

INTERCULTURAL TRAINERS KIT FOR MIGRANTS' EDUCATORS

TALK WITH ME – Voluntary language mentors for young refugees

Implementation-related selection criteria:	<p>The proposed example should correspond to <u>ALL listed criteria</u>:</p> <p>✓ Effective and successful: A “good practice” has proven its strategic relevance as the most effective way in achieving a specific objective; it has been successfully adopted and has had a positive impact on individuals and/or communities.</p> <p>✓ Replicable and adaptable: A “good practice” should have the potential for replication and should therefore be adaptable to similar objectives in varying situations.</p> <p>✓ Information availability: There is enough information provided for the good practice (approach, methodology, materials etc.) so that it is possible to replicate it in a new situation; the provided web-links are working and the contact information is up-to-date</p>
Impact targets: (The good practice should correspond to at least one of the listed benefits)	<p>The good practice can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> improve the intercultural skills of adult educators working with migrants <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> improve the quality of the learning and teaching process for adult migrants <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> improve the motivation of migrants to get involved in learning <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> improve the capacities of organisations working for the integration of migrants
Content-related selection criteria: (The good practice should correspond to at least one of the listed benefits)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Promotion of intercultural skills of adult educators <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Promotion of tolerance, diversity and inclusion in the learning process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application of intercultural teaching resources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Raising the participation and attainment of adult migrants in the educational process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Training of teachers working with adult migrants <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please, specify):

PROMOTER OF THE INITIATIVE:	
Name of organisation / individual	Gemeinsam leben und lernen in Europa e. V. (Germany) Tulip Foundation (Bulgarian partner)
Country	Germany, Bulgaria, Romania
Website	www.tulipfoundation.net
Contacts	https://voluntary-mentors.eu/contacts/

DETAILS OF THE INITIATIVE:	
Title of the initiative	TALK WITH ME - Voluntary language mentors for young refugees
Year(s) of implementation	2015-2018
Target group(s)	Volunteer organizations, young voluntary language mentors , migrants
Website of the initiative	https://voluntary-mentors.eu/
Description (max 200 words)	<p>The overall aim of this project is to improve the integration of refugees in different European countries and to support volunteers who are working with refugees across Europe. The project created an easy-to-multiply framework that could be used in various projects in order to facilitate the integration of refugees in the hosting communities.</p> <p>The project created a context where people with different backgrounds, locals and refugees, get to meet and start to develop a relationship with one another. An unconventional language course was developed that allowed young people to really connect, share their experiences and explore each other's culture, providing a comfortable environment for this purpose.</p>
Methodology (max 150 words)	<p>The project designed a volunteer programme, lasting 10 weeks, implying 10 meetings, for local young people, in which they participate as language mentors for refugees their own age. Each volunteer is matched with a refugee and they meet in pairs and discuss different topics each week, for approximately one hour. Both the volunteers and the refugees benefit from trainings before beginning the programme, during which they are prepared, on one hand for the work they are supposed to do and, on the other, for intercultural learning.</p>
Products / Outcomes	<p>Type of product:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Paper-based material</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online resource</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Video clips / Films</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course / Training</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please, specify):</p>

	<p>Brief description of the product / outcome / method:</p> <p>To further improve the training and support for the volunteers involved in the programme, the partners then produced a number of project manuals in English, German, Bulgarian and Romanian. These manuals are freely accessible on this website and they are meant to help other organisations who would like to set up their own language mentoring programmes.</p> <p>The final products are available for download here: https://voluntary-mentors.eu/documents/</p> <p>The project developed a manual called “Talk with me – Project Guideline” which is structured in 7 sections that are designed to offer any willing organization the guidelines for implementing a similar volunteer programme successfully and efficiently. The sections include guidelines and techniques for work with refugees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Recruiting volunteers ➤ Orientation and training for volunteers ➤ Recruiting refugees ➤ Orientation and training for refugees ➤ Introduction and matching session ➤ Implementing the 10 meetings ➤ Project management <p>The document is available for download here: https://voluntary-mentors.eu/wp-content/uploads/ErasmusTALK_Project_Manual_2018-03-05.pdf</p>
<p>Impact on target groups / Transferability potential</p>	<p>The German organisation “Gemeinsam leben und lernen in Europa e. V.” (short: GLL) has developed a good practice model that addresses the challenge of language learning. It has set up a successful volunteer language mentor program for young refugees: trained volunteers help refugees on a one-to-one, face-to-face basis to learn the language and to understand the culture of their new home. Additionally, GLL has developed some easy-to-use learning and teaching material for volunteer mentors.</p> <p>For the “Talk with me” project, the German partners transferred this successful volunteer programme to Bulgaria and Romania, and together, the partner organisations adjusted the programme to the circumstances in their respective countries.</p> <p>As this programme is easy to implement and requires small financial resources, other organisations can be inspired and encouraged to realise similar projects. This programme will lead to friendships between young locals and young refugees. This is the key to integration: to be able to speak the local language, to have someone to talk to, and to be connected within the local community.</p>