

FUTURE NARRATIVES

Tomorrow belongs to each of us.
Let's imagine it together

Future Narratives is a transnational project involving youth organisations and stakeholders across Europe, co-funded by Erasmus+.

Our goal is to use narrative and Futures Literacy to engage, connect, and empower young people, enabling their voices and their vision to reach out to policy-makers, public administrations, civil society and other young people all over Europe.

Training and innovation

Our project began with a series of training events and webinars held with all partners. Our goals were to share our expertise and experiences, learn from guest speakers about the theory and practice of narrative, storytelling, and Futures Literacy, and develop innovative guidelines for the use of these concepts in work with young people.

Following session on narrative and Futures Literacy developed by Traces&Dreams, we enjoyed webinars from leading experts in the fields, including Riel Miller, UNESCO Head of Futures Literacy; Sohail Inayatullah, the inaugural UNESCO Chair in Future Studies; and Wendy Schultz, Director of Infinite Futures and a globally recognised futurist. These experts generously shared their knowledge to help us to deepen our understanding of Futures Literacy, narrative, and storytelling, and to learn more about how the concepts can be implemented in youth work. Key throughout was the idea that we can develop our ability to 'use the future' in ways that benefit us in the present.

Alongside the invaluable contributions of these experts, our partnership benefited greatly from the opportunity to share and build upon our existing wealth of knowledge. Our partners in Spain, Greece, Germany and Sweden possess decades of combined experience in working with young people in a range of contexts, from a variety of backgrounds, and many diverse methods and approaches.



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These experiences are connected by some common threads, most importantly the determination to place young people at the centre, to listen rather than to instruct, and to create spaces in which people can tell their own stories and imagine their own futures. Through our training together, all partners were able to contribute the knowledge gained through their own experience, and to reflect upon the ways in which new ideas could be implemented and new approaches developed.

More information and resources from our training pathway are available at futurenarratives.eu/projects

Future Narratives: Reflections and Inspirations for Youth Workers

We are now delighted to launch the first intellectual output of our project, Future Narratives: Reflections and Inspirations for Youth Workers. Drawing on the training and reflection undertaken in the first part of our project, this collection aims to bring together accessible theoretical approaches with practical experiences and methodologies. The document should be considered in partnership with our forthcoming publication, which will outline innovation pathways for the use of Future Narratives in work with young people. Further resources, including work created through our activities with young people, are available on our digital platform.

Through our collection, we hope to establish guidelines for the use of narrative, storytelling, and Futures Literacy, focused on work with young people while being transferable to a range of contexts. The document begins to develop a framework for the Future Narratives programme over the coming months of our labs and transnational workshops with young people. It also offers a toolbox of methods, ideas, and inspirations which can be used and adapted by practitioners, connected through the belief that narratives can enable change.

The document is available to download under a Creative Commons License at futurenarratives.eu/projects

Meet our partners

Future Narratives is a partnership between 6 organisations in 5 European countries.

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