

# Natural Elements

11. - 20. 4. 2018, Rustavi, Georgia  
Nature-based training of trainers



**Natural Elements** is a training course for trainers, youth workers and educators, who like to work in connection with nature, want to develop their facilitation competences and add some special effects to their trainer's body, mind, heart and spirit through nature based methods.

## **For participants from:**

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Czechia, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Italy, Moldova, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Ukraine

## **Dates**

- **Arrival:** 11.4.2018 by 1pm (programme starts after lunch)
- **Programme days:** 11.-19.4.2018
- **Departure:** 20.4.2018 in the morning (no programme on that day)

## About

**The training course is developed for people actively involved in education and/or youth work**, who already have some experience in non-formal education and experiential learning. The programme is designed for people who are ready to learn, explore, discover and develop their skills, competences and know-how and will be able to use it later in their jobs and communities.

**We will work on all the most important aspects of learning activities:** programme design, methods and techniques, group dynamics, presentation skills, personality of the trainer, roles and balance in the training team and we will experience it in live situations.

**The programme will be flexible and the team will be ready to adapt it** following very closely the participants' needs and expectations for the course. Space will always be open for participants who will want a more active role, taking the initiative and practicing non-formal education by actually doing it.

The training course is a follow-up project of a successful series of nature-based trainings for trainers called **Special Effects**. Many elements of the program will be very similar. To get an idea, read about Special Effects here:

<https://carminerodi.wordpress.com/2015/07/02/special-effects/>

<https://carminerodi.blog/2016/05/28/special-effects-slovakia/>.

## Objectives of the training course:

- **Develop skills and knowledge** related to effective youth work and training activities with a special emphasis on **nature-based and community-based approaches**.
- **Experience a variety of interactive methods** and participant-centered learning processes, such as Way of Council, Open Space, Threshold walk and guided time in nature.
- **Challenge some patterns of non formal education** through examples and reflections on how concepts such as nature, open communication, art, spirituality, ceremonies and rites of passage can be included in educational and experiential activities.
- **Practise the course themes** in real situations, learn to give and receive feedback.

## Trainers:

### Honza Látal

[trainers.salto-youth.net/JanLatal](http://trainers.salto-youth.net/JanLatal)

Honza is from South Bohemia, active in education and training since 2002, loves running in forests, plays instruments, does body performances, collects stones and Norwegian music. Is passionate about abstract photography, interested in religions, cultures and rituals. Has his own coaching practice based on working outdoors with natural symbols, signs, elements and cycles. Loves connecting nature, art and spirituality in learning.

### Bára Rodi

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Bara comes from Ostrava, in the Czech Republic. She has a huge passion for non-formal education, as opposite to her traumatic educational experience of studying medicine. Since 2007 active in the trainer pool of the Czech national agency, in 2010 took part in the SALTO training of trainers. In the last few years working with different topics including project management, storytelling, intercultural learning, graphic facilitation and quality in youth work. Loves sharing stories, and is trained as a Council facilitator.

### Carmine Rodi Falanga

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Born near Napoli, southern Italy, in 1977. He holds a master degree in business administration but in the early 2000s discovered non formal education, which has become his life passion ever since. Former journalist, he loves journeys, telling and listening to stories, communication, geopolitics, and gaming experiences. He will never be a morning person.



## Project team

### Marzena Ples

Representative of the applicant organisation IWI Instytut Wschodnich Inicjatyw (<http://iwi.org.pl>), from Poland, project coordinator, educator, sociologist and enthusiast of board and role playing games.

### Giorgi Kikalishvili

President of the hosting organisation Youth Association DRONI (<https://www.facebook.com/droniorg/>), SALTO EECA Multiplier, educator, facilitator, youth worker.

## Participants

**30 participants from 15 different countries from EU, Eastern Europe and Caucasus Region:** Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Estonia, Czech Republic, Italy, Spain, Russian Federation, Ukraine, Portugal, Bulgaria, Hungary, Moldova, Belarus.

We are looking for **participants who are at the moment actively involved in either education or youth work, preferably both.** We also look for **people who already have some experience as a trainer/ facilitator**, as the course should add some “special effects” to their skills. The course is not intended for complete beginners and newcomers. Participants need to commit to participate in the whole duration of the course (due to funding reasons we cannot allow people arriving later or leaving earlier).

## Venue

The training course will take place in Rustavi Scout Centre, 25 km from Tbilisi, <http://iscr.ge/>. You will be accommodated in dormitory rooms, in mixed country groups with persons of same gender, 3 to 4 persons per room. Bed linen are provided. Free WiFi is available at the venue. Transfers from/to the venue will be organised by the project team.

## Finances

### Travel costs:

The training course is **funded by the Erasmus+** that will cover the costs of accommodation and food. Your **travel costs** will be reimbursed up to the following amount per person:

Georgia: 0€ (if the travel distance is less than 100 km), 20€ (if the travel distance is more than 100 km)

Armenia, Azerbaijan: 180€

Belarus, Bulgaria, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine: 275€

Czechia, Estonia, Hungary, Italy, Poland: 360€

Spain: 530€

Portugal: 820€

To determine whether you are eligible as a participant or not, residence is the counting factor, not nationality. We can support the participation of someone as long as they travel from and to the country, where they reside and where they submitted the application form.



### Participation fee:

Your financial contribution to the course reflects your satisfaction with the project. In the context of mutual exchange and a with respect to different financial conditions in participating countries we suggest a **sliding scale between 30 and 200 EUR**.

## Interested?

### Get ready for a video in application form:

We believe that a picture says more than thousand words. And video is even better.

We aim to reach a balanced group of participants, and the video application gives us a chance to get a better feeling about you and your active involvement in youth work/ education and your trainer experience. The video could be a simple one taken by your mobile phone, don't worry about the quality - what matters is your motivation.

**Recommendation for the video:** Tell us about your current activities in the field of education, learning, youth work, social work or training in a **video of max. 2 min. length.** Upload to Youtube, Vimeo or other service and paste the link bellow. Record yourself in your usual working environment if possible. Make sure that the video is not private. (Recommended setting for Youtube: "Unlisted")

- **Online application form:** [bit.ly/elements-appl-form](http://bit.ly/elements-appl-form)
- **Deadline for applications:** 22.1.2018
- **Selection results available:** 26.1.2018

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