

CALL FOR TRAINING PARTICIPANTS

*Literature as a Bridge:
Empowering Youth Workers for
Reconciliation, Conflict Prevention, and Promotion of EU
Values*



Grupa "Hajde da..."



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LITERATURE
AS A BRIDGE

ABOUT THE TRAINING

Grupa "Hajde da..." together with It's regional partners: Association "Prijateljice", "Centar za mir Osijek" and Javni zavod "Mladi zmaji" is inviting **youth workers** from **Slovenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Serbia** to apply for the international training "**Literature as a Bridge**", organized as part of the project of the same name, supported by the **Tempus Foundation** through the **European Union**.

Why join?

This training offers a unique opportunity to explore how **literature and storytelling** can be powerful tools for **peacebuilding, empathy, and intercultural dialogue**.

Participants will:

- Learn how to use **literary and drama techniques** to promote peace and understanding
- Explore how literature reflects **individual and collective identities**, and shapes narratives around conflict
- Develop storytelling skills to **foster empathy** among diverse communities
- Gain tools and knowledge in **non-violent communication** and peaceful dialogue facilitation
- Design and implement **interactive workshops** using literary methods
- Create their own **local initiatives**, applying the approaches learned during the training

If you believe in the power of stories to connect, heal, and build bridges — this space is for you.



PARTICIPANTS PROFILE

- Age range from 18 to 40 years old.
- Previous experience in youth work.
- The possibility of using the knowledge and skills that will be acquired, in further work with youth.
- Motivation and willingness to work in a group, and ability to work in English.
- Participants coming from minority groups (people with disabilities, sexual minorities, national minorities in the country in which they live...) are welcome to apply.
- It is precious, but not crucial, if a person has experience working with young people affected by trans-generational trauma, social vulnerability, and displacement due to historical conflicts. Also, if the person has previous experience in the use of literature in their work.



PARTICIPANTS OBLIGATIONS

- Participants are required to attend all days of the training continuously from June 9 to June 15, 2025, in Sremski Karlovci.
- After completing the training, participants are expected to organize at least one workshop for young people in their local communities. Participants will design these workshops based on the knowledge and guidelines acquired during the training. Aiming to reach 20-30 young people per country. These workshops will act as dissemination platforms.
- Additionally, during the process of preparing and conducting the workshops, participants will have full support from the project team.

WHERE AND WHEN?



Training Venue Address:

Ecological Center Radulovački / Ekološki centar Radulovački
Mitropolita Stratimirovića 5, Sremski Karlovci

When:

09/06/2025 - 15/06/2025



OTHER INFORMATION



The right to participate in the project is granted to all youth workers, regardless of gender, identity, nationality, or ethnicity. During the selection process, the primary criterion will be the quality of the **completed application form**.



Organizers will cover costs concerning the training, such as: accommodation and food, domestic travel costs and training material. **Maximum travel refund** (European Commission criteria) is **211,00 EUR**.



Participants are expected to be committed to participate in the whole program, to **realize workshops in local communities** after the training. All obligations are defined by contract participants are signing with the partner organizations and after that, they will get certificate.



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APPLICATION

All those interested in participating in the training can apply via the application form at the following [link](#).

The application deadline is **May 13th**, 2025 at 7:00 PM!

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