



CULTURAL BRIDGES

Engaging Young People and Youth Workers to develop their Cultural Intelligence for Diverse Online Communities

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE CULTURAL BRIDGES! TEAM

As we step into 2025, we wish all our partners, youth workers, and supporters a joyful and prosperous New Year!

Thank you for being part of our journey in supporting the promotion of cultural intelligence and tolerance across Europe.

We look forward to another year of collaboration, growth, and inspiring change within our communities.

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Let's make 2025 a year of cultural connection and shared growth!

As we start 2025, we take a moment to reflect on our progress in the Cultural Bridges project from 2024:

Transnational Meeting in Ireland:

- On the 10th and 11th of September, 2024, representatives from all partner organisations attended the first partner meeting in Dublin. During this meeting, we peer reviewed each other's work in developing prototype cultural intelligence modules and toolkit resources, and we made a targeted plan to improve our modules ahead of our testing phase in year 2.
- During this meeting, we also had the chance to share aspects of our own cultures which we thought other partners would find unusual - the cultural traditions around funerals in Ireland seemed to spark the most curiosity among partners!
- On Day 2, all partners also visited the EPIC Museum in Dublin, which documents the history of Irish emigration, and we also visited the Jeanie Johnston Famine Ship to learn of how the Irish diaspora was displaced around the world during the 'Great Hunger'.



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Virtual Transnational Training Event:

- On November 14th and 15th, 2024, Cultural Bridges partners hosted our virtual transnational training event to test the Cultural Intelligence (CQ) modules with youth workers from across Europe. These online training sessions brought together participants from all partner countries for two days of interactive learning, discussion, and collaboration.
- The training sessions provided an opportunity to explore the three key modules: cultural knowledge, cultural sensitivity, and intercultural communication. Youth workers shared their insights and practical feedback, which will be instrumental in refining and enhancing the modules.
- The energy and enthusiasm from participants reinforced the importance of this work in supporting youth workers to navigate and promote cultural diversity effectively.

What's Next for Cultural Bridges?

In the coming months, we will incorporate the feedback from the virtual training to finalize our Cultural Intelligence modules. These will be shared with national pilot programmes, reaching 42 youth workers across partner countries.

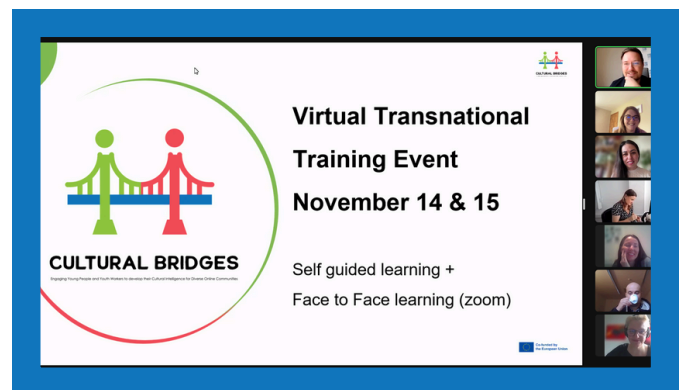
Simultaneously, we will begin developing our Digital and Social Media Advocacy Toolkit, aimed at empowering 120 young people to champion cultural tolerance online.

Stay tuned for updates as we prepare for these exciting next steps!

For more updates and opportunities to get involved, visit our website:

<https://culturalbridges.eu/>

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