

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

Reinforcing Games as an Educational Tool for Social Change

4 - 11 FEBRUARY 2022, GEORGIA

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Social exclusion and marginalization of youth are some of the most pressing and prevailing challenges today. A major cause of these situations is lacking a sense of belonging to the own/host society. Belonging to a healthy social network, having strong social bonds and relationships with a positive role model, and a stable relational environment are protective factors that imply preventive measures which assist youths in their proactive development in society. And that is our mission! We aim to improve social links and connections.

Our project is about a training course that aims to support the development of a sense of belonging among youths to enhance their social inclusion and empowerment through innovative instruments such as board games as an involvement tool of young people in youth organizations and society and initiating dialogue with them through training youth workers to develop table-top games with educational and social value. Therefore, we aim to connect youth workers and youth leaders with the world of board games and introduce them to the inclusive characteristics of board games and their social benefits. This is an innovative approach that would help to discover engagement mechanisms of board games and the possibility of adding a substantial educational value to them (informative, empathy building, team-building, and communication development).

OBJECTIVES

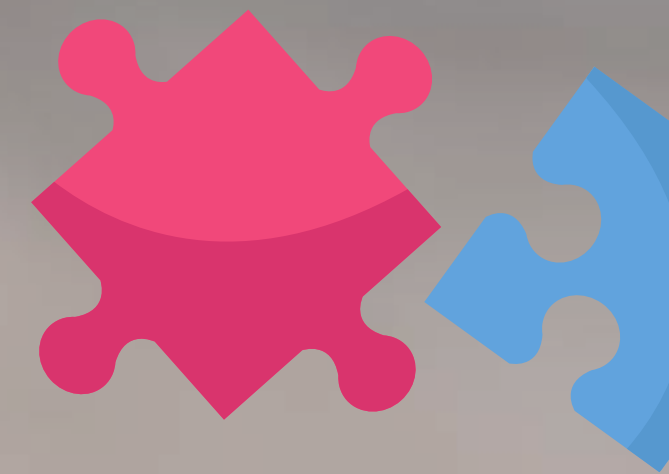
In this training, we aim to :

- introduce board games as a tool for the involvement of young people and explore successful examples of the use of board games in youth work;
- equip participants with tools for developing board games with educational value based on relevant social issues or necessary competencies for youth;
- develop a set of educational board games to be used in the youth work field.





TRAINING AGENDA



	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 7	DAY 8
Date Time	4th Feb	5th Feb	6th Feb	7th Feb	8th Feb	9th Feb	10th Feb	11th Feb
9:45 11:30	Arrival to the venue	Intro of the project	Game-based learning principles	Game development principles	Working on the games	Learning morning & Design in action	Evaluation of the event Feedback and finalizing the product	Departure from the venue
12:00 13:30		Team-building	Board game mechanics	Team division		Finalizing the games	Action plan	
15:00 16:30		Sharing homework		Initial ideas		Local discovery	Future connections	
17:00 18:00	Getting to know each other	Board games as an Educational tool	Board game Dos and Don'ts	Idea testing	Design Hackathon	Event preparation	Final evaluation	
18:00 18:30		Reflection time	Reflection time	Reflection time	Reflection time			
20:00	Welcome evening	Intercultural evening	Game night	Idea night	Game tests	Board Game evening	Farewell evening	

PARTICIPANTS

This professional development training is open for youth workers, youth leaders, youth trainers, and educators, as well as students of youth work and educational science who already work or plan to work with young people in their daily work life or frequent voluntary activities, especially with hard-to-reach young people and those representing minority groups. We are looking for 4 participants from each of the following countries: Austria, Armenia, Croatia, Estonia, Georgia & Ukraine.



Participants should be:

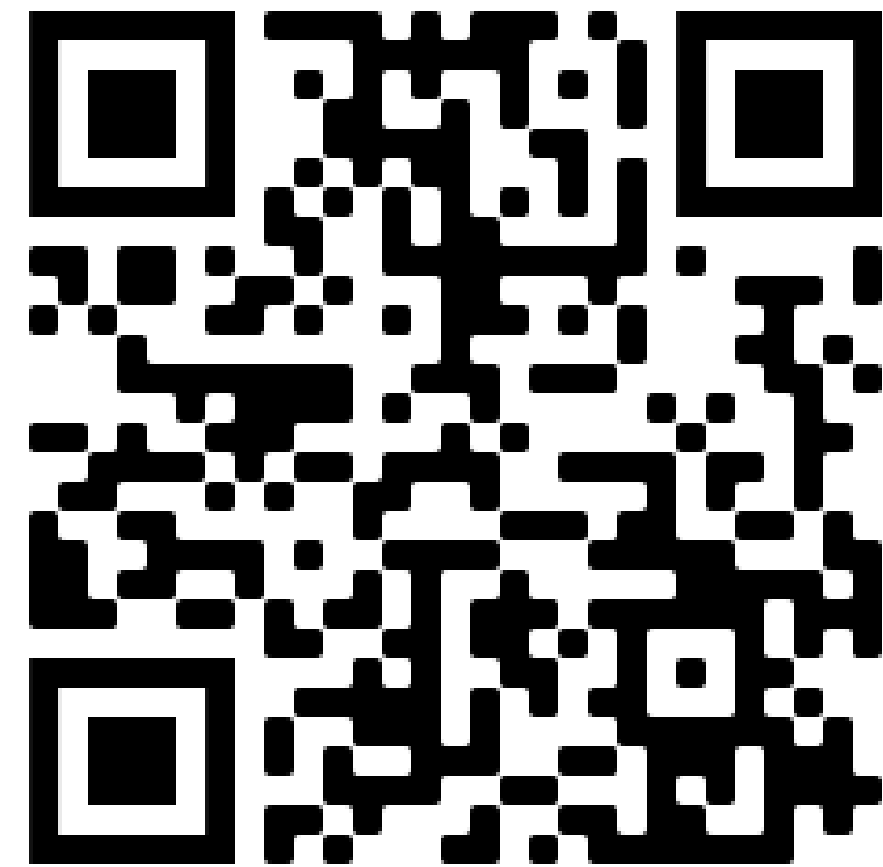
- Able to communicate in English;
- Older than 21 years old;
- Able to participate in the whole duration of the activity;
- Be working with youth and/or being motivated to explore innovative approaches in youth work,
- Ready to experiment, and commit to working on creating a board game and its later development and dissemination;
- Ready to support dissemination and visibility activities online and offline.

PRACTICALITIES

All those eligible for participation and interested in this training should fill in the following application form by the latest **1.12.2021** in order to be considered for the selection.

Form link is [here](#).

Training page: www.emotic.org/boardgames



ONCE SELECTED

Before the training:

- Check the conditions for travelling to Georgia and back to your country.
- Purchase and collect all travel tickets after consultation and agreement with the hosting organization.
- Cooperate with the participants from your country and prepare together for the trip and the training.

During the training:

- Deliver all travel documents to the hosting organization.
- Actively participate in all workshop sessions and the planned activities.
- Take part in the dissemination of the results of the mobility (posts in Social Media, videos, BlogPosts, etc).

After the training:

- Disseminate results, both offline and online (send all the documentation/pictures to the organizers).
- Implement a local workshop with local youth participants in cooperation with other participants.

JOURNEY

Procedures:

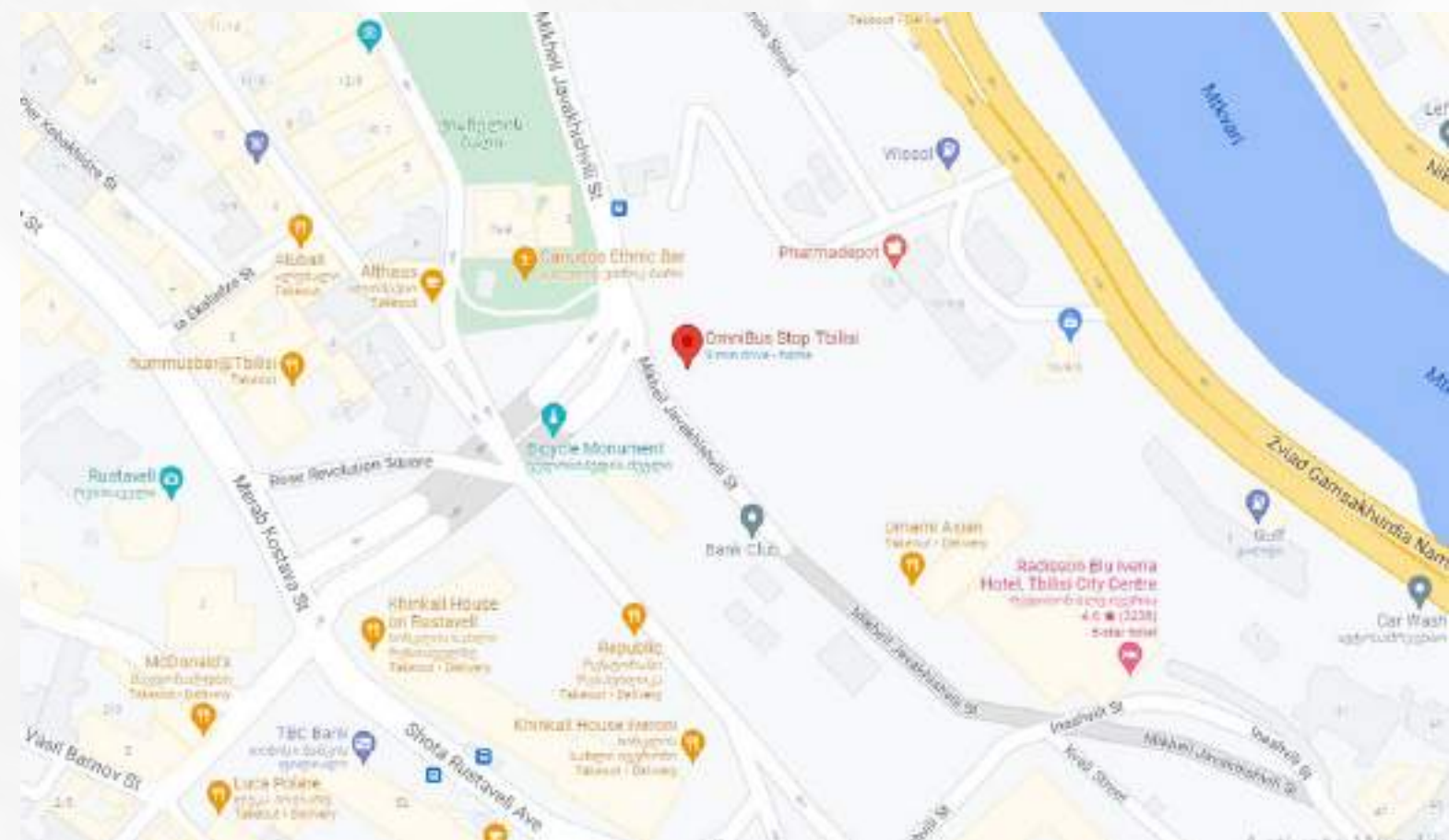
1. Fill in the application form to apply
2. Wait for the selection results

Once selected

3. send us a travel route suggestion including costs,
4. wait for approval/modification of the travel plan,
5. purchase the travel tickets by yourself,
6. travel and participate in the training course,
7. send us all travel documents once back home,
8. receive the refund of your travel tickets.

Participants are expected to arrive in Tbilisi no later than February 4th 2022 and depart no earlier than February 11th 2022.

All participants have to gather on **4th of Feb at 12:00 at Mikheil Javakhishvili street** (behind the bicycle monument) to go together to the venue by a group bus.



ACCOMODATION

The project will be held at the International Scout Center in Rustavi, Georgia. It is about 25 km away from Tbilisi. We will organize your transportation from Tbilisi to the project venue and back. You will be accommodated in rooms with 3 – 4 beds, which you will be sharing with participants of the same gender, however, mixed with participants from other nationalities who are also participating in the training. All meals will also be provided by us at the venue or at restaurants nearby.

Address of the Venue: International Scouts Center Rustavi, #9 Balanchivadze str. Rustavi, Georgia



REIMBURSEMENT

All costs related to the training, food, accommodation, and other practicalities will be covered by the organizers. The travel costs will be reimbursed up to the determined limit. Any amounts beyond these limits should be afforded by the participants themselves.

Buying tickets is the own responsibility of each participant (with the support of sending organizations). To be reimbursed, the participant has to provide all evidence of travel documents such as original train tickets, original boarding passes, original invoices, etc. as well as the evidence of payment (e.g. bank transcript of payment). Before purchasing the tickets you will need to send us potential routes and costs and wait for our confirmation.

If you want to arrive earlier in Georgia, or leave later from Georgia, and still receive your reimbursement, you have two extra days for travel. It's possible to arrive max. two days in advance OR leave max. two days after the training finishes. Please be informed, that participants will have to take care of their own costs and expenses on these extra days. The official arrival date is 4 February and the official departure day is 11 February.

Other important details for the reimbursement:

- Missing or lost tickets will not be reimbursed;
- Taxi or petrol costs are not reimbursed;
- Boarding passes for all the parts of air travel are essential for reimbursement

Limits of travel costs:

- Austria, Croatia, Estonia - 360€
- Ukraine - 275€
- Armenia - 180€
- Georgia - 100€



COVID-19 TRAVELLING

VACCINATED PASSENGERS:

- **travelling by AIR** - upon arrival, you shall present a proof of full course of **COVID-19 vaccination**. For those who had Covid virus and are vaccinated with 1 dose - it is counted as full vaccination. Vaccinated passengers **do not** require a PCR test or pre-registration upon arrival **at the moment**.
- **travelling by LAND or SEA** - upon arrival, passengers shall present **BOTH** proof of **vaccination** and a **negative PCR test** result conducted 72 hours or less before arrival in Georgia. No follow-up PCR test is required.

NON-VACCINATED PASSENGERS:

Non-vaccinated passengers travelling by air/land/sea are required to present a negative PCR test result, made no earlier than 72 hours before arrival to Georgia. Besides, they are required to follow the next procedures:

- Before arrival, fill out the **registration form** online. (Address of the Venue: International Scouts Center Rustavi, #9 Balanchivadze str. Rustavi, Georgia)
- Make a PCR test on the 3rd day of their stay in Georgia.

Getting from the airport to the city centre: Most of you are arriving at Tbilisi Shota Rustaveli International Airport. You can get to the city centre by bus #37, or by Taxi. Bus #37 last station is just outside the airport building, 1 travel costs 0.5 GEL (€0.15), you have it in cash to get the ticket on the bus. The schedule of busses can be seen **here**. In the case of the Taxi, we recommend using an app called **Bolt**. You can re-download it on your phone and call the taxi using free airport Wi-Fi in the airport building.

Important!

- do not lose or throw away any tickets or boarding passes. If you lose any of the tickets or boarding passes, we won't be able to reimburse you for them.
- make the online check-in, even if you can not print the boarding passes, and send the PDF version of your boarding pass to mariam@droni.org

COVID-19 & GEORGIA



At the moment Georgia is fighting with the so-called 5th wave of the Covid Pandemic.

The numbers of daily infected patients are increasing; therefore, we kindly ask you to be very cautious and follow the existing regulations, namely:

- Wearing a mask is mandatory in public places all the time, inside as well as outside.
- Remember to bring your vaccination certificate, PCR test results, and other related documents with you.

We will try to maintain all the precautionary measures during our training course as much as possible. We will have basic hygienic materials provided and try to make our venue a safe place. We count on your cooperation in this regard.

HOW TO REACH US

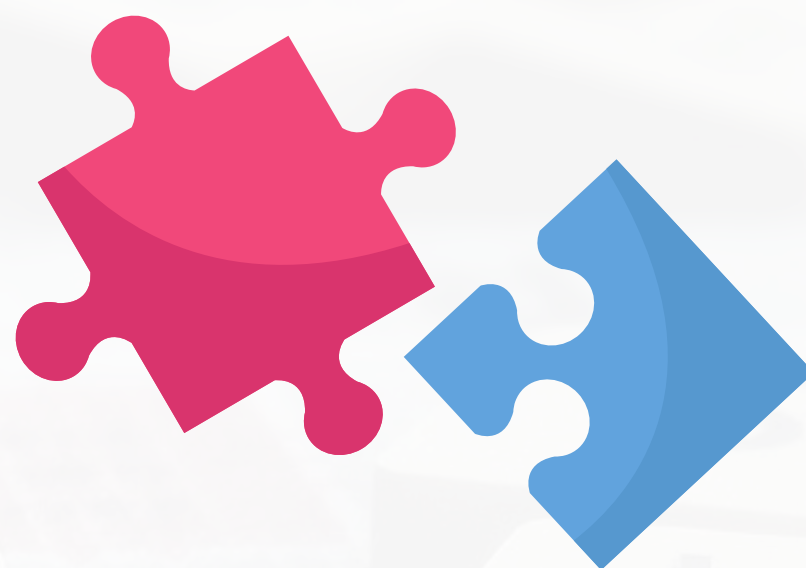


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