

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Multiplying training days of the Raising Strong and Resilient Communities (RSRC) – With narrative and storytelling approaches.

13, 14 and 15th June 2016, Gouda, Netherlands

Since the end of 2014 a total of 9 organisations from across Europe have been working on the development of a set of educational tools for (non-formal) adult education, based on storytelling and narrative approaches, to strengthen active citizenship and participation in local communities. These approaches offer various methods in working with local communities, where diversity of opinions and experiences are seen as an asset, and bring long lasting solutions.

The educational tools this project has been working on and is still working on are a manual where a multitude of methods are practically presented, two fully prepared courses for community members and facilitators (based on that manual), and a collection of videos that showcase best practices.

As the project is approaching its end, we have the pleasure to invite around 25 people to participate in three training days that are meant to multiply the manual and the courses, and get feedback on how to make an even better manual and courses!

Read more about the project on www.rsrc.eu and how it has been supported with the Erasmus+ programme of the EU.

Training event...

From the 13th to the 15th June the Dutch partners in this project (www.storybag.nl and www.in-dialogue.org) will organise three training days, with the following topics (underlined):

Day 1, Monday 13th June

- The project and its use of the manual in general
- The power of stories and the use in meaning making
- Narrative versus stories - narratives and stories
- Individual narratives and the ones in communities
- Stories, discourses and some assumptions behind narrative approaches

Day 2, Tuesday 14th June

- The project and the manual in community work
- The how of storytelling, so that others will listen...
- From your story to the story of the community (inviting & some ethics in doing so)
- Story sharing and collective meaning making
- Planning the use of parts of the manual in your community

Day 3, Wednesday 15th June

- The project and the manual for trainers & facilitators in working with communities
- Theoretical foundations in narrative practice
- Questions that stimulate valuable story sharing
- Discovering alternative, less problematic stories
- From a good to a useful story (there is no bad story)
- Q&A on taking this further after the day

Those participating in the training days will get access to the manual before the training days. The training days will be held in English.

For whom?

All those who are interested in the project and its educational tools and would like to incorporate these tools in their daily work, are welcome. But as the project aims at delivering high quality and practical tools for professionals and volunteers working on local community development, especially participants working in such area are encouraged to apply to participate. These include social workers, informal network members, non-formal trainers and consultants, coaches, NGO representatives, etc.

Costs

The support of the EU's Erasmus+ programme makes it possible for us to offer 20 places at the three training days, free of charge. To have a free place at the training days, the application form has to be used. If the 20 places are already taken, then a small contribution will be asked of 15 Euro per day to any additional participant (to cover coffee and tea)

Coffee, tea, small snacks and training materials will be provided by the organisers. Lunches, dinners, overnights, etc. will have to be covered by the national participants themselves. International participants can get up to 2 nights covered by the project.

We will assist in finding affordable accommodation, as Gouda has quite some lovely B&B's and small hotels.

National participants can also attend 1 or 2 days, yet will have to fund these places themselves (15 Euro per day). Mention in the application form that you intend to participate in certain days, if this applies to you.

Please do note the cancellation rules at the end of the application form.

Group size and consultants

The maximum number of participants will be 30 and the training days will be facilitated by two consultants, [Peter Fruhmann](#) (Storybag) and [Yvor Broer](#) (In Dialogue). Read more about these two consultants by clicking on their names (to see their LinkedIn profiles)

Travel and stay support

For up to 14 places in these training days we have a small budget for international travel support available. Participants that are officially residing in another EU country than The Netherlands (or residing in Turkey, Lichtenstein, FYROM, Norway or Iceland), can get support for travel up to 200 Euro. Also, we will cover up to 2 nights in Gouda, in B&B's or hotels. In order for them to do so, they have to apply for these training days as an international participant via the application form.

Venue

The training days will be held at restaurant 'De Zalm' (www.dezalm.nl), which is centrally located at the Market square, in the centre of the old town of Gouda (www.gouda.nl)

Applying and deadline

If you want to have travel support and/or would like to participate for free, do apply using the application form, **before the 16th of May**. If there are still places available after that deadline, you can still register to take part, yet will have to pay a small contribution per day (for coffee and tea). The application form can be downloaded here: www.rsrc.eu/outputs.html

Information on acceptance will be provided the 16th of May, by email.

Selection of participants will be made based on relevance in working with local community development, geographical spread, motivation and the overall diversity of the group.

More information

If you want more information on these training days, do not hesitate to get into contact with Yvor Broer (ybroer@in-dialogue.org) and he will get back to you shortly. More information can also be found at www.rsrc.eu/outputs.html