

Moje Youthpass iskustvo

U Erasmus+ program uključila sam se 2014. godine sudjelovanjem na svom prvom projektu na kraju kojeg sam dobila Youthpass certifikat. To mi je bio prvi susret s Youthpassom i sjećam se kako me odmah zanimalo kada ću se naći u prilici gdje će mi se Youthpass pokazati korisnim. Tri godine i 12 projekata kasnije sjedila sam na razgovoru za studij Logopedije na Edukacijsko-rehabilitacijskom fakultetu u Zagrebu. Pri objašnjavanju svih razloga zbog kojih sam odabrala upravo taj studij, spomenula sam rad s ljudima i kako imam neformalnog iskustva u tom području. Objasnila sam im da sam sa sobom ponijela Youthpass certifikate s međunarodnih razmjena mladih kao dokaz o kompetencijama koje sam stekla i usvojila tijekom projekata. Predala sam im certifikate da ih pogledaju i odgovorila na pitanja koja su postavljali. Naime, do tog trenutka nisu se nikada susreli s Youthpass potvrdom. Potvrde su se pokazale iznimno korisnima jer su poslužile kao fizički dokaz o mom sudjelovanju na razmjeni mladih i stečenom znanju te sam se, zahvaljujući njima, istakla među više od 600 kandidata na razgovoru i u konačnici uspješno upisala na željeni studij. Uvjerenja sam da su moja iskustva u neformalnom području te priložene Youthpass potvrde uvelike tome pridonijeli. Projekti su mi pomogli da osvijestim svoju želju za radom s ljudima i odaberem zanimanje koji mi omogućava neposredan utjecaj i poboljšanje nečije životne kvalitete. Također, naučila sam odrediti ravnotežu između preuzimanja inicijative i timskog rada, usvojila sam važnost postavljanja ciljeva i produktivnog raspoređivanja vremena. Razvila sam komunikacijske vještine, kritičko razmišljanje, vještine rješavanja konflikta i surađivanja. Upoznala sam različite ljude, zemlje i kulture iz cijele Europe što mi je proširilo vidike. Iskustvo na Erasmus+ program pozitivno je utjecalo na moje samopouzdanje i samopoštovanje. Naposljetku, Youthpass me naučio vještinama samoprocjene i osvještavanja naučenog znanja i kompetencija koje mi pomažu u svakodnevnom životu.

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My Youthpass Experience

I joined the Erasmus + program in 2014 by participating in my first project at the end of which I received a Youthpass certificate. It was my first encounter with Youthpass and I remember how immediately I was interested in when I would be able to use Youthpass. Three years and 12 projects later I was sitting in an interview for the Undergraduate study of Speech and Language Pathology at the Faculty of Education and Rehabilitation in Zagreb. While explaining all the reasons why I chose that study, I mentioned working with people and how I have non-formal experience in this area. I explained to them that I had brought Youthpass certificates from international youth exchanges as proof of the competences I acquired and adopted during the projects. I gave them the certificates to look at them and answer questions they asked. They did not see a Youthpass certification until then. The certificates proved to be extremely useful because they served as a physical evidence of my participation in the youth exchange and the knowledge gained, and I stood out from more than 600 candidates in the interview and ultimately successfully enrolled in the desired study. I am confident that my experience in the non-formal area and bringing of Youthpass certificates greatly contributed to this. The projects have helped me to become aware of my desire to work with people and to choose a profession that enables me to have an immediate impact and improve one's quality of life. Also, I learned how to balance between taking over an initiative and teamwork, I have adopted the importance of setting goals and making a productive time schedule. I have developed communication skills, critical thinking, conflict resolution skills and co-operation skills. I met different people, countries and cultures from all over Europe that expanded my horizons. The experience of the Erasmus + program positively influenced my self-confidence and self-esteem. Finally, Youthpass has taught me self-assessment skills and how to become aware of the knowledge and competences that I acquired, both of which help me in everyday life.

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