



CREATIVE LEARNING COOKBOOK PROUDLY PRESENTS

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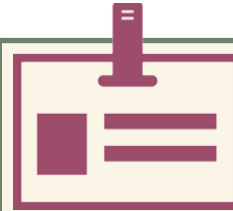
an international forum about creative learning approaches and methods in schools, non-formal education and youth work

DAYS HOTEL RIGA, Latvia • from February 26 to 28, 2016 • ERASMUS+ KA2

Call for participants



Youth workers, education experts, trainers, facilitators, peer-educators and teachers, [Room of Fulfilled Dreams](#) from Latvia together with [EUYA](#) from Estonia and [Cobra](#) from Austria invites you to spend a fruitful and inspiring weekend in Riga, and participate in an international forum about creative learning and teaching methods, as well as enhancing creativity in work, non-formal education and classroom. The event will take place from February 26th to 28th, 2016, in [Riga](#), Latvia, gathering 50 participants from all the Europe.

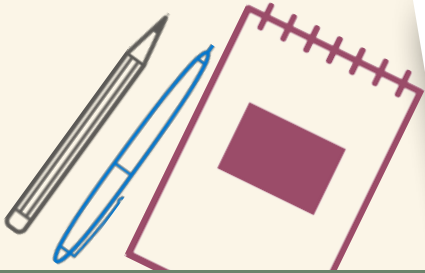


ABOUT THE PROJECT

The forum is a part of the long-term strategic partnership project [Creative Learning Cookbook](#) which was designed with aim to foster creativity in learning process and youth work by means of classical, but a bit forgotten methods: storytelling, creative writing

and visual facilitation. More information about other activities within the project is available on its [Facebook page](#).

During the forum we will introduce results of three training courses that were organized within this partnership. Brand new toolkits about using storytelling, creative writing and visual facilitation in the work with young people will be presented. You will have a chance to network, develop new project ideas and participate in workshops that will introduce you with several creative learning and teaching methods which might be useful in your own work.



WORKING APPROACH

The forum will be based on principles of non-formal learning and will require your full participation. Team of facilitators will take care of creating a supportive and safe learning environment, where participants can exchange experience, best practices and master challenges. that contribute to their professional and personal growth. Working language of the event is English.



CONDITIONS

FOOD AND ACCOMMODATION

The event will be hosted and accommodation provided in [DAYS HOTEL Riga](#), Brivibas gatve 199c, Riga, LV-1039. Two participants will share a twin room with private bathroom and breakfast included. During the event also several meals will be provided as noted in the program.

Wireless internet is available in the hotel. Right near the hotel excellent public transport connections are available.

Please, contact us at least two weeks in advance if you have special requests regarding catering or sharing rooms.

FINANCES

There is no participation fee. Costs for your accommodation for 2 nights, for meals included in the program and learning materials will be covered from the project budget.

In addition to the main program of the forum we are offering two open workshops which are available also for people who are not approved participants of the forum - for a fee to cover additional costs.

Please, note that **travel and travel insurance costs are not covered**. Please, obtain insurance, and contact us in case if you need more information about cheapest transport connections to Latvia.

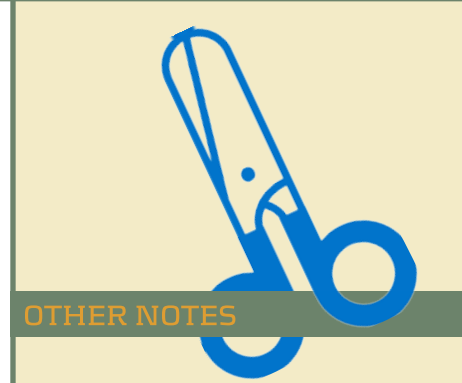
WHAT TO BRING

Take your favorite notebook and pen. If you plan to join activities taking place in city environment, please, take with you comfortable, warm clothing and comfortable boots that would protect you from cold, rain, snow and wind.

You might bring some materials representing your organization, projects or other activities. We will create a special place to share them.

Don't forget your identification document and EHIC.

Traditional food and drinks will be appreciated, but bringing them to enrich our coffee breaks is upon your wish.



OTHER NOTES

This event and other activities within Creative Learning Cookbook were possible thanks to financial support from [Erasmus+: Youth Programme](#). During one of the workshops you will have a chance to learn more about preparing and implementing strategic partnership projects, and do not hesitate to contact us also via e-mail if you have concrete questions regarding strategic partnerships or other opportunities within Erasmus+ Youth Programme.



We hope you will enjoy this meeting, and we will do our best to make it great. To give a chance to even more people to learn and benefit from this event, we invite also you to spread a word about this event and its outcomes. Use hashtag [#CLC2016](#) and share on social media how do you prepare for the forum your insights, learning points, questions and feedback during and after event.

HOW TO GET THERE?

If you will travel to Riga airport take bus No 22 to the stop called AUTOOSTA - it is close to Riga bus and train stations. Ticket can be purchased at Narvessen shops. It costs EUR 1,15 or EUR 2,00 from the driver, and is valid for one ride. Once you have arrived in the center of Riga, you have several options how to reach the hotel. From the bus stop AUTOOSTA you can take bus No 21 to the bus stop VEF. This ride takes 17 minutes. Also tram No 6 goes to VEF - the stop is located near National Opera. More information about public transport in Riga available [here](#).

Make sure that you arrive in hotel no later than 17:00 on FEB 26 and depart from it no earlier than 11:30 on FEB 28. You will be able to do check-in after 15:00 on FEB 26, and there is luggage room available for earlier arrivals. Check-out is until 12:00 on FEB 28. If you can not find suitable transport connections, get lost or experience some other troubles, contact our Latvian host for assistance - Inese Priedite, +371 29752136, priedite.inese@gmail.com. You are welcome to use [Facebook page of this event](#) to team up and share a ride.

NEXT STEPS

Willing to join the event? Please, complete [online application form](#) until December 24. Results of the selection will be announced via e-mail until December 30. Do not purchase tickets before receiving confirmation of your participation. Feel free to contact us if you have questions or suggestions.



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FEBRUARY 25 - creative warm-up for those already in Riga - open workshop

18:00-21:00

Embodied Writing

with Inese Priedite, venue to be confirmed

FEBRUARY 26 - arrivals and welcome evening

13:00-17:00

Visiting Youth Centers in Riga

with team of Latvian volunteers, meeting point at reception 12:50

17:30-20:30

Welcome Dinner. Presentation of the Project and Toolkits. Getting to Know Each Other

with chefs of Creative Learning Cookbook, conference room CITY

21:00-00:00

Discover Riga: Treasure Hunt Game for Most Adventurous and Less Tired Participants

with team of Latvian volunteers, meeting point at reception 21:00

FEBRUARY 27 - workshops

09:30-11:30

Constructing Solutions

with Markus Engelberger, RIGA

Cook-Telling Story-Lab

with Salvi Greco, CITY

Drawing Games

with Slavomira Ondrusova, OUT

12:00-13:30

Basics of FlipchART

with Torben Grocholl, RIGA

Supporting Creative Thinking and Innovation

with Inese Priedite, CITY

15:30-17:00

Metaphorically Speaking Drawing

with Deniss Jershov, RIGA

What's the Story of Your Clown?

with Valters Melderis, CITY

Poetry and Self-Expression

with Ilona Olehlova, LOUNGE

17:30-19:00

Hacking Strategic Partnerships

with Deniss Jershov, RIGA

What's the Story of Your Clown?

with Valters Melderis, LOUNGE

Creative Writing as Tool for ICL

with Ilona Olehlova, CITY

19:30-22:00 dinner out

FEBRUARY 28 - snacks and talks, and departures

09:30-11:30

Snacks and Talks. Farewell

with chefs of Creative Learning Cookbook, CITY

FEBRUARY 29 - afterparty- open workshop

10:00-19:00

Graphic Facilitation for Meetings and Events

with Torben Grocholl and Deniss Jershov, venue to be confirmed

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Embodied Writing

During this three hours workshop we will combine movement and self-exploration exercises with creative and reflective writing tasks to give the participants a chance to experience an unusual journey within themselves. We will gain better understanding of ourselves and people around, learn to connect with each other, create and share playfulness, curiosity, but also meditative and relaxing atmosphere. Workshop is open for everyone regardless profession, age, experience or participation in the forum. Register and get ticket [here](#).

Meeting Local Organizations

Those participants of the forum who will arrive in Riga earlier are welcome to join a study visit to Riga's youth centers and youth organizations. Leaders and members of several local organizations will share with you some of their most innovative tools, ideas and practices, and it's a nice chance also to see different districts of Riga. Number of participants is limited, therefore approved participants of the forum will be asked to register for this study visit in advance.

Discover Riga: Treasure Hunt Game for Most Adventurous and Less Tired Participants

We welcome you to discover Riga and get to know better other participants during a creative treasure hunt game. Teams of five people will be formed on the spot, and compete for an artistic prize, however it is more about having fun and nice conversations with new people. Tasks will involve orientation, finding different objects, information, solving quizzes and more. If you plan to take part, please, download [Actionbound](#) application on your mobile phone or tablet.

Constructing Solutions

Are you facing a challenge and don't know how to tackle it? Do you want to develop a vision, set new goals? In this workshop you will experience a creative approach for finding solutions, based on the theories of classic systemic constellation work. You will literally construct a "solution scene" and find out concrete steps towards your solution. Also, you'll receive feedback and new points of view from other participants. All you have to bring is a situation you want to change and the willingness to share your issues with others to benefit from their wisdom.

Cook-Telling Story-Lab

In this innov-active workshop participants will explore how combining creative cooking and storytelling it is possible to work on group process, group dynamics, group building, and focus on topics such as unlocking creativity, change, innovation, self-development, community development and intercultural learning. Using food, simple ingredients participants will be stimulated to create stories about a specific topic, and share them in the group.

Drawing Games

Drawing games is a fun approach to train creative skills, practice sketching and discover artist within you, especially if you think that you can not draw at all. This workshop will be hosted in public spaces of Riga, thus you might be taken to a museum, cafe, or other inspiring place. Within the workshop you will learn several drawing games that you can adapt in work with groups of kids, young people and even adults. Snacks and drinks in places you will visit - on your own costs.

Basics of FlipchART

Do you want to create more powerful presentations with the simple means of paper and pen? The overall aim of this workshop is to deconstruct the myth that you have to be artistically talented for creative and eye-catching flipchart design. The workshop will not transform you into great artists but inspire and empower you for using the flipchart as an attractive and interactive medium in your school, work, projects and other places. No prior knowledge or drawing skills are required!

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Supporting Creative Thinking and Innovation

With help of various improvisation exercises within this dynamic workshop we will explore the factors that boost and block creativity and innovation in a group or organizational setting. After understanding the basics of designing environment and fostering behaviours that enhance creative thinking and innovation, participants will have a chance to discuss and develop concrete guidelines how to boost creativity within formal and non-formal education.

What's the Story of Your Clown?

This workshop offers chance to play, laugh and discover. Discover your personal strenghts and weaknesses and how can you use them in your work. Through clowning excercises we will find out what does it mean to actively listen, why audience is your mirror and how can you use it to create something together - a story, a show, an experience. You will gain an experience of being a clown together with other participants, and then go outside and interact with people from Riga to experiment and practice skills developed in the first part of the workshop.

Metaphorically Speaking-Drawing

One picture says more than thousand words. Good picture, that meets the message and engages mind, doubles the effect. We will see the approaches to translating concepts and terms into visual language and finding a good match for your next topic to deliver. Somewhat a balance between hemisphere of facilitation and graphic design. Good drawing skills are not obligatory in this workshop, but good imagination is.

Poetry and Self-Expression

Blackout poetry, collage poems and collective poems... these will be the key activities of the workshop that invites you to explore various ways of self-expression. Workshop will be hosted in informal and relaxed environment, and doesn't require special writing skills or advanced English language abilities. If you are not sure that poetry is the thing for you this is also a chance to break the barriers between you and poetical expression.

Hacking Strategic Partnerships

Creative Learning Cookbook was one of the first strategic partnership projects in Estonia, and it was also first for us. And we would be glad to share some tips and tricks with those who are interested to develop projects within framework of Key Action 2. Within workshop you will discover how to write and organize strategic partnership project, how to get it funded, and also have time and support to work on new project ideas and partnerships on the spot.

Creative Writing as Tool for Intercultural Learning

The workshop includes creative writing activities related to various aspects of intercultural learning and communication. Through the exercises the participants will reflect on the elements of their own identity, on the way how stereotypes and prejudices are being created and how we can break them. Besides improving their own intercultural learning competencies, the participants will explore the ways of applying these activities at work with various target groups.

Snacks and Talks

Participants will have a chance to offer topics for discussion, ideas for new projects or methods to develop together, or other activities that can be done around table while tasting the best snacks and sweets from Latvia. Once the topics are explained and working spaces established, participants will be able to choose if he or she wants to focus on one topic or wonder around from one place to another. It's networking, sharing, discussing and co-creation time!

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Graphic Facilitation for Meetings and Events

Graphic recording and facilitation makes events and meetings more engaging and memorable, boosts creative thinking of teams and groups, and helps to harvest and disseminate results of their work. During this six hours training you will learn basic drawing skills needed to turn complex verbal information into instant visuals. Don't expect theories and lectures - you will spend your day drawing, creating visual templates, vocabularies that meet your needs, and receiving specific, constructive feedback. Workshop is open for everyone regardless profession, age, experience or participation in the forum. Registration form and tickets available [here](#).



STORYTELLING+
training group
Austria, May 2015



CREATIVE WRITING+
training group
Latvia, June, July 2015



VISUAL FACILITATION+
training group
Estonia, September 2015

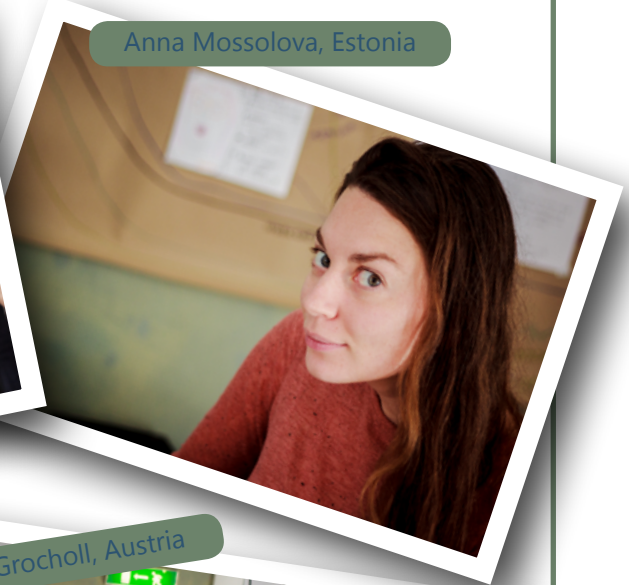


TEAM OF THE TRAINING COURSES AND TOOLKITS

Deniss Jershov, Estonia



Anna Mossolova, Estonia



Inese Priedite, Latvia



Torben Grocholl, Austria



Sanda Horea, Romania



Marcus Vreger, Austria



Ilona Olehlova, Czech R.

GUEST EXPERTS AT THE FORUM

Markus Engelberger, Austria



Salvi Greco, Italy



Valters Melderis, Romania



Slavomira Ondrusova, Slovakia



NOV '14

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Erasmus+ KA2 Strategic Partnership

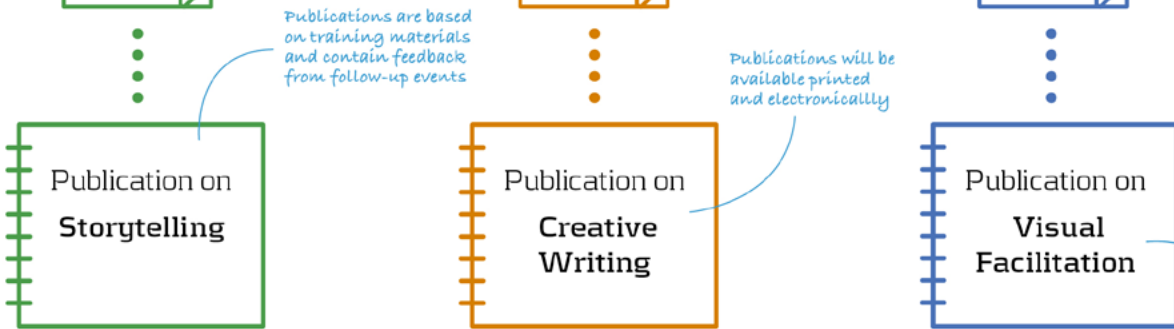
MAY '15



SEP '15



NOV '15



JAN '16

Final event will be open for everyone regardless of geography



Publications will look like cookbooks with recipes on how to facilitate learning with help of creative writing, storytelling and visual tools

APR '16

When content is ready we will open a Tumblr with recipes and YouTube channel with videos

