



**UBC TASK FORCE ON YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND WELL-BEING**  
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**Minutes**

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**THURSDAY, January 29th 2015**

Place: The main building of the Riga City Council (Ratslaukums 1),

**Interim report: results of the year 2014**

UBC report 2014 was presented and all the participants were able to make corrections. Report contains:

- PART I: General overview
- PART II: Where are we now? Where will we be tomorrow?
- PART III: Where the magic happens

## PART IV: Calculations and savings

Everybody felt that report is a good overview. Report was accepted and it's now ready to be introduced in board meeting in Kemi in the end of February.

### **Workshop working**

Workshop themes: Solutions for the existing challenges through TOP 7 questions

- 1) How to motivate youngsters? Tools and methods
- 2) How to promote social entrepreneurship and social economics?
- 3) How to recognize and validate skills of the youngsters?
- 4) New ways for guidance and support of Immigrant-youngsters that arrived in their teens
- 5) How we can use new technology more efficiently in guidance, support and education?
- 6) Steps from ill-being to well-being and employment
- 7) How we help the system to become more diversity-friendly?

Participants were divided in three groups which discussed both about the solutions already added into the Onedrive and about the missing solutions, which will be added. All the missing solutions and good practises must be added in by February 18<sup>th</sup>. Also everybody is asked to add the contact information in each solution (name of the contact person, e-mail).

The working platform is available in Onedrive.

Before solutions there will also be a short explanation of why this is one of the TOP 7 questions. Explanations are written by following participants:

- #1 Mikael Pettersson
- #2 Maria Santana
- #3 Dmitrijs Zverevs
- #4 Doris Larsson
- #5 Anu Parantainen
- #6 Matti Mäkelä
- #7 Sandra Biseniece

DL for these explanations is also February 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Workplan for the year 2015**

It was decided that all the participant cities will have local workshops where one or more good practises (solutions) will be presented. Idea is that every partner will learn from each other and try models that are working already in another place.

Partners are interested in starting new joint development project. Turku will check if there is possible funding in, for example, ESF.

Turku will load The UBC report 2014 and TOP 7 questions in [www.koulutustakuu.fi/training-guarantee](http://www.koulutustakuu.fi/training-guarantee) (DL March 6th) and all the partners will load that link to their own pages.

It was decided that the next meeting will be held in Naestved, Denmark on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of June. Before that TF partners will hold an online meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm (Finnish time). Finnish partners will send invitations to that meeting through e-mail.

Next steps:

- Feb 18th: DL for the TOP 7 solutions + contact information (onedrive) + explanations for each question
- Feb 26-27 Board meeting in Kemi (Matti will join and present UBC report 2014, TOP 7 questions and solutions, ideas of final seminar)
- March 6th: Report and other materials will be loaded in [www.koulutustakuu.fi/training-guarantee](http://www.koulutustakuu.fi/training-guarantee)
- April 8th at 2 p.m. (Finnish time): online meeting for TF partners
- By the end of May: local workshops and short reports about the results
- June 2-3: meeting in Denmark, Naestved
- By September: Follow-up report
- October: final seminar in Gdynia (?)

## **End of the meeting (first day)**

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### **FRIDAY, January 30th 2015**

Place: The main building of the Riga City Council (Ratslaukums 1)

### **Results of the first day in general; finalising the year 2015 workplan**

Everybody was happy and satisfied about the work in the first day: we were able to come up with really concrete ideas for the next steps. The workplan for the next year 2015 was finalised (see above).

### **Final seminar**

Discussions in small groups about the final seminar of the Task Force: what kind of seminar it should be?, who should be invited?, what is the content and main message?.

Ideas for final seminar:

- October in Gdynia (as a part of the UBC board meeting)
- 1 ½ days (seminar + workshops)
- target groups: managers, key workers, young people, decision makers
- title ideas: Sharing is the solution / Transferring / Saving by spending / UBC Task Force on Youth Employment and Well-being

- Presentations (keynote speakers) and workshops around the TOP 7 topics
- Workshop themes including solutions and success stories:
  - Immigrant young people and integration
  - Youngsters with special needs
  - Drop-outs (reasons for that)
  - Mind setting – focus on solutions, not problems
  - Saving by spending
  - Participation and empowering youngsters
  - Cross sectoral cooperation
  - Mentoring
  - future is good – how do we get young people there?

Questions to be solved / discussed in Board meeting in Kemi February 26-27:

- Is it possible to arrange as a part of Gdynia conference, or should we come up with some other solution?
- Funding (UBC, Erasmus)?
- How many participants?
- Keynote speakers?

## **Proposals and initiatives for the UBC Executive Board and UBC cities**

TF partners decided that the most important things that should be raised to attention of the UBC Executive Board and UBC cities are as follows:

- final seminar
- future cooperation
- funding in future (a common project)
- what kind of role does the UBC Board will have when it comes to implementation and mainstreaming the good practises, model and proposals done by Task force

## **Further steps and practical issues: next meeting, milestones and responsibilities**

Further steps can be seen above. Next meeting will be in Naestved, Denmark, in June 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **Evaluation of the meeting**

Everybody felt that the meeting has met the expectations.

## **End of the meeting**