



A training course on using GAMES for effective non-formal learning of youngsters

INTERNATIONAL TRAINING COURSE

Y O U R
T U R N

GAMES IN NFL

KOBULETI, GEORGIA, 26/09-04/10/2015

INFO PACK

General idea:

From our experience we have observed that while we are quite experienced and successful at providing NFL activities for “older young people” (16+), we are still missing skills on how to attract effectively and involve in NFL activities youngsters. Younger young people are simply often not attracted by common NFL activities which often require skills to analyze and discuss issues in an organized way (circles, long talking..) and to already be a conscious learner (too much reflecting..). They prefer learning process which is much more dynamic and fun. Therefore, during this training course we want to focus on GAMES as an effective way to promote youngsters’ learning.



The general idea of this project is to bring together people that do youth work with younger youngsters (12-16 y.o.) to **share experiences and develop competencies on using GAMES in non-formal settings not only as an element of fun, but as an effective learning opportunity for youth.**

The **contents** of the training course would include:

- Exploring the concept of games and playing as a crucial opportunity for young people to learn
- Identifying the competencies that could be developed through games that are required for young peoples’ active participation in social life and for employment
- Exchanging the experience on most commonly used types of games in different contexts
- Raising awareness on the principles, values and characteristics of non-formal learning (NFL) and exploring Experiential Learning cycle as a crucial tool to extract important learning outcomes from games
- Developing skills on designing, facilitating games and getting high learning outcomes through good quality debriefing process
- Providing a space to develop further ideas on using the games as an effective learning opportunity at the local level or through future projects of Erasmus+

Participants:

26 youth workers, peer-to-peer educators, youth leaders that work with younger youngsters (12-16 y.o.) in youth centers, NGOs, schools, etc. – 2-3 representatives from each country – Programme countries and Eastern Partnership countries and Russia (see more precise division by countries at travel expenses part).

As the working language will be English, all participants should have good level of English skills not only to be able to understand the language, but also participate in discussions and act as independent facilitators of games and learning process in English.

Location and dates:

Arrival date to Kobuleti: September 26th 2015

(Please note that in order to arrive in Kobuleti on 26th of September, most probably you will have to leave your country already on 25th September..)

Departure date from Georgia: October 4th, 2015

LOCATION: KOBULETI, GEORGIA

Kobuleti is a little town in Ajara, western Georgia, on the eastern coast of Black Sea. It's about 20 minutes drive from Batumi, one of the biggest and most beautiful cities in Georgia, and 300 km far from Tbilisi.



The main activities will take place in a small hotel in Kobuleti. Although September a bit rainy, it's still a high season in Ajara, so the group will be able to enjoy Black Sea in autumn.

The detailed information about the hotel will be provided later to the participants of the course.

Financial conditions:

The training course will be implemented in the framework of EU "ERASMUS+" Programme (mobility of youth workers, key action 1). The **accommodation and food** will be **covered fully**. **Travel expenses** will be **reimbursed at flat rates depending on travel distance**.

Partner organization	Country	Number of participants (including trainers and support staff)	Distance in kilometers	EUR per 1 participant
Association for Initiatives and Cooperation "Yard"	LATVIA	3	2000 - 2999 KM	360.00
Asociatia Centrul de Tineret Tinklub Braila	ROMANIA	2	500 - 1999 KM	275.00
You in Europe	GREECE	2	500 - 1999 KM	275.00
Youth NGO "Iskra"	UKRAINE	1	500 - 1999 KM	275.00
Public Organization "Invalidiv "Rodyna"	UKRAINE	2	500 - 1999 KM	275.00
COMITATO GEMELLAGGI	ITALY	2	2000 - 2999 KM	360.00
Regional'naya obshhestvennaya organizaciya sodeistviya grazhdanskim iniciativam "Molodezh' dlya budushhego"	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	3	100 - 499 KM	180.00
Bochumer Bildungschancen e.V.	GERMANY	2	2000 - 2999 KM	360.00
Gyumri "Youth Initiative Centre" NGO	ARMENIA	3	100 – 499 KM	180.00
The Starry Start of Talents Foundation	BULGARIA	2	500 - 1999 KM	275.00
Stowarzyszenie "Dorośli – Dzieciom"	POLAND	3	2000 - 2999 KM	360.00
Non Formal Education Youth Centre "Sunny House"	GEORGIA	6	100 – 499 KM	180.00
Total numbers of participants:		31		



With receiving this info pack, you are expected to start checking the options for tickets to finish the procedure of buying **tickets the soonest possible** (to make sure that they are still cheap ☺).

There are three international airports in Georgia:

Airport Name (Code)	Approximate traveling time to Kobuleti
Tbilisi International Airport (TBS)	30 mins (taxi)
Kutaisi International Airport (KUT)	3.30 hours (minibus)
Batumi International Airport (BUS)	(minibus 6 hours; night train 8h 40mins; daytime train 5h 15mins)

We recommend www.skyscanner.com for flight search. Please note that you may need a connecting flight through Kiev or Istanbul or other destination.

Once you have chosen a flight connection, please consult it with: **Daniel Wargin, the main coordinator** – daniello13@wp.pl, +48 600062665. Please note that only when he gives you **“green light” for the connection and price**, you are allowed to buy tickets.

***BONUS TIPS:**

As during the project we will not have much time for sightseeing, if you would like to see more of Georgia (it is very special ☺), you can arrive one day earlier or leave one day later, but then make sure that you receive “green light” from us for that.

If you need to spend an extra night in Tbilisi, we recommend these hostels, with comfortable environment and fair prices (EUR 10-15):

1. Why not hostel - 15/4 Tabukashvili Street, Tbilisi, Georgia; www.whynothostels.com
2. Nest hostel – 32 Purtseladze Street, Tbilisi, Georgia; www.nesthosteltbilisi.com
3. Honey hostel – 41 Marjanishvili Street, Tbilisi, Georgia;
https://www.facebook.com/honeyhostel.tbilisi/media_set?set=a.1383704888519569.1073741826.100006402127727&type=1&pnref=story

Transportation in Georgia:

When you arrive in Georgia, we will help you to organize travelling to the training location - Kobuleti. The expenses of getting there will be covered from the general travel costs and deducted from the reimbursement amount.

Coordinators and trainers:

The main coordinator of the project is an organization from Sępólno Krajeńskie, Poland Stowarzyszenie „Dorośli – Dzieciom” („Adults for Children” Association). This NGO has been very active in the youth field for many years.

The organization taking care of logistics and hosting the training in Georgia is Non-formal Education Youth Centre “Sunny House”. It has been actively working on national level in the field of youth work and non-formal learning since 2003.

The training will be implemented by two experienced trainers:

Ieva Grundšteine (Latvia):

Ieva has been working in the youth field since 2001 and last 6 years is a trainer of non-formal learning in the field of youth – as a local and European project initiator and manager. She has carried already more than 65 international trainings for different target groups (youth workers, teachers and others).

**Nina Gogoladze (Georgia)**

Nina Gogoladze is a trainer and consultant in non-formal education and youth work. Since 2003 she has been implementing numbers of training-programs on personal development and practical psychology, youth work and non-formal education. Although Nina is more actively working on the national level, she has extensive experience of conducting international trainings.

**How to apply?**

To apply, you must send us your application form **by Saturday, August 1st** the very latest to e-mail daniello13@wp.pl.

When we will confirm your participation in the training course, you will be asked to check the travel options, consult them with Daniel and buy the ticket.

Insurance:

All the participants are required to make their own travel insurance for the time of the training course.

Further information:

As soon as we get the list of all participants, we will keep you updated with all the new information regarding the project. We will create a Facebook group to enable our communication more smooth and invite you to join it.

Should you have more questions, please do not hesitate to ask. We are looking forward to meet all of you here, in Georgia.

On behalf of organizers team:

Daniel Wargin: daniello13@wp.pl, mobile: +48 600062665



Annex 1 - Preliminary Programme of the Training Course (changes, of course, are possible)

Time / day	Arrival	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Departure		
09:00 – 09:15	Arrivals and free time in training location	B r e a k f a s t									
09.30 -11.30		Introduction to training Getting-to-know each other through games	Opening discussion on understanding the concept of Playing and Games	Discovering the power of various types of Games – experiential learning in practice	Study visit to local youth organization/center that is actively using games as a NFL tool	Reflection after study visits Discussion: From Games to Learning	Implementation of worked out GAMES – part II (in 2 parallel groups) Reflection and feedback	The power of non-formal learning – personal and group reflection Me and my youth work reality – where is the space for games?!	Farewell and departure of participants		
11:30 – 12:00		C o f f e e b r e a k									
12:00 – 13:30		Expectations, motivation, approach, methodology, programme Introduction to Youthpass and Identifying Learning objectives	21-st century competencies – required for active participation in social life and for employment How can Games develop these competencies?	Discovering the power of various types of Games – experiential learning in practice	Practicing skills of facilitating games: playing games with local youth	Practical part: Laboratory of GAMES – choosing/developing games that develop concrete competences	Implementation of worked out GAMES – part III (in 2 parallel groups) Reflection and feedback	Brief outline of Erasmus+ programme Sharing useful resources			
13:30 – 15:00		L u n c h									
15:00 – 16:30 16.30 – 17.00		Ice-breaking activities and getting to know each others' professional background Team & trust-building games	Building a common theoretical understanding: Typology of Games and main elements of games	Theory on Experiential Learning and Debriefing The Art of Facilitation of Games	Excursion	Practical part: Laboratory of GAMES – choosing/developing games that develop concrete competences	Implementation of worked out GAMES – part IV (in 2 parallel groups) Reflection and feedback	Developing ideas on follow-up steps (personal, community and international level) and Networking			
17:00 – 18:30		Welcome activities and dinner	Team & trust-building – City Game	Understanding different types of learning Standards of good quality non-formal learning process – characteristics and how to make it work	Forum – sharing the Games that are most commonly used with youngsters at the local level	Excursion	Implementation of worked out GAMES – part I (in 2 parallel groups) Reflection and feedback	Implementation of worked out GAMES – part V (in 2 parallel groups) Reflection and feedback		Summing up the learning outcomes of the training and Youthpass Evaluation Closing	
8.30 – 19.00			R e f l e c t i o n - F a m i l y g r o u p s								
19:00 – 19:45			D i n n e r								
After 20:00			Presenting Results of City Game	GAMES from Different countries I – Intercultural Learning	Free evening	GAMES from Different countries II – Intercultural Learning	Work in progress ...	Free-style evening		See You Again Ceremony	