



Youth involvement at the EUSBSR Annual Forum. Local events

Local youth event on PA Culture

Organised by Riga Pupils' Council, 6th of October, Riga

Participants: 15 young people and 2 support persons

1. Cooperation between schools, governmental institutions, non-governmental organisations and businesses regarding culture and creative industries should be developed, including but not limited to:

- Creating courses that help young people to improve different skills, for example, public speaking, time management etc.;
- Encouraging young people to share their experience and organising events for doing that (experience in creation of different projects, businesses, attending events);
- Introducing projects similar to "Skolas soma"¹ (Latvia) in other countries as well;
- Organising conferences and other type of events where both students and adults meet, have workshops together, and where experience stories about culture and creative industries in other countries all over the Baltic Sea Region can be shared;
- Introducing the possibility to create student enterprises in all schools all over the region²;

¹ An opportunity for young people to attend events for free as part of their school curricula, and an opportunity to experience cultural activities locally at the school / youth centre / cultural centre also in rural areas <https://lv100.lv/programma/latvijas-skolas-soma/>

² <http://www.jaeurope.org/>



- Developing free, open cultural places for expression of young talents with the possibility of creating school events there;
- increasing the collaboration between schools and youth centres to make extracurriculars about, for example, the opportunities to develop your own business, working in creative industries, also other topics such as democracy, the EU and many more.

2. Business incubators and contests for young people should be introduced, developed and promoted in all countries across the region.

- All municipalities should introduce an opportunity for young people to develop their social or business idea – a project contest;
- Promoting the opportunities of business incubators for pupils (in schools, youth centres, youth organisations etc.);
- The possibilities to expand and develop student enterprises after graduating should be promoted.

3. Organisations and groups of people (including young people themselves) in cooperation with schools and youth centres should work more on promotion of projects, cultural events and other opportunities, especially informing people with fewer opportunities³.

³ Good examples from Latvia – kurpes.lv (mostly about cultural events <https://kurpes.lv/?lang=en>), visasiespejas.lv (<https://visasiespejas.lv/?lang=en>, about different opportunities for young people, local and international).