

ERASMUS+ TRAINING COURSE FOR YOUTH WORKERS

Climate Justice

Power. Responsibility. Youth Work.

WHEN

8 to 17 December 2026
travel days included

WHERE

Hagen-Berchum
Germany

WHO

16 youth workers from Germany,
Finland, Italy and Romania



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The essentials

PROGRAMME	Wednesday 9 to Wednesday 16 December 2026, eight full days
ARRIVAL	Tuesday 8 December, by 18:00. Dinner at 18:30
DEPARTURE	Thursday 17 December, after breakfast. Rooms empty by 10:00
WHERE	ZiBB, Ergster Weg 59, 58093 Hagen, Germany
WHO	16 youth workers, four each from Germany, Finland, Italy and Romania, plus two trainers and a support person
LANGUAGE	English, roughly B1 and upwards
COST TO YOU	Nothing. There is no participation fee
COVERED	Accommodation, all meals, all materials, travel up to a maximum
NOT COVERED	Your insurance, and anything above the travel maximum
FOOD	Entirely plant-based, cooked for us on site
BEDS	Shared bedrooms. We provide bed linen and towels
CERTIFICATE	Youthpass
AFTER THE COURSE	One climate justice activity with young people at home, within twelve weeks

Your next step

Your national partner organisation fills the four places for your country, so ask them to consider you. Once the team is picked, we send you a short form and the practical details.

TWO WARNINGS

December in Hagen is cold, wet and dark by half past four. And the programme is full: eight working days, four sessions a day, no free afternoon.

What this course is about

Climate change turns up in youth work whether you plan for it or not. In arguments between young people, in what they say about the future, in the middle of a session about something else.

It usually arrives in one of two shapes. Either it shrinks to lifestyle advice and personal guilt, which lands badly with young people who cannot afford the lifestyle. Or everyone avoids it, because the conversation turns hostile fast.

We take a third route. Climate change as a question about power, responsibility and inequality, translated into what you can actually run with fifteen teenagers on a Tuesday evening. You work on real situations you bring yourself, design methods in small teams, teach them to the group, and rewrite them from what you hear.

What you will be able to do afterwards

- 1** Explain climate justice in language a sixteen-year-old recognises, without moralising.
- 2** Run a difficult discussion on purpose instead of surviving one by accident, using structures that stop the loudest three people owning the room.
- 3** Step in when a conversation turns discriminatory, with several ways to do it that do not end the session.
- 4** Answer misinformation without making the person who repeated it look stupid.
- 5** Adapt an activity for different abilities, different language confidence, and different amounts of energy left at the end of the day.
- 6** Notice when a session asks too much of people emotionally, including of you.



An earlier course at ZiBB.

What you take home

A Youthpass certificate, a toolbox of method cards you helped write, and fifteen colleagues who do your job in four countries. The toolbox goes out free under a Creative Commons licence, with your notes from running it at home built into it.

Getting to Hagen-Berchum

Fly to Dortmund, Düsseldorf or Köln/Bonn, take a train to Hagen Hauptbahnhof, then two buses. About an hour from the airport, half an hour from the station.



Berchum in December.

Airports

Dortmund (DTM)	Closest. Airport shuttle to Holzwickede station, which is nearer and cheaper than going via Dortmund Hbf, then a direct train. About an hour.
Düsseldorf (DUS)	Most connections. SkyTrain to the airport station, then a train with one change. About 1 h 15. Buy one ticket covering the whole journey.
Köln/Bonn (CGN)	Train from the airport station, one or two changes. About 1 h 30.
Weeze (NRN)	Budget flights, but a long way out. Only worth it if the fare difference is large.

From Hagen Hauptbahnhof to the house

- 1 Any bus to "Stadtmitte / Volme Galerie". Lines 513, 517, 528 and 543 all go there.
- 2 Change to **bus 521** towards "Hagen Berchum". It runs about hourly, so check the time before you leave the station.
- 3 Get off at "Hagen Berchum", the last stop. Five minutes on foot uphill. The house is on the left.

Live times: VRR Bus & Bahn, DB Navigator or Google Maps. Address for the map: Ergster Weg 59, 58093 Hagen.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

Arrive by 18:00 on Tuesday 8 December, dinner is at 18:30. **Leave on Thursday 17 December after breakfast**, rooms empty by 10:00.

If your connection breaks, email us. We send a phone number a couple of weeks beforehand that is answered on travel day. Do not take a taxi and hope: taxis cannot be reimbursed. All four countries are in the EU, so bring an ID card or passport and nothing else.

Travel reimbursement

The course costs you nothing. Accommodation, meals, breaks and materials are paid for. We reimburse travel against your tickets, up to a maximum per person.

COMING FROM	BY PLANE	GREEN TRAVEL
 Finland	309 €	417 €
 Italy	309 €	417 €
 Romania	309 €	417 €
 Germany	28 €	56 €

Find the cheapest reasonable route. We pay back what your tickets cost, up to the maximum for your country, and anything above it is yours.

Rules

- **Do not book before we confirm in writing.** Unapproved bookings cannot be reimbursed.
- Book early. You travel home a week before Christmas, when European fares peak.
- Economy and second class only. ICE and IC trains only where no regional train exists, so ask first.
- Keep the invoice, the proof of payment showing the price, and every boarding pass including the return ones.
- Nothing back for lost boarding passes, taxis, travel agency bookings or late check-in fines. If your ticket includes hand luggage only, we do cover one extra bag.
- Payment by bank transfer after the course, once your documents are complete.

GREEN TRAVEL

The higher maximum applies when most of the journey is by train, bus, coach or shared car. Send us your route before you book and we confirm whether it qualifies.

Insurance is yours to arrange. Bring your European Health Insurance Card.

The house and the food

ZiBB, Ergster Weg 59, 58093 Hagen. A small house that East West East runs on the edge of the city, with fields around it and woodland up the hill, built with clay walls. The whole place is ours for the week.

You sleep in a shared bedroom. We provide bed linen and towels, so leave both at home. Several shared shower rooms, and two bedrooms have their own. We work in two group rooms with a whiteboard, flipcharts, a projector and a sound system, and there is fibre Wi-Fi throughout.

The radiators take a while, so turn yours on when you get to your room rather than at bedtime, and bring warm socks. Berchum is quiet and residential with no shop nearby, so bring anything you cannot do without. The house is self-catering: a cook makes the main meals, and we set out our own breakfast, clear our own plates and sweep up together on the last morning.

The house is **partly accessible**: one ground-floor bedroom with a level-access shower, held for whoever needs it most, and the main group room and kitchen on the ground floor. It is **not fully wheelchair accessible**: some bedrooms are upstairs, the second group room is up a spiral staircase, and the path from the bus stop is uphill. If you use a wheelchair or have limited mobility, contact us before you apply.

The food is entirely plant-based

Every meal, for everyone, for ten days. Please read that again before you say yes, so nobody finds out on the first evening. A cook makes lunch and dinner, breakfast is self-service, and the food will be good.

We do it because food is where climate, cost, fairness and access all meet in something concrete, three times a day. Nobody is testing you, and nobody will ask what you eat when you get home.



The house from the lane.



The kitchen, on an earlier course.

ALLERGIES AND INTOLERANCES

Tell us as soon as you are selected, in as much detail as you like, and we pass it to the cook. Coeliac, nut allergies and religious or medical requirements are all workable. One cook feeds nineteen people from one kitchen, so we work from requirements rather than dislikes. If an allergy of yours could become an emergency, say so directly and bring your own medication.

Before you come

Who we are looking for

You work directly with young people: youth worker, project coordinator, facilitator, trainer, volunteer leader or non-formal educator, paid or unpaid, aged 18 or over. You need not be a climate expert, and several of us are not.

You do need a group of young people you can try things out with afterwards, because every participant runs one activity at home within twelve weeks. Without a group between December and March, this is the wrong course for you. Every partner holds one place for a first-time Erasmus+ participant, and one for someone facing money, distance, health, disability or discrimination barriers.

Access and support

Once you are selected we send a short form that asks what you need, and it reaches Niclas and Anuka and nobody else. We can arrange dietary requirements, extra breaks, materials in advance, permission to skip an exercise, help planning the journey, or a call if the written information is a lot. We also ask for a one-page description of a real situation from your work, and 90 minutes at one online meeting before you travel.

If something goes wrong

You can pass on any exercise at any point without explaining yourself. Discriminatory language, harassment and hate speech get addressed immediately, and nothing is photographed or quoted without your permission. Three routes, any order:

- 1** **Niclas Sandner**, Trainer · niclas.sandner@eastwesteast.de
- 2** **Your own sending organisation's contact person**, if the problem involves anyone on the training team
- 3** **Anuka Kapanadze**, project coordinator · anuka.kapanadze@eastwesteast.de