



## Hands-on training for educators: Addressing complex topics and dilemmas through dialogue

International training for youth workers, youth leaders, teachers, educators,  
trainers and facilitators

Villa Fohrde, Germany, 16.-22.10.2023  
Call for participants





### For whom?

Up to 18 youth leaders, youth workers, trainers, educators, teachers, facilitators and changemakers from Poland, Germany and Estonia who are searching for ways to address difficult and polarizing topics in their groups and alternatives to black-and-white perspective and discussions.

We encourage to apply especially professionals, who want to use new skills and knowledge in their communities and with their target groups.

Working language is English (if you are interested in the training and you are not sure about your English level - do not hesitate to contact us!).

### About the idea behind the training:

There are a lot of challenges, burning issues and dilemmas in our world nowadays. It may be topics connected to sustainability, human rights or democracy. In many contexts we experience polarization, black-and-white perspective, debates and arguing. Through this training we want to reflect with an international group of professionals on this challenge and share the approaches and methods which can create an alternative and open space for more dialogue about complex topics and dilemmas. Instead of engaging in debates, arguing and commenting we want to create spaces where it is possible to ask questions, reflect and listen to better understand other perspectives and create deeper connections in our communities.

### Join us if you want to:

- reflect on the topic of polarization and your own attitudes and patterns
- learn practical methods on how to talk about dilemmas, polarizing and complex topics out of black-and-white perspective
- learn practical methods on how to foster dialogue with your target group
- get to know what are the basics of creating inclusive and participatory space for your group
- exchange with professionals from Poland, Estonia and Germany

### About the training and methods:

The training is designed as a horizontal learning space and facilitated by experienced trainers and facilitators. We create a space for learning and reflection where you can learn from each other through participatory methods. The basis of our approach is non formal education and learning by doing. During the training you will experience diverse methods and activities and have the space to share your thoughts, experiences and expertise.



### When and where? About the venue:

Our training takes place from 16th to 22nd October (16th and 22nd are traveling days) at Villa Fohrde in Germany (around 80 km from Berlin).

Villa Fohrde is a sustainable seminar-house located directly on the banks of the river Havel in the midst of natural grounds and it lives the whole-institution-approach to sustainability. Participants will be accommodated in rooms shared with other persons and provided with local vegetarian/vegan food during the training.

Address of the venue: Villa Fohrde, August-Bebel-Str. 42, 14798 Havelsee OT Fohrde, Germany

### Costs and other important information:

We cover the costs of the training, board, lodging and sustainable travel (up to 320€ for 500 and more km, up to 210€ for 100-499 kilometers).

The training is free of charge for participants from Poland and Estonia.

We ask participants from Germany to contribute with a fee 100-180 EUR. There is the possibility to reduce the fee as we don't want financial reasons to be a barrier for you to take part in the training. In case you would like to discuss this option don't hesitate to contact us and we will be happy to find the solution!

### Do you want to join us?

Register through the link or QR code before September 15th:

[https://survey.lamapoll.de/Hands-on\\_training\\_v3](https://survey.lamapoll.de/Hands-on_training_v3)



### Do you have any questions? Contact us!

If you have any further questions do not hesitate to contact our coordinators:

Corinna (Germany) - [corinna.thiel@villa-fohrde.de](mailto:corinna.thiel@villa-fohrde.de)

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**We are looking forward to meeting you at Villa Fohrde!**



## About us:

### **Villa Fohrde (Germany)**

Since its foundation in 1991, the main concern of Villa Fohrde has been to promote constructive and respectful interaction between people and themselves as well as with their social and natural environment. Our motto is: "Learn and enjoy".

Villa Fohrde is an open-minded educational and cultural centre in the state of Brandenburg. We are committed to a sustainable way of life. This refers to ecological, social, cultural and economic conditions. In our local actions, we always keep the global effects in mind. An important ideal value guiding us is justice: in relation to gender, generations, origin, population as well as urban-rural differences.

We promote a positive approach to diversity: our work is directed against racist hatred, discrimination and exclusion. We advocate that all people have a right to education and culture, and we want to learn with and from each other.

[www.villa-fohrde.de](http://www.villa-fohrde.de)

### **Galician Foundation of Development and Education (Poland)**

We create and support projects which aim to strengthen active citizenship and develop key competencies. Our main focus areas are dialogue and Nonviolent communication, participation, civic education and education for sustainable development. We run trainings, workshops and create tools, materials and methodologies for young people and youth workers. We aim to develop capacities and attitudes of young people and youth workers to strengthen participation and create an environment which allows for it.

We work in Poland and Georgia and also co-create international projects and platforms for exchange.

<https://www.facebook.com/galicyjskafundacja.krzywa>

### **Tipu Nature School (Estonia)**

Tipu Nature School is situated on the grounds of the old village school in Tipu in Soomaa National Park in Southwest-Estonia. We aim to create a space for learning, exchange and intense nature experience.

The offered events comprise children camps, workshops, evening programs and teaching units for school children with focus on environmental education and education for sustainable development. The Nature School works together with local, regional and international partners to promote more sustainable choices in everyday life.

The project "Choose sustainability! The dilemma of choices" is realised by Villa Fohrde in cooperation with Galicyjska Fundacja Rozwój i Edukacja and Tipu Loodeskool and funded by Erasmus+.

