

International Young Naturefriends training course

Urban Green Citizenship

July 19th - 27th, Latvia

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

2014 is the IYNF's year of **Urban Outdoors**. Urban Green Citizenship is a unique training course which combines non-formal learning with direct community work and active experience of open air workshop festival Give&Get. It will bring together youth workers, youth leaders and NGO workers from across Europe, providing them with an opportunity to share their experiences in the field and learn from other participants the different approaches to youth work in cities when it comes to **green urban activism**.

By this TC we aim to:

- give young people the possibility to experience **sustainable living, community building, new ways of youth participation, personal expression and development**;
- let young people actively **experience the magic of the Give&Get festival** providing workshops and activities for festival participants and getting involved in community service - **check the video** from the festival in 2013 - <http://www.giveandget.lv/en/galleries/21-give-get-2013>;
- analyse **environmental impact of living in a city and countryside**, discover possibilities to **reduce ecological footprint** of urban living and bring **new initiatives** to community;
- **inspire and connect** young people by letting them explore the ways to make their communities become **liveable**.

The activity will be based on non-formal education principles and enable participants to **share knowledge**, acquire **competences and hands-on skills on urban green living**, tackling not only overall knowledge of **green living**, but also democratic competences of **reclaiming spaces in cities** and **engaging in legal forms of activism** in order to promote green values and initiatives in the cities. Participants will also gain knowledge and experience in such community building practices like **gift economy, urban gardening, sharing and bartering**.

Trainers of the course are **Ilze Jece** and **Stanislavs Babins**.

Apply for the training course, if you:

- are **proactive** and both want to **learn and share** your knowledge on the course topic
- have a **workshop to offer** for other participants and festival attendees
- are enthusiastic about **non-formal learning**
- have **engagement** in a local organization and experience, or have a **high interest**, in **running urban green activities with local community**
- wish to act as a **multiplier** in your own community by introducing **new concepts of urban activism**
- are able to **understand and speak good English**
- are willing to **live in a tent and eat vegetarian food** while on the course

The participants will be selected taking into account gender balance, geographical scope and their previous experience/involvement in green urban projects and local and international youth work.

When and where?

19 - 27 July 2014,
Latvian countryside

How much will it cost you?

30% of your travel costs.
No participation fee.

How to apply? Follow this link for the application form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1jCY6Qwo9oNTmaWogNJAqw8Zo-6KMAyGAQTGsuHwMKfU/viewform>.

Make sure you fill it in and submit until **31st March 2014, noon**, the latest. All of you selected for the training course will be informed personally **via e-mail** until **10th of April 2014**.

If you have any questions or doubts, feel free to contact Adriana Harnuskova at adriana@iynf.org.

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