

Letter for advertising:

Dear Colleague

we offer you a training course:

Face to Face with Nature – educating with living animals

The Bavarian Academy for Nature Conservation and Landscape Management (ANL) and its partners are offering a training course:

- If you are interested in sharing and learning methods that motivate your students to learn and act for nature;
- If you would like to learn how to connect entrepreneurship education with environmental education so your students are prepared to become environmentally aware entrepreneurs you would like to develop your students knowledgeability, self-reflection, organisation, responsibility, open-mindedness and curiosity;
- If you would like to enjoy your lessons with your students;

apply for getting funds for the participation in the “Face to Face with Nature” course at your national Erasmus+ agency **before 2nd of February 2016**.

The training besides introducing participants to some recent findings on experiential learning and the the potential of living animals in classrooms, guides them how to awaken their students emotions by meeting and working with live animals, how to use these positive emotions motivating them for learning and taking actions. Several animal modules (wolves/dogs, earth warms, ants, reptiles, bees, chicken, butterflies) will be introduced by enthusiastic, experienced teachers. Each of the modules are followed by activities, games that help us and students understand the connection between the animals, the nature and our way of life – connecting the dots for a sustainable future.

The participants also can share their experiences on the field, and build partnership for further cooperation.

Further information on the training can be found in the attachment. The Face to face with Nature course is the final event of the ELENA Experiential Learning and Education for Nature Awareness the EU Comenius fund supported transnational project. The partners from Germany, Hungary, Romania and Georgia aiming at raising nature awareness and enhance children’s connection to nature by developing and applying teaching materials, “learning by doing” know-how and system thinking games. More information on the modules, experiences, partners are on elena-project.eu.

The training takes place in Laufen/Salzach, Germany, 6-9 October 2016.

Please share this information with teachers and educators who might be interested in participating.

We look forward to welcoming you in October, Laufen.

Best wishes

Face to Face with Nature – educating with living animals

Date: 6-9 October 2016

Description:

Nature is the biggest treasure for humans by providing basics for quality of life. We should understand and be aware how individual and collective behavior is influencing the state of nature, the ecosystem. The aim of the course is sharing and learning ways on how to gain students' interest via meeting live animals and how to discover systemic connections in an exciting way.

Learning Outcomes:

- Understand the importance, the advantage and the responsibility of working with live animals indoor and outdoor;
- Understand the connection between animals, nature, way of life and sustainability;
- Be able to apply the modules in their classes and design their own lesson plans and activities building on their experiences during the course;
- Be able to organize joyful activities and to motivate and mobilize their students.

The course applies the learning-by-doing methodology, the participants will meet the animals, practice the games and activities and reflect on the experiences.

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Course organizer: Bavarian Academy for Nature Conservation and Landscape Management (ANL)

Location: Laufen/Salzach, Germany

Language: English

Topics: environment (STEM); entrepreneurship, creativity; pedagogy and didactics;

Key competences: Math, science and technology; initiative and entrepreneurship, learning to learn, social and civic

Target audience

Teachers & school staff: primary level; Teachers & school staff: secondary level; Government & policy makers; Non-governmental organization staff; Recent graduates / Students; School management; Teachers & school staff: special needs

Price: 200 EUR, the cost includes the course material, (including the modules and the certificate)

Number of participants: 60-100 participants

Certification on completion: yes

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