



What is YouStar?

YouStar project is an initiative financed by the Erasmus+ KA2 programme fostering cooperation for innovation and exchange of good practices. The project started in March 2021 and will last for two years.

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Antigone Greek drama as a method for social inclusion

YouStar is based on the successful non-formal method developed by LA GUILLA Theatre: ANTIGONE Greek drama.

The method compares EU point of view and people's point of view. The first one doesn't allow the migrants to come to the EU if they don't have a visa or job and the second one wants to help and host the migrants, even the law says differently.

The method starts with reading the dialogue between Creon and Antigone, understanding their motivations and debating on their thoughts. The group of participants also talks and debates with the chorus point of view. The chorus represents the citizens and what they really think about the migrant's issues. After the debate, the method uses physical improvisation to express these two different characters. We use music to help participants be confident in each other and in themselves, organising games and exercises based on music.

Mission

The mission of YouStar project is to equip facilitators working with youth across Europe with new skills and innovative tools to foster social inclusion of young people using theatre techniques.

Goals

1. To increase social inclusion of young people through theatre arts.
2. To provide young people with space for improving their self-esteem and confidence.
3. To equip professionals with YouStar toolkit to increase their professional skills in the fields of social inclusion and theatre arts.

Results

1. YouStar literature review and methodological framework
2. YouStar Toolkit
3. YouStar recommendations for practitioners



There are seven partners in YO.US.T.A.R. project. All partners are theatre or cultural organisations working closely with youth.

Coordinator:

* Theatre La Guilla (Italy)

Partners:

* MOSAIC POLITISMOS & DIMIOURGIKOTITA (Greece)

* Know and Can Association (Bulgaria)

* MIR Akademien AB (Sweden)

* KUD Transformator (Slovenia)

* ASSOCIATION KULTURANOVA (Serbia)

* ASOCIACION CULTURAL Y DEPORTIVA

LAHOYA (Spain)

Our news

The partnership have carried out two meetings to start the project

*Kick-off meetings main mission was to set up the routines for project implementation and for partners to have a chance to meet each other. The overall project idea and all its steps were discussed.

*Second meeting was mostly dedicated to planning the first step of the project - literature review with a goal to collect current research and best practices for social inclusion via theatre and culture in partner countries and beyond.



What's in the pipeline right now?

The partnership is working with collecting research and best practices for social inclusion in their countries and beyond, which will be presented in a form of literature review as a source for inspiration for professionals working with youth all over EU. Moreover, the result of this research will lay a ground for development of the main project product, the YouStar Toolkit which will be piloted in all partner countries.

Coming events to keep an eye on

In October 2021 it is planned to carry out Train-the-Trainer five days workshop for three professionals from each country, when YouStar methodology and toolkit will be presented. The workshop will take place in Palermo, Italy.

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