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Jerez, Spain



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Association Argonauta
Creamos Europa



Youth Work Horizons vol. 2 study visit focused on exploring different approaches to youth work in the local reality of Jerez, Spain. Through visits and exchanges with local organisations, youth centres, the Youth Delegation, youth workers and volunteers, participants learned how different local actors cooperate to create opportunities, spaces and activities for young people. The programme provided practical examples of youth participation, community-based youth work, cooperation between NGOs and local authorities, use of youth spaces, digital tools and methods for engaging young people. Through discussions, networking and reflection, participants identified good practices that can be adapted and transferred to their local realities. The study visit strengthened participants' understanding of how youth work responds to local needs, while also creating opportunities for new partnerships, exchange of experiences and future cooperation.



YOUTH WORK IN THE LOCAL REALITY

What we explored in Jerez

01 → LOCAL YOUTH ECOSYSTEM

Meeting local organisations and discovering how NGOs, youth workers and the Youth Delegation contribute to opportunities for young people.

02 → SPACES FOR YOUTH WORK

Exploring youth centres and other spaces available for youth activities, participation and cooperation between local organisations.

03 → METHODS & TOOLS

Discovering practical approaches for engaging young people, including digital and 3D tools and methods used to prepare youth for projects and activities.

04 → PARTNERSHIPS & EXCHANGE

Meeting local organisations, youth workers, ESC volunteers and former participants to exchange experiences and discuss future cooperation.



Youth work becomes stronger when it is connected to the needs, actors and opportunities of the local community.



FROM JEREZ TO OUR LOCAL REALITY

TURNING OBSERVATION INTO PRACTICE

1

CONNECT

Strengthen cooperation between youth organisations, local authorities and other community actors.

2

CREATE SPACE

Create accessible spaces where young people can meet, participate, develop ideas and take initiative.

3

ENGAGE

Use creative, digital and participatory methods to involve young people and respond to their interests.



WHAT DO WE TAKE HOME?

- Adapt good practices rather than simply copy them.
- Strengthen cooperation with local youth stakeholders.
- Create more opportunities for meaningful youth participation.
- Test new tools and approaches in our everyday youth work.



PARTICIPANT TESTIMONIALS

VOICES FROM THE STUDY VISIT



“ This study visit opened new horizons for me in my work with young people. It gave me the opportunity to learn about the work and activities of other organisations, as well as the activities, methods and tools they use in working with young people. At the same time, young people have the opportunity to use their potential and interests to contribute to the development of their communities.

It was also very interesting to learn about the model of support provided by local authorities to organisations, such as youth centres that can be used free of charge and are supported with the necessary technological equipment and technical assistance.

MAJA

“ During the study visit, we established contacts with organizations from Spain for potential cooperation on future Erasmus projects. We also saw examples of good practices related to project sustainability, which we will implement in our own organization.

INGA



PARTICIPANT TESTIMONIAL

Taking part in this study visit, organized by Argonauta with the logistical support of Creamos Europa in Jerez de la Frontera, gave me a valuable insight into different ways of engaging young people and encouraging them to become more active members of their communities.

Through visits to local organizations and initiatives, I discovered a wide range of approaches – from theatre programmes that help young people overcome the fear of public speaking, to gaming tournaments that connect young people from across Europe, cultural events such as rap competitions, humanitarian and social initiatives, Erasmus and volunteering opportunities, 3D-printing workshops, and activities introducing young people to the cultural heritage of Jerez and its surroundings.

As someone who already collaborates with Argonauta on programmes focused on youth engagement and participation, the visit was particularly inspiring. At the same time, I am interested in developing a similar initiative in my own community, and the experience gave me many practical ideas for activities, organizational models and new ways of creating opportunities for young people.

Perhaps most importantly, the study visit was not only about learning from good examples, but also about connecting with the people behind them. I had the opportunity to meet organizations that are doing inspiring work, exchange experiences and ideas, and create new networking opportunities that could potentially develop into future collaborations. I am returning home with a much clearer picture of what can be achieved when young people are given space, support and meaningful opportunities to participate.



ANTE

“ PARTICIPANT TESTIMONIALS



This study visit demonstrated the key role of the municipality in providing free space for young people to develop and implement their programs, as well as fostering opportunities for collaboration. All of this helps youth reach their full potential, offers meaningful ways to spend their free time, and enables them to develop their interests and skills. It was inspiring to see youth-oriented organizations in action and witness the strong support they receive from the local community.

SUZANA

This study visit gave me the opportunity to reflect more deeply on my career future and the way I want to make an impact in the youth work field in my city. Furthermore, I gained a better understanding of the value that these opportunities bring in terms of cooperation between different organisations, especially internationally. I am also grateful to have met these youth workers, as I learned a lot from them.

ALEXIS



PARTICIPANT TESTIMONIALS

REAL EXPERIENCES. LASTING IMPACT.

I am very satisfied with the Study Visit Youth Work Horizons and truly fascinated by the level of support that the government and local authorities provide to young people and youth organisations. What impressed me most is the way public institutions actively encourage young people's initiatives by offering free spaces for their activities and creating an environment in which youth work can develop. I also find it especially inspiring that young people's voices are taken seriously in decision-making processes, particularly when decisions directly affect their lives and communities.

This Study Visit was a valuable and inspiring experience that showed me how strong cooperation between young people, public institutions, and local authorities can create meaningful opportunities for youth participation and development.

SANJA

During this study visit, I learned what an important space associations can be for young people to connect, develop their potential, and feel a sense of belonging to a community. Whether through activities that interest them, such as video games that link them with peers from around the world, or through drama activities that help them overcome stage fright and shyness while building self-confidence.

LEA





FROM LEARNING TO ACTION



Youth Work Horizons vol. 2 showed us that good practices become more valuable when they are shared, discussed and adapted to local realities. The learning from Jerez now continues in our organisations, communities and future collaborations.





FROM LEARNING TO ACTION

This leaflet was created as a final result of the “Youth Work Horizons vol.2” study visit. The study visit was realised between Argonauta and Aciación Creamos Europa who warmly welcomed us in their country and showed us their local reality of youth work. The study visit is a youth worker mobility activity, implemented within our Erasmus+ accreditation in the field of youth.

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