

Service-Learning in Europe European Actors and Networks

Understanding Service-Learning – Public Networking Event

Dear all,

The German School of Athens (Deutsche Schule Athen) together with KMOP – Social Action and Innovation Center cordially invite you on **Wednesday the 26th of April 2023 at 18.30-21.00** to participate in an event titled: “**Service-Learning in Europe - European Actors and Networks**”. The event is being organized in the frame of the Erasmus+ project “[Understanding Service Learning](#)”.

Some words about “Service-Learning”

Service-Learning is an educational approach which **combines formal learning objectives with meaningful civic engagement** in order to provide a pragmatic, progressive learning **experience** while meeting societal needs. Service-learning typically involves school students in projects to apply classroom learning for local agencies that exist to effect positive change in the community.

It is therefore a form of experiential education in which students engage in activities that address human and community needs together with structured opportunities for reflection designed to achieve desired learning outcomes. Students take the ideas they learn about in theory and connect them to real problems in practice, creating viable solutions for long term transformation in society. The classroom becomes a place where thought is connected to passion, evoking real world change.

The aim of the event

Service-Learning is being implemented in many schools and countries in Europe. We want to learn from their experience, and have thus invited representatives of Service-Learning Networks from several countries to present their work and discuss their efforts to integrate Service-Learning activities into formal school education. This event will be an opportunity to learn what Service-Learning is (and what it is not), hear about successful examples and projects and an opportunity to network, discuss and ask questions.

Last but not least, we want to look forward and discuss how Service-Learning could be implemented transnationally on European level.

Some words about “Understanding Service Learning”

USL is an Erasmus+ KA2 small-scale partnership project, that focused on introducing teachers to service-learning as a learning methodology. Teachers and education professionals as well as NGOs have been trained in several aspects of this innovative methodology supporting the integration of community engagement in formal and non-formal learning.

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