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Round Table Meetings

Method, Stages, Objectives and Participants



PILL OF KNOWLEDGE





The Round Table Meeting was developed within the YCGN – South Baltic Youth Core Groups Network project and is currently being tested as a co-creation tool for engaging local stakeholders and supporting organisations in preparing various formats of Youth Democratic Festivals (YDF).

WHY?

Participation in practice, based on creating a platform for dialogue between adults and young people in order to jointly develop specific elements of democracy festivals around real challenges and needs. The method aims to strengthen cross-sectoral cooperation, foster intergenerational dialogue and increase youth participation in local decision-making processes. The recommendations developed during the meetings form the basis for the Youth Democratic Festivals programme and further activities undertaken by local partners.

WHAT ABOUT?

The meetings focus on how to respond more effectively to the challenges faced by young people and how to jointly address, during the festival, issues that young people themselves consider important and believe require change or action. During the meetings, participants analyse young people's needs, the support that institutions and organisations can provide, and the resources available within the local community that can be used to implement joint initiatives. Together, participants develop ideas for the festival programme, accompanying activities and recommendations for further cooperation.

WITH WHOM?

Local young people – for example, members of youth councils and student councils, as well as other active young people – together with local decision-makers who can influence a given issue and organisations working in the relevant field. The meetings also involve representatives of schools, cultural institutions, non-governmental organisations, universities, volunteer centres and other entities engaged in local community development. This makes it possible to jointly develop solutions that can be put into practice.

Implementation Stages:



1. Identification of a local challenge and selection of the Round Table topic.



4. Developing recommendations and allocating tasks among partners.



2. Inviting young people, representatives of local authorities, institutions and organisations connected with the issue.



5. Using the conclusions developed during the meetings to organise the YDF and continuing cooperation in subsequent project activities.



3. Conducting a moderated meeting during which participants identify needs, challenges and opportunities for cooperation, and jointly design solutions and elements of the YDF programme.

ROUND TABLE MEETING

DIALOGUE • COOPERATION • ACTION

Together we create solutions for the benefit of young people and local communities!



WHAT IS IT ABOUT?



We effectively address issues affecting young people and together we initiate change through dialogue and cooperation.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?



WE STRENGTHEN CROSS-SECTOR COOPERATION



WE DEVELOP INTERGENERATIONAL DIALOGUE



WE INCREASE YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN DECISION-MAKING



WE CREATE REAL SOLUTIONS

WHO IS INVOLVED?



YOUNG PEOPLE



LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND DECISION-MAKERS



NGOS AND CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS



SCHOOLS, UNIVERSITIES AND CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS



VOLUNTEER CENTRES AND OTHER LOCAL ENTITIES

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS

1



IDENTIFY THE CHALLENGE

Identifying local challenges and choosing the topic of the Round Table.

2



INVITE PARTICIPANTS

Inviting young people, representatives of local authorities, institutions and organizations related to the topic.

3



FACILITATED MEETING

Joint analysis of needs, challenges and opportunities. Co-creating solutions and program elements for the Festival.

4



RECOMMENDATIONS AND TASKS

Developing recommendations and task division among partners.

5



IMPLEMENTATION AND CONTINUATION

Using the results during the Youth Democratic Festival and continuing cooperation in further activities.

WHAT DO WE GAIN?



JOINT SOLUTIONS



BETTER FIT TO NEEDS



LASTING EFFECTS AND CONTINUITY OF ACTIONS



DEVELOPMENT OF COMPETENCES AND ENGAGEMENT



STRONGER LOCAL COMMUNITIES

TOGETHER WE CREATE THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITIES!



WE LISTEN



WE COOPERATE



WE ACT



WE CREATE CHANGE FOR THE BETTER



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