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Activities in July

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BAKURIANI

NATURE CALLS OUTDOOR EDUCATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND SELF-DEVELOPMENT

Youth Association DRONI organized a professional development activity titled “**NATURE CALLS - Outdoor Education for Mental Health and Self-Development**”. The project took place in Bakuriani, Georgia, between 28 June - 4 July. The training was based on the experiential learning cycle. The integral part of the training was a 4-day hiking challenge.

Project objectives:

- Promote outdoor education as an inclusive tool in youth work;
- Equip participants with skills for outdoor education including preparation of activities, risk assessment, health and safety measures, and outdoor methods;
- Reflect on the learning benefits of using the outdoors: health, lifestyle, connecting to nature, protecting the environment, fighting global warming;
- Exchange on lessons learnt from the pandemic and the effects on our target groups
- Increase youth participation through outdoor education;
- Reflect on the use of outdoor education in Erasmus + projects;
- Develop further cooperation of partner promoters in the field of outdoor education including Erasmus+ projects such as Youth Exchanges and volunteering projects



YOUTH EXCHANGE IN RUSTAVI

ECODING NEW TECHNOLOGIES FOR ENVIRONMENT, EMPLOYABILITY AND CIVIL ACTIVISM

Youth Association DRONI organized a youth exchange titled **"ECODING- New Technologies For Environment, Employability And Civil Activism"**, in Rustavi between 3 - 10 July. The project aimed to increase the participant's excitement about technologies, digital skills and future issues.

The project aimed for the participants to:

- know about the basics of programming and working with robotics
- create their own little website or app project as a group
- develop a Digital Toolbox for young activists
- connect the hard skills with civil activism regarding climate change and the environment
- get to know different digital tools and assess them critically
- get in contact with professional developers and IT experts and learn about this career path
- see coding as a relevant skill and hobby at the same time
- rise awareness about different ethical questions (AI, IoT, robotics, algorithms, , cyber security)
- increase English language skills, critical thinking, employability, intercultural awareness



YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

YOUTH EXCHANGE IN BAKURIANI

Youth Association DRONI, together with FUNDACJA ROZWOJU SPOŁECZEŃSTWA PRZEDSIĘBIORCZEGO organized a youth exchange titled **"Young entrepreneurs"**, in Bakuriani, Georgia between 13 - 18 July. The project aimed to connect young people from 6 different countries: Poland, Portugal, Germany, Georgia, Armenia, and Ukraine to explore more about the topic of entrepreneurship.

The project aimed:

- to instil and develop important personal characteristics that will be crucial for those wishing to become entrepreneurs;
- to empower young people to transform their hobbies into their future careers;
- to develop entrepreneurship skills, teamwork, and leadership skills;
- to work on business ideas, basic business skills, and marketing methods including digital skills we plan to have dedicated workshops on thinking and creating business ideas;
- to enhance the employability of the participants;
- to gain discourse and strategic competencies needed in the labor market;



GENDER EQUALITY WORKSHOPS

Every Tuesday for two months we held a workshop about Gender Equality. We had around 10 participants from very different backgrounds, Georgia, Ukraine, Germany, Slovakia, Russia..

We started our first session with a game to get to know each other. We outlined the features that were important for us to tell others, and what we wanted to know from each other. This was an introduction to the notion of identity that we explored further during the sessions.

The core of this workshop was non formal education. For instance we discussed contemporary societal debates during a « fish bowl » session, played Time's up, tried to represent the societies we do not want anymore and what needs to change, watched movies and explored different concepts.

During these sessions participants were introduced or deepened their knowledge regarding intersectionality, gender related vocabulary, discriminations and inequalities.

The workshops were a great meeting moment for all of the people who participated, each came with different expectations and we tried to meet them, may it be meeting new people, learning about other cultures, digging into the topic.



Droni members abroad

NAGYBÖRZSÖNY, HUNGARY

Games as a solution to social issues" was the second phase of the Erasmus+ training program that took place in a beautiful Hungarian town Nagyörzsöny, from June 16th to 24th.

The aim of the training was to develop the games created in the first phase of the project in Berlin, back in 2021 and come up with new ideas about changing the environment and solving issues through gamification. The participating countries were: Italy, Ukraine, Hungary, France, Armenia, Turkey, Greece and Georgia.



BELGIUM

A Job Shadowing project took place in Belgium from June 27th until July 12th. A report from our participant: "During this Job Shadowing I took part in two different projects as an organizer and facilitator. First it was a Erasmus+ conference "think before you trash". Representatives from Belgium, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland and Turkey gathered in the charming city - Antwerp. Representatives shared a presentation "Sustainable Sources and Waste Management" and spoke about the current situation in their countries about ecology and environment, as well as gave examples of successful projects in this area. In addition, the participants were on a study visit to Blikfabriek. Space in which 70 different ateliers of production of furniture and other creative objects from recycling items were located."

The second part of the Job shadowing was Erasmus+ training course „Game it". As a board member, I was planning and facilitating sessions with other job shadowers. The training course aimed to create educational games for local youth. At the end of the project, all the games that were created during the project got tested in local youth organizations."



BOLOGNA. ITALY

#Developtogether was a Job Shadowing project that took place in Bologna, Italy from June 16th to July 3rd, 2022. The aim of the project was to recognize, train and validate skills that are most relevant for employability, and better social integration on both national and European levels. The participants built activities for the future youth exchange project, got to know VET volunteers and how they work, and created a social media campaign for the organization to involve more young people in the projects. They held interviews for upcoming ESC volunteers and attended an Informational meeting about Erasmus+ projects. At last, participants also had a very interesting meeting with a partner organization and talked about their ways of work.



TOLEDO. SPAIN

Holistic Learning is an international youth exchange that will be held in Toledo, Spain from August 1 till the 8th. From July 11 till the 14th Foro Joven Toledo hosted an Advanced Planning Visit. The APV gathered youth leaders from six different countries with the purpose of getting to know each other, the location and the specifics of the project.

During the meeting, the group got to know the place and the location where the youth exchange will be hosted. They talked about the programme and planned the schedule. The group discussed and thought about how to involve all participants in the decision-making process during the whole progression of the project. The leaders also experimented with some team-building activities proposed by the organizers.

JUNE WITH ESC VOLUNTEERS ABROAD



“ June in Austria was quite interesting and intensive because we were preparing for the second youth exchange. We needed to organize the games and the detailed schedule related to our youth exchange topic. At the end of June, the project started and we welcomed up to 70 young people from 8 countries. The topic of the exchange is Eco-Logic and every activity is related to ecology, environment, nature, etc. As the representative of the organization, we share our experience with the participants, and especially during the project we are trying to live environmentally friendly.



MIRANDA KOBALIA
ESC volunteer in Austria

My project started in June and the first weeks have been fun yet super busy. I'm only an ESC volunteer at the office, however, I was participating in the workshop planned for the weltwärts project and met other volunteers from Costa Rica and Peru. We explored the city together. Berlin is amazing in Summer. People are outside, you can hear music everywhere, everyone is smiling and the spirit of the city is influencing everyone.

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MEGI MSKHALADZE
ESC volunteer in Germany



“ Hello from France!

It has already been 1 month since I started my volunteering here. The first month was very full of new information, with new people and culture. Mostly it was introductory and I also tried to give them new information about Georgian culture also, as it was the kind of activity I have made Khinkali for that intercultural event, and they liked it too much.

As I became immersed in a new culture I started to improve my language and explore new places in France, in the north side there are beautiful beaches. The process is still ongoing and I am trying to cope with it, especially the weather which is mostly unpredictable, but summer is pretty good.



ANA MAISURADZE
ESC volunteer in France



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Ahoj, they greet each other so sweetly here in Slovakia, and now I, Rusa Kamadadze, say hello to you from Slovakia "Ahoj". I really like this warm nation and its communication style, I know I will miss these warm people and country very much. As you already know, every month is full of new projects and activities, and I would highlight this month by meeting Archil Tsulaia, the representative of my Georgian organization "Droni" here in Slovakia, whom I was very happy to meet. On the evening of one of the challenges, we prepared together summer and a simple dish of Georgian-style salad, which is why this dish was well received, I think these days were full of many memorable moments. We have finished working in the schools and now we are preparing for the summer camps, in which many local teenage, and children are participating and we are organizing everything, we have very high expectations and are waiting to start. If you have a chance to participate in any non-formal education field, be sure to participate, and always be in the process of growing yourself. And I will tell you at the end! More smiles, more communication with each other, more hugs, and you will always be full of energy.

No language can convey emotions as miraculously as Georgian! -დავ გავხდეთ ის ერთი, ვინც მსოფლიოს აპლაკარკებს ქართულად!



RUSA KAMADADZE
ESC volunteer in Slovakia



“ Hej Hej, do you want to hear more about Swedish summer? Then follow me. June in Sweden is very beautiful with sunny weather, beautiful nature and a very active social life, in the middle of the night you can go outside normally because it feels like a day, because of the polar days, that is very fantastic to observe. Moreover, at Fjället, we have started implementing the summer activities that our youth wished for, so we went already to many interesting places and it's just the beginning.

Also in June, I used the majority of my vacation days and I traveled to the Czech Republic, and also discovered the summer beauty of Gothenburg. To sum up, this month was very memorable, and I really hope July my last month here will be more interesting and diverse.



SOPIO GOGOLADZE
ESC volunteer in Sweden

