



Training for youth workers working with NEET's,
combining experiential learning and group
dynamics in circus, starting from wonder.

The activity:

The activity within the project Wonder is an 8-days training where the participants:

- * will live through an experiential group process;
- * will use meta reflection to frame and reframe their experiences within models of experiential learning and group dynamics;
- * will work themselves on developing new methods with this theoretical background;

The group of participants will consist of a mixture of 16 circus teachers who have experience in working with NEET's and youth workers from special youth care and who are interested in working with wonderment.

Objectives:

Wonder aims to explore how circus and experiential learning can be combined in practice. We believe this combination will lead to qualitative, meaningful, and innovative practices which will allow the introduction of new approaches in the work with vulnerable youth and which will contribute to the research for qualitative youth work in Flanders and Europe.

Wonder wonders about the following three research questions:

1. How can we focus more on physical, non-verbal expression and communication within (experiential) learning?
2. How can we implement more wonderment and less frustration as a driver of (experiential) learning?
3. Which influence does physical contact have on models of group dynamics?



The objectives are:

- 1* Applying innovative methods and improving of personal growth of youth workers.
- 2* Assess how methods are experienced by participants in a multicultural context.
- 3* Promoting the professional development of youth workers by obtaining insight into the theoretical and pedagogical framework of experiential learning.
- 4* Exploring new approaches to increase the impact of youth workers on the needs of vulnerable youth.
- 5* Developing an international network for the dissemination of the results within the European youth work.

Partnership:

Ondersteboven vzw (919050460)	Belgium
Associazione Sportiva Dilettantistica Giocolieri e Dintorni (944930642)	Italy
Asociación de malabaristas y artistas de circo Zirkozaurre (907542186)	Spain
Fédération Française des Ecoles de Cirque (948174613)	France

Dates:

8 days: 5 - 12 September 2019

We expect all participants to join the whole period.

It is not possible to come late or leave early.

Location:

This time we will go to: Sint-Niklaas

We will train in the most cosy circus venue in Flanders: circus Punt

<https://www.facebook.com/circuspunt>

And we will rest in the beautiful nature of De Ster.

<https://oost-vlaanderen.be/ontspannen/recreatiedomeinen/de-ster.html>

Budget:

Participants have to pay a participation fee of 250 euro for training, accommodation and food from 5/9/2019 - 12/9/2019. The Erasmus + budget covers travel costs (up to a maximum amount).

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