

Call for Experts for 2014 TCA Projects

Name of Project: **School Inclusion Units – Study Visit**

Outline

Some schools in the UK have 'inclusion units' for young people who may have been affected by criminal activity, violence to staff and other pupils, behavioural issues which in turn causes disruption in class. Often these are based on experiential learning.

This project is a continuation of a 2013 and 2014 project to look at how non-formal education can be used to work with young people who are excluded from mainstream education, and how it can be used to support their development.

This project will seek to build on the outcomes of the previous projects through taking a cross-sector approach and through increasing the number of participants coming from teaching and social work backgrounds. The aim is to make this project a cross between a study visit, training course and seminar, with a focus on linking groups of people together to share expertise, opinions, and working methods, leading to a more collaborative approach towards fostering inclusion.

Participating Countries: Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Ireland, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, and Salto Inclusion

Objectives of the activity

- To establish connection between teachers, youth workers, social workers, police, et al to share practice, make links, and find ways to work together
- To look at how informal, non-formal and formal learning can blend together in supporting the development of excluded pupils
- To visit organisations that use non-formal/ 'alternative' learning to compliment formal learning
- To network and share examples of good practice from around Europe
- To look at opportunities for cross-sector working through Erasmus+
- To make this project a cross between a Study-Visit, Seminar and Training Course (the focus should be on linking the group and connecting people)

Required Outputs

Plan, prepare and facilitate a four-day seminar to be held in the UK in April/May 2015, working with a trainer from UK.

Support the development of the concept for TCA 2015 project Formal-Non-Formal: Youth Work in School organised by Estonian National Agency for Erasmus+: Youth in Action programme.

Tasks

- Work with a trainer from UK
- Attend and make input at the prep meeting in January 2015 (Dates TBC)
- Take evaluation of the previous project and build on it
- Link to other NAs for their needs and input
- Link to external experts who can make input (Linda Cushenan from British Council, Victor Allen - freelance)
- Prepare content and deliver a four-day international study visit (April/May 2015, exact dates TBC)

Expectation for the trainer

- Knowledge and experience of informal, formal, and non-formal education and inclusion policies
- Experience of alternative education provision
- Experience of excluded young people and mainstream education
- Experience of managing difficult behaviour

Fee

Prep Meeting: 2 days x €300 = €600

Study Visit: 4 days x €300 x 2 = €2400

Total fee: €3000

Plus T & S in accordance with contract rates for travel to meeting and study visit.

How to apply

Please email your motivated expression of interest with your initial ideas for the concept of the activity and CV (both in English) to siim.varv@archimedes.ee **no later than Friday 31st October 2014**. Please refer to same e-mail address or +372 62 68 970 (Siim Värvi) in case of any questions you might have.