fostering cooperation between European youth, migrants, refugees and asylum seekers.

With this Handbook the users will be provided with helpful technical tools, tips and tricks that can be used in their daily working practices with the youth to promote multiculturalism and social inclusion.

<https://www.youth-connection.eu/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/YC-Handbook-Tools-for-Youth-Workers-ENG.pdf>

Video tutorials have also been developed by the partnership. **Follow our Youtube page!**
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVGrZCjVTiF2uwcDuJYWuPQ>

Next steps

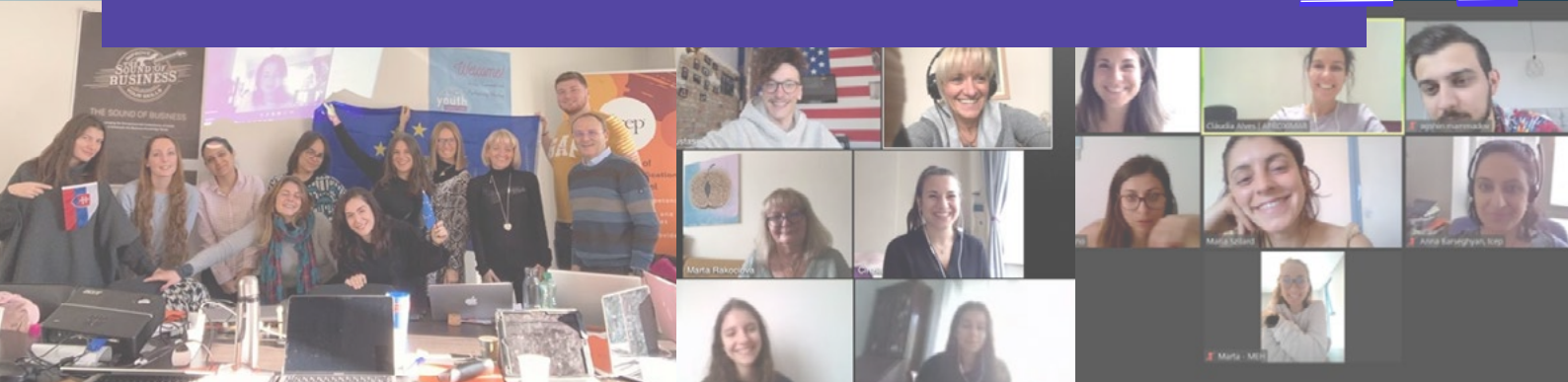
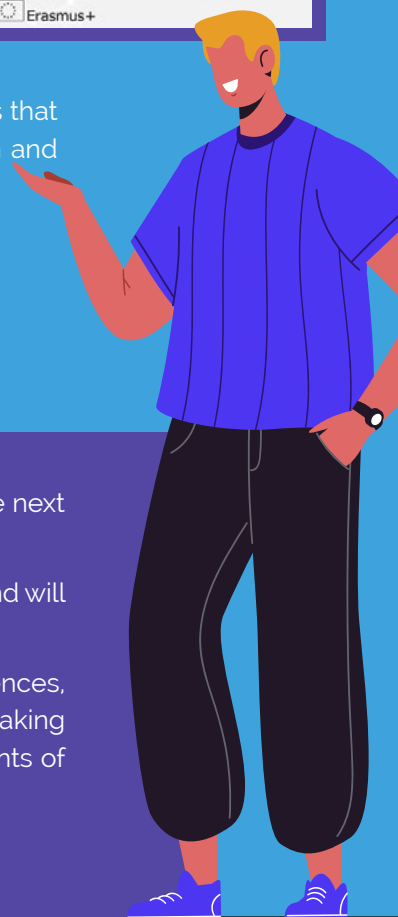
After our 4th TPM in Bratislava in November 2021, the partnership has worked on the next steps of the Project.

A Youth Connections Charter for Inclusion and Quality Youth work is being finalised and will be ready by the beginning of December.

The partnership has also been working on a Protocol for certification of competences, used as a guide to validate and certify the competences of any professional making use of the innovative learning approach developed by this project and of the contents of the training tools developed.

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