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Application by Jessica Österman for How to ignite the spark? Participation Lab 3: How can participation support young people in difficult educational and work situations?

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Application deadline: 07.04,2017

You will be informed about the selection result on: 28.04.2017

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Your background

In addition to your personal information downloaded from your mySALTO account, you are kindly asked to provide the following details:

What is your Date of Birth?

17.10.1985

Contact details of your organisation (if different from the contact details in your mySALTO account)

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What type of organisation do you work in? (NGO?, Local Authority?, etc.) and what are its main activities?

I work in a municipal administration where the main activities are to make sure people get subsistence. We work with establishment for all habitats that lives in Trelleborg (about 40 000 people). Wa also have responsibility for the unaccompanied children that comes to the municipality and we work pro-active to make sure these kids get the education they need to be a part of the society. The Labor management also have the responsibility for kids 16-19 years old that drop-out from school, kids that does not get an exam. With this target group we work very hands on to get them back to school, or to get them a job, an internship etc. For these youths we have a project that began in march 2017. In Trelleborg we believe that every human wants to do good and take responsibility for their unique situation. Thanks to that we also have outstanding results, comparing to other municipals in Sweden, regarding people who gets back to work, studies and does not need maintenance support any more.

What is your role in your organisation and how can you influence its future activities based on the learning points from our Lab?

My role is to work with adolescents that have either dropped out of school, that has not been able to get an exam or the youths that just have not gone to school for one reason or another. We work in an outreach program to find those adolescents and to get them back to studies or to work. By sharing the good experiences that Trelleborg have been doing recording to our resultats by getting people back to work or studies I hope I can give you a lot of influences. One of the main success methods are to not separate "swedish" people from the newly arrived but to get them what they need according to other things. For example we focus on the things that they can do, speak arabic and teach ex, rather than what they can not, sepak swedish. With this approach we believe in people and they can reach their full potential. If we instead did focus on the things that did not work, the results would be not even half this good.

What is your motivation to attend the lab and what do you hope to gain from it?

By being a part in the Lab I hope that I will get a new point of view in how I even more efficient can work to get those young people back to work och school to finish their exams. By learning about the solutions, but also the struggles, that other countries are facing, and to share the ones from my organization, I believe that we could get even more on toe to help those kids to ignite their spark.

What are the obstacles that your target group(s) face(s)?

We sometimes find it diffucult to reach the adolescents that have been absent from society for a long time and to build a bearing relationship that are trustful with them. Some of those kids have been absent for a lot of years even though they are very young and mostly live with their parents, some of them are more or less passive. It is very important to have activities that the youth find attractive. We are also from time to time struggling with other municipalities and organizationas that does not believe that these youths can go to ordinary works or studies but need some kind of special treatment. They don't. These youths wants as much

as anyone to prove that they are capable, our job is to show them that we believe in them and that we think that they can. People reach the goals you believe they can reach. Not more than that.

Please indicate the exact target group you work with

Young people between 15-25 years old that neither work or study.

Sharing practice

Do you have a specific project/success story/inspiring experience/ idea that you would like to present?

We would like to present the work we are doing according to the labour market, especially for Trelleborg, but for Sweden in general.

Further information

Do you have any dietary requirement? (Vegan, Coeliac etc.)

No

Do you have special needs we should consider to make your participation in the Lab comfortable for you? (Mobility, Medical Conditions etc)

No

Declaration and Further Comments

If there is other important information that you think we might need, please write it here. DECLARATION Please take note of the following conditions that will apply if you are selected to take part in the training course. 1. I commit myself to participate in the whole process, including: • to prepare myself carefully for the training course and to do all remote preparation work the team will ask for, • to take part in the full duration of the training course • to participate in the whole evaluation process 2. I am aware that obtaining a health and a full travel insurance are my own responsibility and at my own expenses. I understand that the information I provided on my special needs does not remove my own personal responsibility for ensuring my own health.

3. I authorise my National Agency and the European Commission to publish, in whatever form and by whatever medium, including the Internet, my correspondence address, information about my organisation and work and pictures taken at the course. 4. I agree that my personal data given in this application form may be made available to other participants.

Any further information that you would like to provide to support your application?