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Next meetings are in May 2020. Contact your country's partner organisation to get involved! YEC, Youth Employability Competences, is an Erasmus + project and aims to help young people & youth workers identify key gaps in employability competences & address these through youth worker led training modules.

## **Dublin Meeting**

Our last team meeting was held in Dublin on 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 at the Ballymun Job Centre. Representatives from all partner countries were present (either in person or via Zoom!). The team were



lucky that this meeting went ahead just before the COVID-19 pandemic. This meeting was very important as the team discussed how best to synchonise all of the eight training modules so that they adopted a similar format and also what

elements were important to include in the train the trainer package for Rome in September 2020. The team keep in touch between meetings but it is during these meetings that a lot of new ideas are generated. The team worked for a full two days on the modules and had loads of new ideas that will be developed further over the coming weeks. The next stage of the project is to gather and tidy up all of the training modules into a package which will then be presented to our advisory groups at the meetings in May 2020. The team also got to have some fun and experience the culture of Dublin...once the work was done of course!

What have our young people been working on?

Our young people have been really busy over the course of the YEC project. The young people involved with our project meet 3-4 times a year and contribute the content development in the modules based on their own experience as a young person searching for work or as a young person currently employed in the workplace. This project is especially youth work focused and aims to design a training package that is youth led, therefore the young people involved with our project are some of the most important people working on it.

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So far our young people have been busy forming advisory groups and generating ideas but we are always looking for new members! There is no preparation needed for these meetings, just bring yourself and your thinking cap.

Many of our young people have been able to use their experience being part of an advisory panel for their CV, for job interviews and for college projects. It is a unique opportunity that provides a lot of learning and personal development. There is a sense of achievement and involvement among our young people who are involved with the project. Many young people credit it as a positive experience and as a platform to develop new skills and voice their opinions on issues that affect them everyday. Our young people have developed team work skills, become familiar with the work of Erasmus+ projects, made friends and even gotten to travel to Italy by being involved in this project.

How can you become involved in the YEC project?

on board for the YEC project! Any young

person between the ages of 18-30 years of age, who has experience of the labour market

If you are reading this then we would love to have you

"Being invited to participate in the YEC project in the Youth Advisory Group has really opened my eyes about the issues young adults face in today's employment trends. My experience so far has been enriching, valuable and rewarding, and meeting so many people dedicated and passionate about this project, makes me believe in a positive outcome and I'm looking forward to the following stages"

Ana, Dublin

(has/had a job) or is entering into the labour market (searching for jobs) and can commit to attending some meetings can be involved in this exciting project. Contact your country's partner organisation to get further information on the dates of the next meeting, contact details are on our website. There is no long term commitment needed to the project as we understand that as young people you move onto new places, some of the young people involved in our panels have moved onto employment. To become involved in this project all you need is to be passionate about wanting to make a change to the employment experiences of future young people.

Partners on the YEC project:















