



Cultural Diversity
as a Learning Tool in Youth Work

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Mobility report of the Short-term Joint Staff Training Event in Pesaro from the 19th to the 25th of February 2018

The second Short-term Joint Staff Training Event of the project “Cultural Diversity as a Learning Tool in Youth Work” took place in Pesaro from the 19th to the 25th of February 2018 and was hosted by the partner association Vicolocorto (IT). The aim of these joint staff training events is to visit the partner association, to explore its context and to get to know the other NGOs and Institutions that work with Youth in the same area. Through this visit, the representants of the partner associations and the other participants can detect the best practices of the area where is located the hosting partner: in this case, Pesaro (Central Italy).

The first day of the week was dedicated to the arrivals so we started the activities on Tuesday morning, the 20th of February. The first part of the day was dedicated to the reconnection: after the first joint staff training event in Ljubljana (SLO), an update on the state of the project and on the Good Practice template was needed. The Good Practice Template, in fact, was important to guide all the visits organised for the week, since it contained guidelines and important questions to ask to all the NGOs/Institutions visited.

The second part of the day was dedicated to the visit of the Association VICOLOCORTO, the hosting partner of the project. The participants had the opportunity to meet its staff, its EVS volunteers and to see the office. The staff explained Vicolocorto’s mission, implemented projects and future initiatives. After the presentation, the participants had the opportunity to take part in an activity (organised by Vicolocorto in cooperation with the Youth Information Centre) called Talk Together: Vicolocorto’s volunteers facilitate conversation meetings in foreign languages inside the public library of Pesaro every Tuesday afternoon.

On Wednesday morning, Vicolocorto’s staff organised a tour of the city, because it is important for the participants to know the context where the NGOs/institutions are located in order to understand their background and the place of implementation of their activities. It was the week dedicated to the composer Rossini, so they had the opportunity to know more about the history of an important artist from Pesaro. In the afternoon, the group visited the Youth Centre “Totem”: it is a Youth Centre in a peripheral area of Pesaro for children and youngsters. The Youth worker showed the place and the activities they normally organise. The visit ended with a cooking workshop, since it is one of the activity regularly organised in the Youth Centre.

On Thursday morning, the group focused on the brainstorming about good practices to include in the final Guide. In the afternoon a visit and presentation of the Employment Centre of Pesaro was organised. The director, the employees of the Youth area and of the Eures office presented their services, concentrating in particular on a project with unaccompanied minors: the educator that implemented the project and three of the beneficiaries were also present.



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On Friday morning, the group visited the Foundation Wanda di Ferdinando, a very important actor in the local area. Its employees explained the state of the philanthropy nationally and internationally and then illustrated the projects they financed connected with cultural diversity. In the afternoon, the second session on Good practices took place in order to finalise the decision on which one should go inside the Guide.

The last part of the week was dedicated to the evaluation and feedback on the visits, to the further steps of the project and especially to the organisation of the next mobility in Latvia. On Sunday, the participants left Pesaro and went back to their countries.