

Call for authors

2 essays on issues of learning to learn and recognition

SALTO Training and Cooperation is looking for authors for two essays on the following themes:

1. **Recognition** of youth work and non-formal learning **in relation to employability**;
2. **Current political developments regarding recognition** of youth work and non-formal learning.

The call

SALTO Training and Cooperation is seeking to enhance current discussions regarding recognition of non-formal learning and youth work. For this, a series of essays will be established that highlight current themes around recognition, learning to learn and Youthpass, covering both political as well as the educational scope of discussions. The first essay in this line was published in November 2010: ["The Youthpass process and Learning to Learn. Some ideas for practitioners"](#), written by Mark Taylor.

The current call focuses on both educational and political aspects of recognition, aiming at placing Youthpass as the EU process and strategy of recognition in the wider landscape of the related developments.

1. **Recognition of youth work and non-formal learning in relation to employability**. The discussion in the essay should highlight the impact of youth work and non-formal learning, including Youth in Action and Youthpass, on the employability of young people. The text could tackle the educational and/or societal point of view at this relationship.
2. **Current political developments regarding recognition** of youth work and non-formal learning on the European level. The text should include a critical analysis of the current/recent developments, from an angle chosen by the author.

The target group of the essays are mainly practitioners active in the European level youth work as well as other stakeholders of the recognition strategy. The final text of the essay should be 1200-2000 words. It will be essential to include proper references to the sources used, as well as links to further reading where appropriate. Tables/graphs and/or other illustrative material may be included to the text.

The essays chosen for publication will be laid out according to the CVI of SALTO Training and Cooperation RC. The essays will be disseminated in the electronic form, mainly on www.youthpass.eu. Printing of the essays is subject to current needs and available further resources.

Conditions

To take part in the call, please submit the following information in English to kristiina@salto-youth.net:

- **1-page concept of the essay**, including the working title, thematic focus, preliminary structure and main conclusions. Main sources of inspiration could be referred to.
- **Your contact details**: full name, address, e-mail address and phone number.
- **A short summary of your experiences** as an author of (educational) texts on the topics of European youth work / non-formal learning. Please provide a list of published texts and links to the texts published online.
- **Any additional information** that you consider relevant – TOY profile, CV, references, etc. – to highlight your experiences connected to international youth work / non-formal learning.

→ **Time schedule**

- Deadline to submit the requested information in order to participate in the call: **Sept 2**
- All applicants will be notified of the decision: **Sept 7**
- Deadline to submit the final text: **Sept 30**

→ **Fee**

- The authors receive a fee of 500 € per essay.

Framework of this call

Youth in Action is the EU Programme for young people, aiming to inspire a sense of active citizenship, solidarity and tolerance among young Europeans and to involve them in shaping the Union's future. It promotes mobility within and beyond the EU borders, non-formal learning and intercultural dialogue, and encourages the inclusion of all young people, regardless of their educational, social and cultural background.

Youthpass is the European strategy on the validation and recognition of non-formal and informal learning within the Youth in Action programme. It is to be seen as a tool as well as a strategy and individual process, promoting learning to learn in the Youth in Action projects.

SALTO Training and Cooperation supports the Commission and the National Agencies in the implementation of the European Training Strategy and Youthpass.

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