



Organized by Municipal Training center at Kaunas University within the framework of VIT project

VIT – Very Important Twinning, Volunteering in Town

Forum “Volunteering in Local Community: partnership between youth and seniors?”

Kaunas University of Technology, Aula, A. Mickeviaus str. 37, Kaunas, Lithuania

11 th -12 th October, 2012

Introduction

The forum/ conference is organized in the framework of VIT project which is financed by the European Commission and which deals with volunteering and democracy in an enlarged Europe. It seeks to promote volunteering in various European cities, raising debates on questions of active citizenship and participation. 19 partners – local and regional authorities, NGOs and associations – in the whole of Europe are working together during a period of three years. They are organizing series of conferences and workshop to reflect on how an active citizenship can improve European governance. Through this a platform of debate will be created collecting tools and good practices used by the regional and international participants.

The workshop in Kaunas, Lithuania will take place on 11 and 12 October 2012 and will focus on “Volunteering in Local Community: partnership between youth and seniors?”

The event will be held in Lithuanian and English and will invite a variety of expert, representatives of NGOs, local governments, students and seniors.



11 October 2012

9:30 – 10:00 Registration and Coffee

10:00 – 10:10 Opening of the workshop

Jolanta Vaiciuniene, Director, Municipal Training Center at Kaunas University of Technology

10:10 – 10:40 Local community and volunteering tendencies in Lithuania

Dr. Saulius Nefas, assoc. Prof., Mykolas Romeris University

10:40 – 11:00 Volunteering and Solidarity among different generations: Spain experience

De Potestad Tellechea Maria Inmaculada, Spain, visiting lecturer at Kaunas University of Technology

11:00 – 11:20 Tendencies of different countries (Erasmus student's countries experiences)

11:20 – 11:40 Kaunas Region experience. Best practice examples.

Aldona Ausmaniene, Vice Head of Vilkiija Eldership of Kaunas District Municipality

11:40 – 13:00 Round table discussion

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:00 Workshop session 1

15:00 – 15:30 Generalization or first day, conclusions.

12 October 2012

9:30 – 10:30 Workshop session 2

10:30 – 11:00 Conclusions

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 Optional sightseeing and tour to Kaunas city and Kaunas District Centers of Local Communities.

(The bus will be provided).



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Practical information:

Registration and contact person:

Participation in the forum/conference is for free, but all participants need to book by sending e-mail by 8 October at the very latest. Please let us know if you have any special access or dietary needs: For more information please contact Monika Remeikiene By email smc@savivalda.lt or telephone +370 37 40 77 20

Travel and accommodation cost of international participants:

The participants will be responsible for their travel and accommodation costs. However, the organizers are trying to offer possibilities for your stay in hotel.

More information on the VIT Project can be found on the website of the Association of Local Democracy Agencies (ALDA), the lead partner of the Project: www.alda-europe.eu

