

ABOUT US

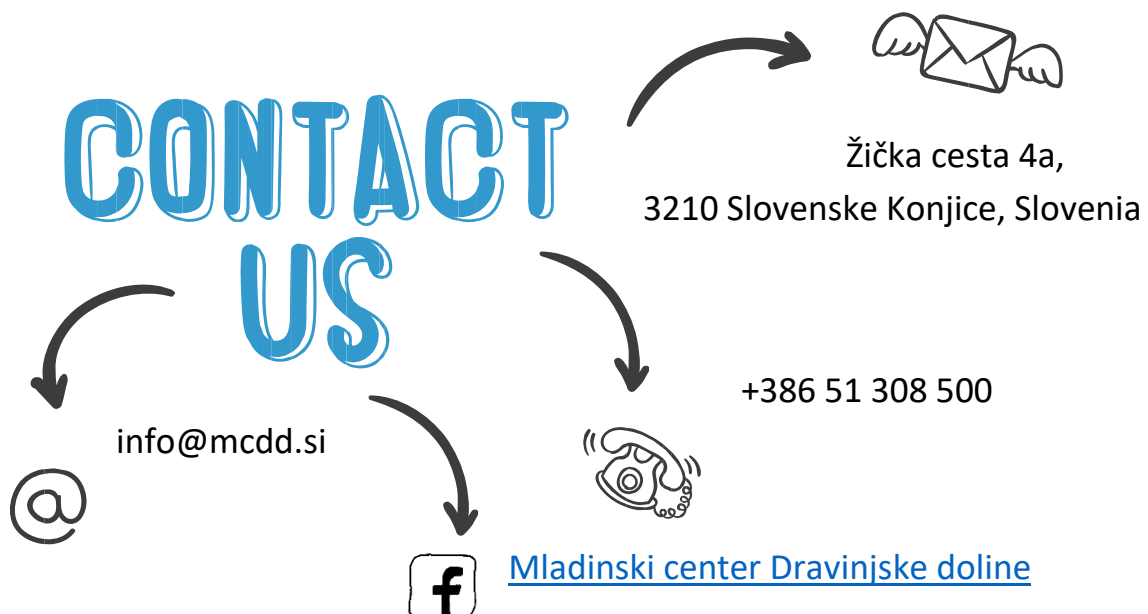
YOUTH CENTRE OF DRAVINJA VALLEY



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Youth centre of Dravinja valley was established in 2003 by Students club of Dravinja valley and is a private institute and social enterprise that is working with youth on local, regional, national and international level. Our vision is activation of young people, promotion of active citizenship, raising cultural competencies, increasing social responsibility, promoting youth mobility and non-formal education. Youth centre of Dravinja valley also provides space for the operation of a number of youth associations in the municipality, music groups, choirs and other organizations. In the local area we are perceived as an important player, we are achieving the highest ratings among youth centres on the national level, internationally we are among the most active youth organizations.

Our core activities are divided into 4 pillars: youth centre, cultural event centre Patriot, intergenerational centre and social incubator Kreaktor. In "youth centre" our main activities are youth mobility projects (organizing, hosting and sending), local volunteering promotion and activation, support to other organizations, intercultural dialogue activities, non-formal education modules development, implementation of youth, sport and cultural events. In cultural event centre Patriot we take care of promotion of young unknown bands, organize concerts, performances, reading clubs, exhibitions etc. Intergenerational center is carrying out activities that connect generations (daily activities). Program pillar "Kreaktor" promotes social entrepreneurship, co-working and carries out activities that gives youngsters knowledge and increases their employability.



ABOUT THE PROJECT

Youth centre of Dravinja Valley (MCDD) is a highly experienced organization in the field of youth work and a recognized player at the local, regional, national and international levels. During the years we have been noticing that the transfer of knowledge from generation to generation of youth workers is very hard, mostly because of unstable funding, which resulted in a rapid change of staff. The youth workers who form a permanent core of MCDD are therefore prone to burnout, occasional non-motivation and loss of contact with youth. That is why we have decided to establish a model of sustainable organizational development and staffing monitoring plan. The model takes into account various internal and external factors that affect the youth worker, organization and youth work as such. The establishment of a sustainable MCDD development plan was a systematic process. Due to good results within MCDD, we wish to share our model with partner organizations of the project.

Goals of the project:

- mapping out youth workers' personal and professional characteristics and the impact of both on youth work and the development of the organization;
- who is the "ideal" youth worker and how we want to get closer to that ideal;
- the circumstances and working conditions of the organizations in which youth workers operate and how to influence them;
- the challenges of youth work and how to address them through collaboration, the exchange of good practices and different methods;
- the traps of getting burnout at work and how to avoid it;
- the importance of an internal balance for effective communication and relationship with the outside world;
- identifying the challenges with which young people, youth workers and society in general in partner countries and other societies are facing;
- the importance and effectiveness of methods for building healthy societies, that are emotionally engaging and at the same time have sufficient space for critical reflection and judgment;
- the situation of marginalized, discriminated target groups who, due to various systemic and social barriers, do not have a real opportunity to access social goods;
- creative power of youth worker and the creative power of teamwork to address different social phenomena through youth work;
- the importance of a program such as E + for sustainable development of youth work,
- activation of youth workers and young people;
- to promote Erasmus+ program: Youth in action and opportunities offered by the program in the field of youth;
- to promote Youthpass as a tool that contributes to strengthening the social recognition of youth work.

Results of the project:

- providing participants with a tool for becoming aware of the state of different personal dimensions within themselves and definition of themselves and their own work;
- participants will learn/create/share new methods of work with young people for addressing the various and current needs of young people and encouraging their active participation;
- issuing an e-publication in which the methods and the identified challenges and possible solutions will be collected;
- increasing the visibility and importance of youth work.

PARTICIPANTS PROFILE



From each country we're **looking for**:

- 2 youth workers/leaders;
- with a low or medium level of experience in youth work;
- between 18 and 35 years old;
- with at least basic English language skills;
- with an interest in gaining knowledge and skills for professional and personal development within youth work;
- with an interest in sharing methods and tools after the training course;
- fully motivated to participate in 100% of activities.

**You can apply directly to the partner organization in your country!
They will provide the link to the application form and make the selection. After that they will notify us about their decision and send us your application form.**

PREPARATIONAL ACTIVITES

- Mapping of the current situation:
 - identifying the needs and challenges you are faced with within your work as a youth worker/leader,
 - identifying and making the analysis of the current challenges and needs of local youth and local community.
- Presentation of organizations: each partner organization (participants) should prepare a short, max 3 minutes long interactive and as creative presentation of the organization as possible. **No** e-presentations and no videos! You are welcome to bring with you a few info materials.
- Preparation for theme evenings that will be carried out at the training course: during the VIP evening you will present your idol (someone you look up to in your personal or professional life). Bring with you clothes and/or objects which will help you represent your idol.

Night hike with torches will be organized by us. Just make sure you bring warmer outdoor clothes and shoes.
- Intercultural evening: during Mega intercultural evening each country will have a chance of presenting themselves – traditional food, drinks, music, culture etc. ..., so please prepare short creative presentation of your country. The promo videos (if you decide for them) should not be longer that 1 minute. Only one promo video per country is acceptable. Traditional food and drinks are very welcome but **there is no option to use the kitchen for the preparation of food. Please, bring imperishable food.**



FINANCIAL MATTERS

Participants will get reimbursement of their travel expenses according to the table below. Organizers will provide accommodation and food during the whole period of the training course. There is no participation fee. The accommodation and food costs during the training course will be fully covered within the project. Due to the fact that we will provide transport from Slovenske Konjice to Gorenje 5€ per person of reimbursement money will be deducted. The explanation is given further on.

Maximum reimbursement amount

Country	Number of participants	Maximum reimbursement amount (€) per person
Algeria	2	275
Italy	2	275
Georgia	2	360
Moldova	2	275
North Macedonia	2	275
Serbia	2	180
Slovakia	2	275
Slovenia	2	0

Additional VERY IMPORTANT notes:

- Please find the cheapest way of travelling. You are eligible only to use public transfer. Costs of coming by car or car rental, taxi fares, ... will not be reimbursed. **Before booking you have to get approval from our side – Mladinski center Dravinjske doline!**
- The meeting point will be Youth centre of Dravinja Valley located at Žička cesta 4a, 3210 Slovenske Konjice. From there we will provide transport to the venue of the training course in Gorenje pri Zrečah. **Due to that 5€ per person of reimbursement money will be deducted.**
- If participants spend more than the maximum reimbursement amount, it will be participants' responsibility to cover the rest of the traveling cost. If participants spend less than maximum reimbursement amount, they will be only covered for the amount they spent (regarding the travel costs).
- The reimbursement will be done by bank transfer, only after we receive all original travel documents (receipts, ticket, boarding passes, ...). **We need all your original receipts, tickets and boarding passes so make sure you keep all your original travel documents for both ways!**

- After the project you should send us all original travel proofs to:

Mladinski center Dravinjske doline
Žička cesta 4a
3210 Slovenske Konjice
Slovenia

and scanned to the following e-mail address: nina.kovacic@mcdd.si

- All transaction costs of the reimbursement that will originate by the primary sending bank will be paid by MCDD. The costs incurred by the payout bank(s) will be paid by the receiver.

Pandemic Related Issues

As the project was applied previously to the pandemic, we do not have any additional budget for the costs of the PCR tests (if at the time of the training it will still be obligatory). Anyhow, if there will be any money left within each countries' travel budget, we will try to reimburse also some of the costs of the PCR test.

Please note that the organisational costs or costs left from the travel allowances will be primarily used to cover additional expenses to be ready for the pandemic related items such as disinfectants, face masks for participants etc.. So we cannot guarantee you that we will be able to cover some of the PCR costs. Therefore, please be ready to cover them yourself. Each case will be dealt with individually and by country. We will do our best (pinky promise).

TRAVEL INFO

Travelling by plane:

If you will be travelling by plane, you can check out connections to:

- Ljubljana (Slovenia), airport Jože Pučnik (also known as airport Brnik Ljubljana),
- Zagreb (Croatia), airport Franjo Tuđman,
- Graz (Austria), airport Thalerhof,
- Venice (Italy), airports Treviso and Marco Polo,
- Trieste (Italy),
- Vienna (Austria).

We suggest that you purchase your plane tickets directly from the flight companies' websites rather than different travel agencies or 'flight scanners'.

Make sure to check thoroughly that you will be fully reimbursed for your purchased tickets in case of cancellation by the flight companies.

Before boarding the plane, please check out the information on the following web page: <https://www.iatatravelcentre.com/international-travel-document-news/1580226297.htm>

Not from any other page! This one is updated on a daily basis by IATA and is the most accurate information that you can find.

For the transport from the airports to Slovenske Konjice and return we recommend you to take **GoOpti shuttle transport**. Try putting in as the final destination the address of Mladinski center Dravinjske doline (Žička cesta 4a, 3210 Slovenske Konjice). If that will be too expensive, put in “Tepanje highway exit, OMV gas station, Slovenske Konjice, Slovenia” and we will pick you up there, when you arrive.

If you wish to take public transport (train, bus) once you will reach Slovenia instead of GoOpti to get to Slovenske Konjice, you will have to combine bus and train. The connections are not so good and take a lot of time, so you have to be very careful when planning your travel:

- Train: <https://www.slo-zeleznice.si/en/>
- Bus: <https://www.nomago.eu/>

VENUE OF THE TRAINING COURSE

Training course will take place at the inn [Gostišče Smogavc](#), from 26. 7. until 3. 8. 2021.

Location: Gostišče Smogavc

Address: Gorenje nad Zrečami 27, 3214 Zreče, Slovenia

A few professional photos from the venue:







- Participants will be accommodated in dorm rooms per 3 persons by the same gender.
- Bed linen and towels are provided at the inn.
- There will be free Wi-Fi available.
- Seminar room is in the same building.
- Breakfast, lunch, dinner and two coffee breaks will be organized.
- [Weather](#) should be nice but can be a bit chilly in the evenings because of the hill side venue. Take a piece of warm clothing just in case.

PROGRAM OF THE TRAINING COURSE

PROGRAM – (Un)mapped grounds

	26. 7.	27. 7.	28. 7.	29. 7.	30. 7.	31. 7.	1. 8.	2. 8.	3. 8.
AM	Arrivals and accommodation	Getting to know each other, expectations, house rules Presentation of the program Creation of personal maps	Re-vision of youth work Key competences	Dear boss, I'm writing this ...	Drained like a lemon?	Ground control to Major Tom	Creation of activities for youth	In-vision Final evaluation	D e p a r t u r e s
PM	Getting to know each other	Erasmus + presentation Organizations presentation market Daily evaluation	Youth work realities Ideal youth worker Daily evaluation	FEAR = opportunity for progress Daily evaluation	Free afternoon: Discovering Slovenske Konjice	Goal of the target group Daily evaluation	Presentation of prepared activities Preparation of methodology for e-book Daily Evaluation	Y o u t h p a s s	
Evening	Sociable evening	Show your talent	VIP evening	Night hike with torches	Mega intercultural night	Sociable evening	Free evening	Farwell party	

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

- Mladinski center Dravinjske doline (Slovenia),
- Centro per lo Sviluppo Creativo "Danilo Dolci" (Italy),
- Association of citizens SFERA (Serbia),
- Association for volunteerism - Volonterski Centar Skopje (North Macedonia),
- Youth Association DRONI (Georgia),
- Youth Association for Environment and Culture (Algeria),
- ADVIT "Europa fara frontiere (Moldova),
- Youtfully Yours SK (Slovakia).

OTHER INFORMATION

- If you have an option, please bring at least one laptop, tablet per country. We will need it for practical work.
- Make sure you take care of health insurance for being abroad (European blue card).
- We would kindly ask for participants of each sending organization to bring original mandate on the training course.
- **Do not forget your good will and positive spirit!** 😊