

UTOPIA

intercUltural Training to suppOrt disPlaced UkrainiAns

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Target Groups

Youth Workers
Professionals
with experience
working with
youth

Local Youth
(18-29 yo) in
host countries
where Ukrainian
refugees have
sought refuge

Ukrainian Youth
(18-29 yo) who
have been
displaced and
are seeking
refuge

About the Project

The **UTOPIA - intercUltural Training to suppOrt disPlaced UkrainiAns** project, developed under the Erasmus+ initiative, is a collaborative effort to promote social integration of Ukrainian refugees in the EU through innovative, non-formal educational practices.

Objectives

- promote social inclusion of newly arrived Ukrainian refugees through non-formal practices
- equip youth workers with educational practices that encourage intercultural dialogue among local young people and newly arrived refugees
- bring together young locals, Ukrainians and youth workers
- foster social media literacy as a means for encouraging intercultural dialogue and combating misinformation
- use the gamification method to promote understanding and intercultural contact

Where are we now?

The **UTOPIA** team is almost done developing the first deliverable of the project, the **Intercultural Dialogue Guide** for youth workers with theory and non-formal activities for local and Ukrainian refugee youth!

A **3 day Training Activity** for youth workers and staff members was completed during **26-28 of June in Suceava, Romania!**

Results



Intercultural Dialogue Guide for youth workers



“Become Agent for Social Change” Game



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UTOPIA Intercultural Youth Facilitators



Training Activity Recap

Our training in Suceava was a fantastic start, full of learning and intercultural exchange. Hosted by ACDC, it included workshops based on the activities developed for the Intercultural Dialogue Guide for youth workers about art, sports, food, faith, tradition, storytelling, volunteering and more!

Study and cultural visits to local organizations, such as the County Association "Sport for All" Suceava, the Suceava County Center for Educational Resources and Assistance and the UNHCR branch were included! Youth workers also participated in a local TV show's interview to discuss the project's impact on integrating Ukrainians.

On the last day we visited the Romania's famous Vama Egg Museum and the Voronet Monastery. We concluded with a productive session to strengthen partnerships.



Stay Tuned

- Soon our Intercultural Dialogue Guide for youth workers we'll be ready!
- Project's website is under construction!
- Piloting sessions are already beginning to be implemented!

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