

OPPORTUNITIES IN ERASMUS+



A YORKSHIRE & THE HUMBER REGIONAL SEMINAR

Background

Erasmus+ is the European Union's programme which is focused on education, training, youth and sport. It seeks to address challenges such as rising levels of unemployment, particularly among young people. **Erasmus+** also seeks to develop social capital among young people – the empowerment of young people and their ability to participate actively in society. The programme also enhances the opportunities for co-operation and mobility with partner countries.

Our sector has not always made the most of the opportunities provided to it by European Union funding. There are a range of reasons for this, including unfamiliarity with the process, a view that applying can be time-consuming, that funding is target driven.

This regional seminar will look to de-bunk some of the myths and anxieties around the **Erasmus+** programme; provide advice on applying for funding and provide the space for partners to exchange ideas on suitable funding bids. There will be the opportunity to explore larger scale projects for those partners interested in developing strategic bids. If you are interested in your organisation accessing **Erasmus+** funding then this seminar is for you.

The day will be structured around some of the key actions of the **Erasmus+** programme, which are outlined in more detail overleaf. In order to get the most out of this seminar, it would be helpful, in terms of Key Action 1, if participants could come to the seminar with ideas for a youth exchange or youth worker training.



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The session will be facilitated by **Nick Gunner**. Nick has previously worked at the British Council where he has managed European Youth Programmes and has extensive experience of developing & implementing International youth engagement strategies and projects.

CENTRAL LEEDS

£20 member organisations
£30 other organisations

WHO IS IT FOR?

Anyone who is actively considering submitting an application under the Erasmus+ programmes

BOOKING

Booking forms will be forwarded to those expressing an interest in attending the event

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Key Actions for the programme



Key Action 1: Learning Mobility of Individuals

Learning Mobility of Individuals is all about providing opportunities for individuals to improve their skills, enhance their employability and gain cultural awareness.

Mobility projects for learners and staff will enable beneficiaries to travel to another participating country in order to study, work, teach, train or develop professional skills and competences. Under Erasmus+ mobility activities will be project-based and will need to be led by organisations. Individuals will no longer be able to apply.

What's possible?

- Study period or work placement for students in Higher Education
- Vocational traineeships for apprentices and students in initial vocational training
- Youth Exchanges
- European Voluntary Service activities
- Professional development and training for staff in all sectors of education, training and youth.

Key Action 2: Co-operation for Innovation and Exchange of Good Practices

Co-operation for Innovation and Exchange of Good Practices is all about enabling organisations to work together in order to improve their provision for learners and share innovative practices. Strategic Partnerships in the field of education, training and youth will be collaborative projects allowing organisations to improve provision, tackle common issues and share innovative practice. Under Erasmus+ one organisation will lead the project and manage the activities and funding on behalf of the partnership. Different sizes of partnership will be possible so that smaller organisations can get involved.

What's possible?

- Projects focusing on sectoral and cross-sectoral co-operation
- Projects working with industry
- Bilateral and multilateral partnerships, depending on the sector
- Implementation of innovative activities • Flexibility in terms of activities and partners.

To note: there is a **Key Action 3** within the Erasmus+ programme, which focusses on support for policy reform. Activities within this strand tend to be projects run by the European Commission's Executive Agency. There is some decentralised work around Youth Structured Dialogue projects which facilitate discussions between youth policy makers and young people on chosen themes. We can provide further info on this aspect of Erasmus+ if participants would like this.