



Newsletter 3 - June 2020

Spotlight on...ACTION!

Welcome to the third newsletter of the ACTION project!

ACTION is a two-year project that is just entering its second year! At the mid-point in the project, we have some exciting updates to share! But first, a little recap on the project.

ACTION aims to engage youth professionals and hard-to-reach young people in targeted training interventions in the area of digital and social media. The aim is to complete a series of short films using available technology, such as smartphones, tablets, open-source editing software, etc. with young people across Europe.

ACTION in Lockdown!

Like the rest of the world right now, the ACTION project team has been largely in lock-down for the past three-months, as we all stayed indoors and to tackle the global COVID-19 pandemic. While keeping safe indoors, the ACTION partners continued working to produce the first complete draft of our training programme for front-line youth professionals, as well as working to develop interesting resources for youth workers to use in their group work with young people. With any luck, by the time lock-down is fully lifted, we will be ready to get out and meet youth groups and begin testing these innovative activities with young people. The next Quentin Tarantino or Christopher Nolan is among the young people of today, and through the ACTION training, we hope to inspire them to develop their skills, as well as their passion for film-making!

As with everyone else, keeping in touch by email and Zoom helped project partners to stay connected and support each other through this unprecedented time. How did you cope in lock-down? Did you make a short film about the experience that you would like to share with us? We would be delighted to share this through our website and Facebook page, so get in touch!



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In-service Training Launched!

Over the last six-months, partners from Czech Republic, Germany and Ireland, with support from the whole project team, have collaborated to develop a unique training programme for front-line youth workers. This programme will support front-line youth professionals to develop their facilitation skills so that they feel confident working in online and non-formal learning environments. It will also teach them the basic digital media skills they need so that they can use the art form of film-making in their work with young people.

The programme comprises 21-hours of face-to-face digital media training. This comprises 3 hands-on practical workshops which will take youth workers through the film-making phases of pre-production, production and post-production. This is supported by 29-hours of self-directed learning, spread across 6 modules, which deal with topics related to using alternative approaches in education, working in non-formal and online environments, and integrating social media platforms safely into youth work practice.

Partners will discuss this training programme at the next consortium meeting, which will be held online instead of in Dresden, due to the COVID-19 travel restrictions. Following this meeting, the in-service training programme will be uploaded to the ACTION e-learning platform, which is accessible at: <https://actionyouth.eu/en/e-learning>