

Gaming in international youth exchanges

Project lab “Play it forward” in Cologne

for teachers, youth educators and youth leaders, 27th to 30th of June 2024

Discover the unifying power of gaming in international youth exchanges!

Games have always been an integral part of youth exchange programs. The “Play it forward” project, initiated in 2023, aims to enhance the role of gaming in digital international youth exchanges. We provide organizations and institutions with preliminary guidelines, encourage them to develop their own projects, and offer qualification support.

Join us for an innovative project lab!

This event will allow participants to explore platforms, creative tools, and games under expert guidance. It will address pedagogical challenges, including the legal aspects of digital projects, and help participants craft their digital exchange concepts using gaming. An overview of future possibilities in Virtual Reality (VR) will also be included in the event.

We are excited to leverage the insights from our pilot phase and collaborate with the creators of the Creative Gaming's PLAY festival, who will co-facilitate the project lab.

Get to know other enthusiasts and create your own exchange scenarios!

The program is designed for volunteers and professionals engaged in international youth work, or for those aspiring to do so. Whether you lead bi-, tri-, or multilateral youth exchanges on a professional or volunteer basis, if you are interested in innovating digital international exchange formats, you are welcome to apply. A focus on the German-Russian context is not required.

We would also love to encourage those who are gaming-in-youth-work enthusiasts and wish to enter the world of international exchange.

Important to know!

We are offering 14 places to participants from Germany and six to those from partner countries. The project lab will be conducted in English.

The project is organized by the Foundation for German-Russian Youth Exchange and sponsored by the Globus Foundation. A participation fee of 200 euros covers meals, accommodation in a single room, the program, and insurance.

Participants are responsible for their own travel costs. Travel subsidies may be available upon application and consultation. For international attendees, specific travel grants may also be considered. Please reach out to us for more details.

Are you a volunteer group leader in an international youth exchange program? We might be able to offer a fee reduction; please contact us to discuss.

Registration

The registration deadline is 31st of May 2024. Early registration is recommended as places are filled on a rolling basis.

<https://www.stiftung-drja.de/de/aktuelles/aktuelle-stiftungsprojekte/gamingimaustausch.html>

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More about "Play it forward"

With the "Play it forward" innovation project of the Foundation for German-Russian Youth Exchange, we are exploring the potential of online gaming as an effective tool for international youth exchange, creating new digital spaces for encounters and strengthening civil society bridges between people, partners and countries. As a group, the participants experience a new form of international digital youth exchange. As an inclusive platform concept, "Play it forward" focuses primarily on existing solutions and games in an educationally moderated process and keeps an eye on data and youth protection issues.