

Sharing Learning from the Past

Manifesto for Heritage Learning in Youth Work

The KA1 Erasmus+ training course, Sharing Learning from the Past, took place in Kraków, Poland, in November 2022 with the aim of sharing practice and experience and creating a shared vision for heritage learning in youth work.

Our manifesto is shaped by the overall objective of the project: increased internationalism and commitment to the European values of peace, equality and human rights.

We believe that heritage learning with youth:

- is active, experiential, immersive, multi-sensory and exploratory - it is about 'planting seeds' and is joyful and playful
- is learner-centred and relevant to young people's lives
- creates inclusive, critical spaces for youth to have a voice, tell their stories and share their learning
- creates conversations and connections across different generations, communities, cultures and histories
- promotes the development of heritage in a sustainable way
- needs to be supported by relevant training for youth workers and heritage workers

Heritage learning with youth is vital because:

- it helps develop young people's sense of belonging and identity
- it creates empathy, respect and solidarity: heritage work shows you are not alone and can give hope
- it creates new opportunities for youth and wider society
- through 'translating' the past, youth can build the present for the future

