



## **Creative Partnership Initiative to Empower Young People**

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### **INFORMATION PACK**

***1<sup>st</sup> training course in Jaunpils, Latvia***

***Dates of training course: 3<sup>rd</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017 (including travel days)***

#### **Project Partners:**

Dacorum Council for Voluntary Service UK

Website: [www.communityactiondacorum.org.uk](http://www.communityactiondacorum.org.uk)

Jaunpils Novada Dome, Latvia

Website: <http://www.jaupils.lv/municipality.php>

Fundacja Centrum Atkynosci Tworczej, Poland Website: [www.fundacja-cat.pl](http://www.fundacja-cat.pl)

EURO-NET, Italy

Website: [www.synergy-net.info](http://www.synergy-net.info)

Asociatia Clubul Sportiv Experienta Multisport Romania

Website: [www.experientamultisport.ro](http://www.experientamultisport.ro)

OPEI, Cyprus

Website: [www.european-issues.net](http://www.european-issues.net)

#### **Project Summary:**

Working together we can achieve more than working apart. This is a true in anything we do.

Across Europe local communities engage and support young people to fulfil their potential to develop their career, education, healthy lifestyles and become active and responsible citizens. To achieve positive outcomes for young people it is important that key local stakeholders, such as schools, colleges, municipalities, NGOs, sport clubs and businesses, work effectively in partnership rather than isolation. When all or a combination of these groups collaborate creatively together they can make a more meaningful impact in shaping the citizens of tomorrow.



The project proposal is to enable partners to share current good practice on effective co-operation to harness CSR or other opportunities to benefit young people, develop new ideas to pilot in their local area, share the pilot outcome and provide recommendations which can be developed further in future projects.

The project has been funded through the Erasmus+ KA1 Youth Programme and will see partners from Cyprus, Italy, Latvia, Poland, Romania and Spain working together in two training courses and piloting activity at a local level.

### **Project Stages**

**Stage 1** – Venue Jaunpils, Latvia – Training Course from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017 to include two representatives per partner, who are youth workers active as staff / volunteers in municipalities / NGOs or Sport Clubs. The purpose of Stage 1:

- Introductions and showcase of host location
- Present the model of using business CSR activities to benefit local schools through practical time limited projects
- Share current good practice and techniques to effectively engage young people
- Identify the attributes of successful co-operation and how to maximise these
- Prepare and plan for pilot local activities
- Develop networks for co-operation through the pilot stage
- Overview of the Erasmus+ Programme and ideas for future project co-operation

**Stage 2** – Local pilot of an initiative to bring together stakeholders with the outcome of young people developing healthier lifestyles, community activity and their own competence, capabilities and employability skills. The initiative will include a range of stakeholders from different sectors, including as a minimum the partner organisation, a local business and one other stakeholder - Average number of young people participating in local initiatives - 10 per partner x 6 partners = 60



**Stage 3** – Venue Hemel Hempstead, UK in November 2017 – Training Course to include two representatives per partner, who are youth workers active as staff / volunteers in municipalities / NGOs or Sport Clubs. The purpose of Stage 3:

- Introductions and showcase of host location
- To share Stage 1 dissemination of Stage 1 and outcomes of Stage 2 pilot sessions
- Analyse together what worked well and what could have been delivered in a different style to improve the outcome
- Identify good practice and create a guide to support other agencies throughout Europe engage in cross-sector activities
- Visit local schools, NGOs and businesses to understand the approach of local stakeholders
- Overview of the Erasmus+ Programme and develop future project ideas

### **Participant Profile:**

It is the intention to have a wide range of experience present within the training course group, so participants should meet some rather than all the criteria below. Where criteria is essential we have indicated:

- Age 18 years or over (essential)
- English language skills at a level to enable participant (essential)
- Interest in and / or experience of working with young people (essential)
- Availability to attend the training course in Latvia on dates set and the other two stages of the project
- Experience of working in an activity that has involved cross sector partner collaboration
- Has worked or volunteered for an NGO, Municipality, School, College or Private Sector business
- Has assisted young people in their development in area of sport, personal development, health and wellbeing, employability, social enterprise, entrepreneurial skill
- Commitment to working at a transnational level and open to learning from others

It is important that there is a consistent approach throughout the project. Therefore, participants should be committed to engage with all three stages of the project as outlined above.



## Partner Participation and Budget:

The six partners are each required to recruit two participants for the courses in Latvia and UK. With each course the group will include the two host participants and ten individuals who have travelled to participate. For the five partners sending participants the travel budgets are set out below:

| Partner                  | Latvia Training Course | UK Training Course |
|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Community Action Dacorun | 550 Euros              | N/A                |
| Jaunpils Novada Dome     | N/A                    | 550 Euros          |
| Fundacj CAT              | 550 Euros              | 550 Euros          |
| EURO-NET                 | 550 Euros              | 550 Euros          |
| ASCEM                    | 550 Euros              | 550 Euros          |
| OPEI                     | 720 Euros              | 1060 Euros         |

Please note the above figures are to cover the travel of two people and has been set according to the unit costs of Erasmus+ and will be used to cover the return travel between the participant host location and the course venue.

The project budget costs will meet subsistence costs related to accommodation, local travel related to the project timetable and three meals per day. Any costs incurred by a participant in their free time, such as additional snacks, coffees, after dinner drinks, will be the responsibility of the individual.

## Details of the Latvia Course – June 2017

Arrive: Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2017

Depart: Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Arrival Airport: Riga, Latvia

<http://www.riga-airport.com/>

Local travel from Riga Airport to Tukums will be by public transport (bus/train) or minibus organised by host partner (dependent on arrival / departure times of participants). The final information on travel method will be decided once flight arrival times are shared by partners.

The course location is in Jaunpils, which is a small village of approx. 2,000 population. Jaunpils Municipality was established on 1 July in 2009 amalgamating former Jaunpils and Viesatas rural municipalities. Area: 209 km<sup>2</sup>. Jaunpils is 80 km away from the capital city Riga and can be proud of its rich cultural heritage.



Jaunpils Municipality is a place, where one can fall in love with the silence and peace of fields, get to know the traditions and customs of the inhabitants of Jaunpils. One can discover the treasures of unknown testimonies of the past, enjoy the medieval atmosphere on the excursions in the Jaunpils Castle, discover the diversity of the cultural heritage in the weaver workshop “Dzipars” and master the weaving skills, and give way to the creative flight of imagination in the workshop “7 balles”. Visitors of Jaunpils can enjoy the originality of the medieval festivals, touch the Swedish Wall built in 1618, and try the tasty medieval dishes, great cheese produced by Jaunpils Dairy-Plant, delicious smoked products made by the farm “Araji”. Learn, how the real wooden eco buildings are made, refresh your mind and body, steaming and flapping yourself with birch-twigs in the bathhouse “Bramani”, go for an evening walk around the lake of Dzirnava, watching the grace of swans in Jaunpils. You can enjoy romantic quiet of the night in more than 700 years old castle. Discover that Jaunpils has a very special story of its own, the story of feelings, which remains in your long term memory once experienced.

More detail on Jaunpils (which translates as Newcastle) can be accessed at <http://jaunpils.lv/sakums%20eng.php>

Due to limitations on accommodation, participants will be staying in Tukums, Latvia, which is a 20 to 30 minute drive from Jaunpils. Local transport will be provided between Tukums to Jaunpils.

Single rooms have been booked at Hotel Tukums, which is based in the centre of town – hotel website <http://www.hoteltukums.lv/>

More information on Latvia and the host locations can be accessed at the following websites:

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| Background Information   | <a href="http://www.everyculture.com/Ja-Ma/Latvia.html">http://www.everyculture.com/Ja-Ma/Latvia.html</a>   |
| What to do in Jaunpils   | <a href="http://www.kurzeme.lv/en/?search-by=Jaunpils+novads">http://www.kurzeme.lv/en/?search-by=Jaunpils+novads</a>   |
| Jaunpils Castle Facebook | <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Jaunpilspils/?fref=ts">https://www.facebook.com/Jaunpilspils/?fref=ts</a>   |
| Riga Tourism Information | <a href="http://www.latvia.travel/en/riga">http://www.latvia.travel/en/riga</a>   |
| Tukums Tourism Centre    | <a href="http://www.kurzeme.lv/en/tourism-centers/21-tukums-tourist-information-centre/">http://www.kurzeme.lv/en/tourism-centers/21-tukums-tourist-information-centre/</a> |
| Visit Tukums Facebook    | <a href="https://www.facebook.com/VisitTukums/?fref=ts">https://www.facebook.com/VisitTukums/?fref=ts</a>   |
| What to do in Tukums     | <a href="http://www.kurzeme.lv/en/?search-by=Tukuma+novads">http://www.kurzeme.lv/en/?search-by=Tukuma+novads</a>   |



## Details of the UK Course

The UK Course will be held in Hemel Hempstead, UK, which is 35km north-west of London. The course will be held in November 2017 and will be for six working days plus travel. The precise dates will be agreed by partners and advised