

„Unique Year of Learning“



A unique year of unique mobility projects and within a unique way of learning!

Robin Radom, Germany

**Took part in UYL Activities: PBA in Spain, Evaluation Seminar in Coy
Implemented learning mobility: EVS in Spain from January – August 2012**

From January 2012 till August 2012 I did my EVS in Spain. My Project was to work in the Infant School from San Clemente (Cuenca). After my EVS I did an Au-pair in San Agustín del Guadalix till December 2012. In this year I learnt a lot, for example: how to work with babies, a new culture and a whole new language. But the most important is that I learnt a lot about myself. It was a great year with a lot of adventures and new people and a time I don't want to miss.



Julija Rusakovaite, Lithuania

**Took part in UYL Activities: Training Course in Lithuania, Evaluation Seminar in Coy
Implemented learning mobility: "Let's make some noise" Youth- Exchange from 17th - 27th of June 2012 in Lithuania**



It's difficult to describe my experience in this long term project. Firstly, there was my first international training course, where I participated, so I learnt a lot about other cultures, gain basic tips of communication and cooperation with multilateral groups and also I enriched my English vocabulary. Second, in this training course I found partners for youth exchange project "Let's make some noise!", so there were a lot of experience: with preparation, organization and evaluation. From things like how to make purposeful plan of a day to how to correct fill in documents for applications or reports. Without these things

connected with organization and implementation I had deeper look into music, myself and interculturalism. Thanks to evaluation seminar I had possibility to look back and think again about all what happened in this period and what kind of experience I gain. In short - I gain inestimable experience, which I can easily use in my daily life. From possibility to reflect my knowledge and experience, to communicate with people from different culture and social level, and to be more self-confident.



Polono Orgrinc, Slovenia

Took part in UYL Activities: PBA in Spain, Training Course in Lithuania, Evaluation Seminar in Coy
Implemented learning mobility: Organising 3 Youth- Exchanges as participating partner and giving 16 young people the opportunity to gain experience abroad



I was part of PBA and TC. On both projects I experience the importance of meeting new partners, connecting with them and make projects together. My strongest learning experience from PBA was learning from facilitators and use new tools in my daily work with youngsters (different approaches of facilitating, social games, I reflected more my skills etc). From TC I get learning experience how to have quality start with different learning mobilities

within partners. We actually work on projects, cooperate with each others, co-create and motivate each other. What I like most with UYL is the fact, that not only me gain a lot from it (PBA, TC), but also our youngsters. 16 young people with fewer opportunities from Slovenia were part of 3 youth exchanges and have their own learning mobility experience. And they say it was one of best experiences in their lives.



Yorgos Adamidis, Greece

Took part in UYL Activities: Training Course in Lithuania, Evaluation Seminar in Coy
Implemented learning mobility: Youth- Exchange “Youth can craft” in Greece



My initiation to the adventure called “Unique Year of Learning” started in the training course in Daugirdiskes, Lithuania. Till that point I was completely unaware of what this was all about. In Lithuania I had the chance to meet new people and discuss over new projects while participating in workshops and... learning to learn!! Little by little, my team started building new and more stable relationships with other national groups and some ideas on the future projects were starting to take form. By the end, some new partnerships had already come to the surface; I will always remember the eagerness of people to apply for new projects in order not only to make “Unique Year of Learning” a successful project but at the same time to re-meet with beloved friends in the future!! The training in Lithuania was a blockbuster experience to the majority of us, it helped us bond to each other and gave us the positive energy and mood to go on with the applications!

My organization organized a youth exchange in Tinos island, Greece, with the participation of four partners, Portugal, Spain, Finland and Slovenia under the title “Youth Can Craft”. Both the process of applying and organizing the project to its details after the approval as well as the implementation of the youth exchange itself on the island, the whole experience, was a very interesting “trip” for me; it tested my limits and expanded my learning horizons whereas I found myself very often out of my comfort zone or in the borders of unlearning.....



Rocío Periago Martínez, Spain

**Took part in UYL Activities: Training Course in Lithuania
Implemented learning mobility: “Sunstainable” Youth Exchange**

Amazing days, sharing experiences and learning about positive lifestyle in Coy! 28 young people having fun together, but the most important thing: Learning together about sports, outgoing activities and a healthy lifestyle. Great people, great memories! We have worked about recycling possibilities, discovering the second life of different objects such as old clothes, newspapers, empty bottles or old kitchen utensils. Also we have discovered other cultures and traditions, sharing our personal reflexions about them and learning about interculturality, non discrimination and dialogue. Summer, sun, sports, games, outgoing activities, gymkanas... and also a garden day! We have planted several flowers close to the swimming pool of the village, creating a cute garden. One of the most funny and curious thing was when we explained to the neighbors how to take care of it, putting water on and keep it safe of the animals. From my point of view such as coordinator of the project, one of the chances was create the project from an idea sharing between us, but the best one was the collaboration and help from all the partners. We have built a so great network, creating different projects and activities and hopefully working for future ones.



Jonas Oliveira, Portuguese

**Took part in UYL Activities: Training Course in Lithuania, Evaluation Meeting in Slovenia
Implemented learning mobility: “Creative Art Learning” Youth- Exchange, “MURO - Mais um Rasgo Original” Youth- Initiative**



Unique helped me to be more aware of the opportunities that youngsters can access in European Union. As a youth association we gain a lot of partners to implement new projects.

It was also, a nice experience, were we realized that is not so difficult to apply to a mobility project, because it was given to us valuable information and tools to help us in all the process. With this project, UyL,

it was possible for us implement a youth initiative and and youth exchange last year.

Johannes Bergunder, Germany

Took part in UYL Activities: PBA in Spain, Training Course in Lithuania, Evaluation Meeting in Slovenia

Implemented learning mobility: “Handcrafting our Future” Youth- Exchange in Germany



My experience with the Unique Year of Learning has been absolutely great. First time in my life I had the chance to follow such a long- term project from the beginning until the end and also I took really high responsibilities of being the coordinator for the German team. So basically I was responsible for all the involvement of GOEUROPE!, the organization in which I am working voluntarily beside my studies. I have been already experienced before in international projects and activities within the “Youth in Action” Programme . However this time all has been really different. The Unique Year of Learning brought together

a lot of young people from different backgrounds, countries and cultures and with different interests, gave them the opportunity to express their needs and to develop projects according to those needs together. What I actually enjoyed the most is the fact, that most of the young people have never been in touch with this kind of actions before and could experience it first time. Also and that came really surprising, most of the young people who organized some learning mobility didn’t involve just their friends from Unique Year of Learning but gave instead of that much more other organizations and like this also participants the opportunity to participate in those kind of projects.

Within the Unique Year of Learning I planned, organized and implemented the Youth- Exchange “Handcrafting our Future” in Germany which was focusing on giving young people from 6 counties

the opportunity to discover professional crafting as a future job perspective. Maybe I also would have worked on a Youth- Exchange without the Unique Year of Learning, but this long term project gave me the opportunity to develop a project within an international context, to discuss and plan it face to face with experienced youth workers and with listening to the needs from young people from all over Europe. I am sure... I wouldn’t have been so motivated and probably my Youth- Exchange wouldn’t have been so successful without the background of the Unique Year of learning.

