



Continuing Education for Trainers

Developing an International Peer to Peer Process

A Strategic Partnership for Exchange of Good Practice (2020-2023)

Methodical-Didactic Lab I: Being Touched and Being in Touch
Anthroposophic Center, Kassel (DE), April 28 - May 1, 2021

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Dear colleagues in the partner organizations of the ERASMUS+ project
Dear colleagues in the International Training Circle,
Dear teachers, lecturers, mentors, practice instructors in professional education in curative education and social therapy training

For 25 years, the annual conferences of the International Training Circle have been dedicated to the question of how professional education programs in our field can be developed further in terms of contemporary and future-oriented methodology and didactics. They have served as a forum for the exchange of good practice and thus also for our mutual continuing education as educators.

From 2005 to 2007, this group developed the concept of the 'Trinal Method' as an educational approach in which theory, art and practice are methodically intertwined (see <http://www.ceste-net.org/>). In the following 12 years, we have been able to build on this and engage with a broad spectrum of methodological approaches and concepts from many different points of view, present practical examples to each other, reflect with each other, and thus develop our educational practice further together. A thematic review of our past themes can be found on the project website (<https://inclusivesocial.org/en/peer2peer-cet/>) – as a stimulus for recollection and/or new discoveries.

With the support of the European Union's ERASMUS+ program, we now have the opportunity to deepen and develop this exchange of successful methodological-didactical practice in the framework of a peer-to-peer continuing education process over the next three years. We warmly invite you – both as long-time participants of the Kassel Training Conferences, and also especially as colleagues who would like to newly join this international collegial exchange.

With the support of the ERASMUS+ grant for project partners, and through solidarity fund set up parallel to this by the Anthroposophic Council for Inclusive Social Development, we hope to enable all interested teachers, trainers, practice instructors, lecturers, mentors, etc. to be join our work.

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If you are planning to participate in **this year's conference in Kassel (Germany) from April 28 to May 1, 2021**, we kindly ask you to let us as know soon as possible via the registration link for the 'Methodical-Didactic Lab I' (Kassel 2021) on the project website (<https://inclusivesocial.org/en/peer2peer-cet/>).

The conference is planned as an in-person event. In case it turns out that this is not possible, or only possible to a limited extent, we will adapt the format accordingly, if necessary, to enable all interested parties to participate in the joint process.

In order to be able to exchange and reflect together on our educational practice in as profound a way as possible, we also ask you to consciously reflect on your own professional practice as an educator over the coming months:

1. A methodological approach that touched me:
 - a. If you have been a regular participant at the Kassel conferences in recent years: Use the **thematic overview** to pick out a methodological approach or aspect of our collaboration that has particularly touched you. Bring it back to mind once again. A **folder with the programs of past conferences** is also available for you to review. Both can be found on the project website (<https://inclusivesocial.org/en/peer2peer-cet/>).
 - b. If you have not been part of the Kassel conferences yet: You are welcome to explore the materials provided. Maybe you will find a methodological idea, an educational approach or a process that touches you in a special way. Perhaps you know another approach or perspective on the methodological design of your teaching or your work as a practical instructor or mentor that is important to you. Please engage with this.
2. A new look at my practice as an educator: consciously design and review your training practice over the next few months, taking this methodical approach that has touched you into consideration. How you do this is entirely up to you.
3. Before the conference, we will ask you to send us a very short text articulating something essential from your reflective practice: What have you discovered over these months? What has touched you anew? What questions have arisen? Before the conference, you will receive an invitation to formulate the answers to these three questions in a short online questionnaire. This will then provide the basis for our exchange during the conference.

A project description, all materials, as well as the program outline and link for registration can be found on the project website (<https://inclusivesocial.org/en/peer2peer-cet/>).

We are very much looking forward to working together!

Wrm regards,

The Training Council (Project Coordination)