

Contributors notes...

Peter Barendse has worked since 1998 in the Dutch National Agency for the YOUTH programme. In the NA he mainly takes care of EVS, support measures and training. He also works now and then as a free lance trainer, usually outside the youth programme. He studied to become a music therapist, but today only plays guitar for fun.

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Paola Bortini (Italy) has been working as a free-lance trainer since 1998 in the non-formal education sector and consultant on social research and development work. Paola was previously a development executive for WAGGGS (1994-1998). She was a co-writer of the T-Kit on Organisational Management; was the coordinator for the national training course on HRE in Italy in 2002 and 2003; and coordinates a long term project on Citizenship Education and community development in the South of Italy (since 1994). Her fields of expertise include: Planning (strategic, project, training...); Monitoring and evaluation; Conflict management; Problem-solving; Communication; Team work; Development planning; Research methods; Learning approaches and styles; Competence development/assessment; Youth policy; Leadership. Paola speaks fluently Italian, French, and English and she is learning German.

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Editorial Team

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