

CASE STUDY IN CREATIVE YOUTHWORk NETWORK

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REDEA sent 3 youth workers to Erasmus+ Learning, Teaching, Training Activity implemented in Wolverhampton, UK and hosted by GECKO: Stela Horvat, Dorian Marciuš and Neven Levačić.

In this case study, we bring you a story of **Neven Levačić**.

Neven is 25 and he comes from Čakovec. Last year, he got a Master's degree from Business Economy at University North in Varaždin. Čakovec is his hometown and because of that, he felt the need to do and to give something creative for his hometown. Since 2012, he and his friends has been organizing 3FF – music alternative festival which became a part of Čakovec Youth Center (CeZam). Neven is an example of how a hobby can become a job that you love. Thanks to his enthusiasm, creativity and being 'at the right place in the right time', he became a youth worker employed in CeZam.

Beside of new friendships that he made, new cultures that he met and a good time that he had on workshops, he saw a lot of new approaches to young people and interesting ways how to engage youth with topics which were represented through the workshops. All of these topics, approaches, objectives, goals and strategies will be useful for his work in the future.

Facilitation skills are the most important skills he has gained. He said: *"Facilitation skills workshop was the most effective workshop for me because it gave me a view in details of these terms which helps me in my work with volunteers and creating youth programs."*

Neven is already sharing his story and experience from training and already implementing skills he had adopted, with his colleagues, friends, and members of CeZam through his work. *"As I work in two associations the experience will help me a lot. I will try to transfer my knowledge to other people and help them to express or implement their ideas. Workshops gave me methods and steps to do that. Also, CYN certificate is a good reference in my CV."*, he mentioned.

One of his target group for sharing experience and for implementing new adopted skills are high school students in Čakovec. He wants, with new approaches and skills, open young peoples' minds and show them possibilities they have in this world through learning, traveling and creativity.

Neven and Patrik (participant from the Czech Republic) already made small joint project at 3FF music festival in Čakovec. In this creativity process, they used skills and knowledge adopted through the workshops in Wolverhampton.

New skills, new friendships, new ideas, new projects are rising for youth. Thanks to CYN project.