

Xchange Scotland and YouthLink Scotland are excited to announce that we have been funded by the European Commission (through its representation in the UK) to promote and support organisations in Scotland to participate in the Erasmus+ programme and enable more young people across Scotland to benefit from European funding.

The Erasmus+ programme aims to reach out to young people and groups to empower them to work and learn in different countries; increasing inter-cultural relations, mobility, learning skills to enhance employability and sharing common values of freedom, communication and respect across nations.

Throughout the year we will be raising awareness of the diverse opportunities Erasmus+ has to offer young people and organisations in Scotland:

- **European Voluntary Service (EVS)**

where organisations can send young people aged 18 - 30 to volunteer and experience life in another country or host young volunteers from another country within their organisation.

- **Youth exchanges**

which enable groups of young people to travel abroad, meet young people from another country, broaden their perspectives through new experiences and are a lot of fun!

- **Training courses**

work shadowing and exchanges for youth workers (paid and voluntary)

To spread the word about these projects and how to apply, we will be running a series of **free training programmes across Scotland** which aim to give organisations the information necessary to apply for an Erasmus+ project that's best suited to your needs and interests. Our workshops will equip you with all you need to know about Erasmus+, the practicalities of funding applications, and the benefits your organisation can hope to gain through applying. We will also support organisations through peer support and free individual mentoring support to develop applications.

Erasmus+ provides **unique chance for young people and organisations to engage in intra-cultural activities** and dialogue, learn new skills, improve personal wellbeing, share knowledge and experience and create an international network together. Xchange Scotland and YouthLink Scotland will provide workshops, mentoring and peer support frameworks to give groups the information they need to go through the application process.

If you're part of a team looking to expand your network and take a new approach to shaping the future of young people, stay tuned to what we're up to!

If you would like to take part in a workshop, sign up to the applicant support programme or are running an event or network meeting and would like us to deliver an awareness raising briefing please contact us. Join us at an event, or contact us to find out how your organisation can sign up to a training event.



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