

Erasmus+ Project 2024-1-KA220-YOU-04D8CBA3

Duration: 35 months (September 2024 – August 2027)

TUS Project Budget: €243,658

Total Project Budget: €400,000

Youth Work Virtual is an Erasmus+ funded project which commenced in September 2024 and will run for 35 months. Comprised of partners from seven European countries, TUS is the lead partner who will oversee the project as well as the design & development of the virtual reality (VR) application.

This project will develop a VR space for youth work, designed specifically, though not exclusively, to engage young people who find it difficult to access face to face support because of Neurodivergences, Disabilities or Geographic Isolation. Through this project youth workers will be trained at masters level to use and develop the space which will operate in parallel with conventional youth work practice. The space will be inclusive, creative, developmental and available for use across the EU.

Project Outputs

- The co-creation of a bespoke user-centric immersive virtual reality environment which facilitates identified youth engagement activities in support of the project's target users, and which is available for use by youth workers and organizations across the EU.
- Develop a Masters programme in immersive education to train youth workers.
- Create a governance structure for the application to be used by youth work organisations after the project ends.

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Project Partners

Partners

The Youth Work Virtual project team comprises of partners with experience and skills in design and development of the virtual reality applications, education, and both digital and traditional youth work. Additionally, the project has associate partners across the EU working in the youth work space.

- Technological University of the Shannon, Ireland
- Hogeschool West-Vlaanderen, Belgium
- European Youth Information and Counselling Agency (ERYICA), Luxembourg
- City of Helsinki (Formerly Verke), Finland
- Youth Work Ireland, Ireland

Associate Partners

- Limerick Youth Services, Ireland

- Kezdi Velunk Foundation, Hungary
- North Kerry Regional Youth Services, Ireland
- Centre for Sustainable Community Development, Romania
- Association of Active Youth Florin, Greece
- Donegal youth Services, Ireland
- Tipperary Regional Youth Services, Ireland
- DIAK Youth Work, Finland