

about the Contributors

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Bas Auer was part of the leadership team of the training course on Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation for youth organisations, which was run at the European Youth Centre in Strasbourg at the beginning of 2000. He currently lives and works in Egypt, where he is engaged in activities to develop and strengthen community youth development work. Next to his work as co-ordinator of programs supporting small & informal businesses in Egypt, Bas is a freelance writer and trainer on issues of youth development. Before working in Egypt, he worked as Secretary General of YDC (Youth for Development and Cooperation), a network of youth organisations that aims to strengthen the role of young people in North-South cooperation.

Mette Bram teaches group dynamics at the Common Communications Courses at Copenhagen University and communication and psychology at the Youth Pedagogue College/Denmark. She has been working as a freelance trainer and self-employed consultant since 1993, and is mainly occupied with training courses, lecturing and design of organisational development projects, locally as well as internationally. She is the director of Training Consult, a network of trainers in Europe. Fields of expertise include training of trainers in participant-centred training approaches and experiential learning, counselling, difficult interviews, mediation and conflict management, leadership, and personal and organisational management including Total Quality Management, intercultural learning, supervision and reflective processes, team-building and group dynamics plus evaluation and gender related issues like assertiveness.

Paul Kloosterman has been working in the field of youth work and training since 1976. During the last few years he has worked as a free-lance trainer, consultant and writer, partly in the Netherlands and partly in European projects and training courses. His major areas of work are intercultural learning, disadvantaged youngsters, conflict management, international youth projects, gender issues, and participation projects.

Erzsébet Kovács lives in Budapest and works as a trainer and consultant in the fields of human resource development and the EU-accession process of Hungary. She has a background in adult education. She worked at different levels of Hungarian youth structures for several years, from local youth work up to the governmental youth department. Since 1992 she has been invited to be part of educational teams for long-term training courses and study sessions run by the European Youth Centres and European youth organisations. She has also been involved in in-service teacher training activities and training for trainers courses at European level. Her main interest is quality assurance of non-formal education.

Enzo Kultus lives in Berlin and has been active in Europe as a trainer for 20 years, and for 10 years also as a director of 4 enterprises that provide computer training, material and software, Internet servers and home page design for organisations, institutions, small and middle-sized enterprises. For him, Internet is a working tool, which is essential to remain in touch with "the world". Nevertheless, and even though technology is the centre of his life, he has remained an educationalist at heart.

Linas Kukuraitis (22 years old) is co-founder and project co-ordinator of the Pal. J. Matulaitis Social Centre in Vilnius, Lithuania. He first came in contact with youth work seven years ago when he joined a very active Catholic parish in Vilnius. Since then he has become deeply involved in the youth community organising projects, and is now responsible for children, youth activities and the training of young volunteers.

Leen Laconte studied Comparative Cultural Studies in Gent. She developed The Imagination, a national project on youth-(sub)culture, the arts and multicultural society. After that she was a lecturer and tutor in a school for social workers (Sociale Hogeschool). Until the beginning of this year she worked as Project Officer for the Flemish Youth for Europe Agency in Belgium. Leen now works for Villanella, an arts centre focussing on contemporary art, children and young people in Antwerp, Belgium.



György Lissauer has been living in the UK for 12 years. He was introduced to international youth work through his involvement in the European Union of Jewish Students and as a Member of Presidium was involved in the preparation of study sessions and participated in Youth Forum conferences. He graduated from the University of Kent with a law degree in 1999 and has spent the last 13 months working as Students' Activities Co-ordinator for the Reform Synagogues of Great Britain. In March of this year he participated in the training course 'Training for Trainers' at the European Youth Centre in Strasbourg. In October, György returned to university to follow a Masters course in law at the University of Oxford ... however, he hopes to remain active in international training!

Hrönn Pétursdóttir is still active in the youth sector as a national board member of the Icelandic Boy and Girl Scout Association. She is furthermore involved in initiatives to increase the awareness of the non-formal educational aspect of youth associations. At the time of the publication of this article, she is changing professional positions and taking up a post in management education at Gallup.

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