

We are seeking partners for a project titled Learning together – international network to support young people's own activities

Youth Academy is launching an international network to increase cooperation between non-governmental organizations, upper comprehensive schools and institutions providing upper secondary education. Youth Academy is seeking as partners from EU member states:

- non-governmental organizations or other similar bodies that work in cooperation with upper comprehensive schools or institutions of secondary education
- upper comprehensive schools or institutions of secondary education that work in cooperation with non-governmental organizations.

Youth Academy

Youth Academy is a cooperation organization established by the largest youth and sports organizations in Finland. Its main task is to support young people's own activities and learning by doing. The activities are aimed at 13 to 19-year-old youth. Young people's own activities at school refer to projects connected to a school subject or other school activities implemented during schools hours or in leisure time. In the projects the young act as planners, implementors and evaluators. The practical services consist of financial assistance, adult support, training, materials and ideas to young people's projects. The activities are offered to upper comprehensive schools and institutions providing general and vocational upper secondary education.

With the project presented below, Youth Academy wants to expand the existing cooperation with schools and educational institutions to become international.

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Aims of the network

An international network of NGOs supporting young people's own activities and of upper comprehensive schools and institutions providing upper secondary education will be created during the project. The purpose of the network is to offer the participants a channel for international activities and an opportunity to learn from existing operating models, forms of cooperation and best practices.

Practical implementation of the project

The project partners take turns in organizing a working meeting in their country concerning support to young people's own activities. The meeting introduces the organizing partner's activities and the cooperation it undertakes with schools or educational institutions. The working meeting is expected to include introduction to practical activities. Together with its Finnish partners, Youth Academy is committed to presenting their forms of cooperation.

The participants of the working meeting consist of representatives of Finnish educational institutions and NGOs involved in the project. Partner representatives may also participate. Return visits are not required from the partners.

Youth Academy is responsible for all expenses of Finnish participants and the costs related to the practical arrangements of the working meeting. The foreign partner will be responsible for its own costs.

The visits may take place in the years 2012-2013. A report describing the good practices discovered will be compiled at the end of the project. After the project, the activities of the network will be continued in a manner jointly agreed on.

Application timetable

Registrations from interested partners must reach Youth Academy by 20 May, 2011. The registration must include the attached preliminary partnership agreement. The final partnership agreements will be prepared after the Finnish financing has been decided on. In Finland, financing is sought from the European Social Fund.

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PRELIMINARY PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Applying organization

Youth Academy / Nuorten Akatemia ry

Partner organization

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Target

Project: Learning together - international network to support young people's own activities

Contents:

The parties have entered into a preliminary partnership agreement concerning the implementation of a project titled Learning together - international network to support young people's own activities.

The partner is committed to organizing a working meeting in its country, with opportunities to learn about the cooperation the partner undertakes with schools or educational institutions. The working meeting is expected to include introduction to practical activities. Together with its Finnish partners, Youth Academy is committed to presenting their forms of cooperation.

The parties will make a final agreement after the Finnish project funding has been decided on.

Duration of the agreement:

This agreement is valid for the project application period but will expire on 31 December, 2011.

Contact persons during the application phase:

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Date

Signatures

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