



Migration Heritage Trails Document



Introduction

This 'How To' guide for 'Migration Heritage Trails' training document is for youth workers and other professionals who work and train young people.



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How to use this guide

This easily accessible 'How To' guide is focused on best practice approaches to using the 'Migrant Heritage Training Toolkit'. The 'How To' guide offer direction and guidance to youth workers to train the youth in developing their own heritage trails.

These resources are a valuable asset to youth workers in particular, who often lack the tools and know-how to effectively manage and maximise tourism benefits, while minimising its negative impacts. Our series of guides have been structured as a step-by-step process for youth workers and other professionals involved in training young people.

Our Objective

The goal is to stimulate each partner country to identify groups of young people that could lead on migrant heritage trails this will be done through capacity-building in best practice. With the immense scale and variation of heritage trails around all over Europe, coupled with scarce human and financial resources, this is now more important than ever. Youth workers and other professionals in areas of high youth/migrant population must have access to these types of innovative sustainability tools in order to develop and formulate their own successful heritage trails. Ideally, youth workers and other users will begin to navigate through the toolkit by learning basic ideas and guidance. The toolkit then enables the user to delve deeper in line with their local interests, needs and aspirations. Our objective for this guidance resource is to enable the growth and success of an entire community of youth workers, making positive changes to local young people that they work with and pro-actively arranging and leading migrant heritage trails in their areas. In parallel, by establishing this community, we aim to facilitate knowledge exchange of the most progressive ideas, and encourage their implementation and evolution. The driving ethic for the 'Migrant Heritage Toolkit' training document is to explain critically important ideas for sustainable heritage trails in a clear and concise manner, conveying the key knowledge and processes in a reading time of under 20 minutes per idea. Our goal is to make implementing the ideas of sustainable heritage trails easier to understand and put into practice for all parties involved.

Getting Started

We understand the complex range of cultural differences each individual country/region/city/town in which the youth workers operate. Whilst the intention is to encourage each site to undertake most, or at least many, of the tasks included in the toolkit, considering them together all at once may seem daunting and even impossible. We have developed this toolkit as a source of guidance and inspiration. It is based on all partners experience of leading successful trails; of ideas from which you, the user, may choose to put

into practice, helping your migrant heritage trail become more sustainable for its current and future visitors. We would urge youth workers and other professionals to read through the toolkit thoroughly and begin to think about the steps to be taken to lead a successful heritage trail. Again, we remind each user that results will differ for each site, and the circumstances of the local environment and community must always be taken into consideration.

What is a Heritage Trail?

A heritage trail is a journey through a series of historical sites and places with the aim of discovering an area's history, culture and architecture, Trail explorers can make the journey on foot, on a bike and/or via public transport; for Grandma's story we have recommended our trails to be done on foot, that is the best way to enjoy them.

Designed to link monuments or sites with historical or cultural significance in a particular period, heritage trails are a fun way, for both locals and tourists alike, to learn about the selected areas' past. Look out for plaques or signs along certain trails detailing fascinating facts about the area or site and how the site has evolved over time.

How to use the Migrant Heritage Trail Toolkit?

Our toolkit is written with young people in mind in accessible language with colourful visuals. We want the toolkit to be used by youth workers and other professionals working with young people to be able to train young people in devising their own trails. The toolkit provides step by step guide how trails can be established.

Developing a Heritage Trail involves 8 Stages, as follows:

Stage 1: Preparation – Why you want to do the trail/purpose

Stage 2: Information Gathering – The types of: Information | Migration | Education

Stage 3: Fieldwork - Research

Stage 4: Trail Design – Trail geography

Stage 5: Funding – Who is going to be doing what, is there cost involved.

Stage 6: Trail Construction – Trail safety and law/Risk Assessments

Stage 7: Trail Management and Maintenance – Training and working with volunteers

Stage 8: Marketing – How to make interview project/videos

To read the complete toolkit visit <http://grandmas-story.eu/>

