

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

ComEdu: Creating Comics for Education

28 January – 3 February 2019, Latvia

International co-working meeting in Latvia for educators/youth workers and artists from partner and their collaboration organizations from Latvia, Portugal and Estonia to develop educational comics for young people. The objectives of the first meeting are:

- to build a network between the partners, artists and educators/youth workers;
- to select the topics and content for the educational comics and set up the co-working teams;
- to begin to create educational materials for youth using comics as a tool and communication form.

To expand our network, we would like to invite youth workers, educators and artists who have collaborated with any of the partner organizations before and also new motivated participants to join!



Partners

NGO Grafiskie Stāsti (Latvia) www.komikss.lv
NGO Rota Jovem (Portugal) home.rotajovem.com
NGO Mondo (Estonia) www.mondo.org.ee

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APPLY IF YOU ARE

- 18+ years old resident of Latvia, Estonia or Portugal.
- Fluent English speaker (the working language of the project is English).
- Active in working with youth in collaboration with one of the partner organizations **and/or** a comic artist, illustrator, student of arts or self-taught person interested or experienced in visual narratives, comics and turning ideas into visual stories.
- Ready to fully participate in the seminar in Latvia from 28 January to 3 February 2019.
- Ready to work in teams of 2-3 people to develop a visual educational material (content and drawings –with the most successful and finished we will do contracts).
- Ready to organize a local activity –a book opening and an exhibition in your local community.

COSTS

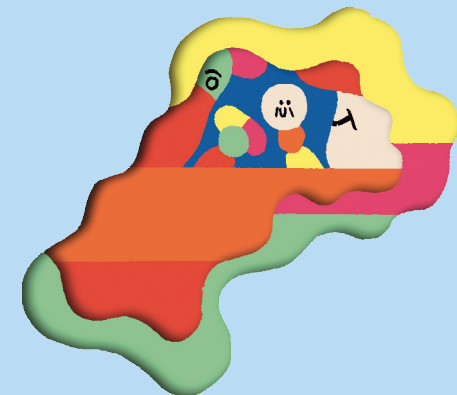
- as the project is supported, the travel, accommodation and meal costs are covered under program Erasmus+ (please, contact the organizing team for more details and do not purchase any tickets before final confirmation. **The travel reimbursement will be done to your personal bank account after the meeting and after delivering the expected outcome (educational comic).**
- You will need to arrange your own travel insurance. Make sure you take also a valid European Health Insurance Card with you.
- Artists of the most developed ideas are planned to be contracted to develop their educational comic idea fully and to publish in the educational comic book.

ComEdu: Comics for Education is a strategic partnership project (Erasmus+ Youth in Action) in the field of youth (innovative practices) that aims to improve and expand international youth work by bringing comic artists and youth workers together and developing comics as a learning and communication tool in non-formal education.

Participants: 20 youth workers and artists from Latvia, Estonia and Portugal

If you have any questions write us to:
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APPLICATION DEADLINE
4 JANUARY 2019



TEAM



SINTIJA LASE [Latvia]
Trainer

Sintija is a non-formal education trainer and a member of trainers' pool of Latvian National Agency of Erasmus+: Youth in Action program (JSPA) since 2011. She believes that art and creativity can bring the joy and solution for many social struggles and promote mutual understanding. For many years Sintija has developed and implemented numerous non-formal education trainings, including comic workshops together with Amanda, encouraging youth to discuss their stereotypes, and raising awareness about racism and discrimination issues through creating comics that reflect on personal stories.



SANITA MUIŽNIECE [Latvia]
Project manager and editor

Sanita is an editor and curator of various events contributing to the development of the comic scene in Latvia with the association "Grafiskie stasti". Besides publishing books, she has studied social work and believes that comics are a powerful and useful visual story-telling and communication tool for diverse audiences. Together with Latvian comic artists she has organized

workshops for senior citizens in Latvia to share their personal life stories and created comics based on them. She has also worked as the coordinator in Latvia for the international project "ComiX4= Comics for equality" which included international award for comic artists with migrant background, creating handbook for non-formal education workshops, organising exhibitions and comics workshops for youth.



AMANDA BAEZA [Portugal/Chile]
Comic artist
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Amanda is a Chilean-raised artist who has moved to Portugal. Having some struggles because of her migrant background and a need to express herself in arts, Amanda has made many comics about her personal experience of being a migrant. She has participated in different art, business and social projects. Amanda has led numerous workshops on comics- creating for young people. She loves to encourage people to develop their inner artist-comics-creator and do not mind to share her personal story how art and creativity has helped her to integrate in a new country, now called home.

PROGRAM OF THE MEETING

28 Jan	Arrival to the meeting place 'Laumas' (before 6PM). Welcome dinner. Introduction & getting to know each other.
29 Jan	Aims, objectives of the project. Team building. Group resources. Content-input by partners.
30 Jan	Drawing practice & storytelling. Learning needs of youth and partners. Ideas market and development.
31 Jan	Preparation for comics creating: teams & comics ideas. 24-hour Comics creating marathon: START!
1 Feb	24-hour Comics creating marathon: FINISH! Sharing: exhibition & presentations. Feedback. Conclusions.
2 Feb	Future plans & follow-up: educational comics development. Project's visibility. Evaluation.
3 Feb	Departures