



Declaration



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Target group
 Teacher / trainer
 Counsellor
 Social worker
 Youth worker
 future employer
 other: public

Type of best practice
 tool
 initiative/campaign
 project
 website only
 programme
 model
 training
 learning material
 other:

Experiences
 available for more than 5 years
 available for less than 5 years
 pilot phase / testing
 in development
 unknown

Organizácia IUVENTA už uskutočnila mnoho školení pre mladých ľudí zameraných na získavanie kompetencií prostredníctvom neformálneho vzdelávania, ale vnímajú ako veľmi dôležité, aby verejnosť, potenciálni zamestnávateľia a inštitúcie vo formálnom vzdelávaní pochopili význam neformálneho vzdelávania, ktoré je možné získať aj prostredníctvom dobrovoľníctva alebo školení. Z tohto dôvodu vytvorili v roku 2013 "Deklaráciu o uznávaní a prínose neformálneho vzdelávania v práci s mládežou".
Je to nástroj, ktorý podporuje neformálne vzdelávanie a spája všetkých tých, ktorí si uvedomujú, že neformálne vzdelávanie má zohrávať dôležitú úlohu pri vzdelávaní mladej generácie. Bol významným míľnikom, kedy sme k podpore neformálneho vzdelávania v práci s mládežou pritiahli dôležitých partnerov.



Description:

In the context of formal education, young people, in particular at schools, acquire a huge amount of knowledge, but they often have much less space to develop their skills, abilities, and attitudes necessary for a successful career or for life as such. Non-formal education in the field of the youth work provides opportunities for gaining the above and that's the reason why IUVENTA works on further developments of the concept of NFE in Slovakia.

They also want to point out the big potential that non-formal education has in addressing current challenges in the education of young generation, i.e. that education is a broader term and includes not only formal school system, but also non-formal education, which is flexible, very practical, meets the needs of young people, and may respond to the needs of the labor market and society. In this way, it is a complement to formal education.

It was therefore a logical step to incorporate the activities that lead to the recognition of non-formal education in the youth work.

The idea was to create a document, in which all of those convinced would publicly and officially declare their support of NFE in youth work and willingness to cooperate.

This was how the document, which was given the name of the "Declaration on the Recognition of Contribution of Non-formal Education in the Youth work", originated. It is a tool that promotes this issue and links all of those who realize that non-formal education is to play an important role in the education of the young generation. The key was to get support and engage the representatives of all the relevant stakeholders that play an important role in the

training and employment of the young generation (representatives of state administration bodies, local and regional municipalities, public administrative organizations, non-governmental organizations and employers).

At the same time, however, IUVENTA did not want it to be only a formal document, but wanted that anyone who signs the Declaration actually understands its content and meaning. Therefore, at the level of each region of Slovakia, "roundtables" were organized (a total of 8, one in each region), in which the representatives of the employers, schools and universities, municipalities, institutions offering non-formal education and other entities active in the field of youth work discussed together the benefits of non-formal education in the youth work and the possibilities of its further support.

Between 20th and 22nd June 2013, the international Innovative Learning Forum (ILF) was held, which was organized by IUVENTA. The ILF was attended by over 150 participants, among whom there were trainers, youth workers, employers, as well as representatives of local municipalities and some interesting guests.

An important moment during the Innovative Learning Forum was signing the Declaration. Representatives of several major institutions from the state, private, public and non-governmental sectors appeared in person to sign the Declaration or to support it by handing over the signature sheets. They perceive the benefits of non-formal education in the work with youth, which suitably complements formal education and contributes to gaining better positions for the young people on the labor market and in social life.

Contributing partner: Qualed