

Urban Foxes: Academy for Urban Action & DURF

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Good practice aspect(s)/themes of youth work

- Youth work in urban areas

Good practice category

A practice of processes and methods

Good practice aim & purpose

Urban Foxes strives for sustainable, inclusive and co-created cities. Through our local and international projects, our lectures, workshops and concrete tools we advocate for the involvement of often forgotten stakeholders in decision-making processes. Three of our concrete projects, the Academy for Urban Action (local and framework sharing internationally), DURF (governmental assignment) and Placemaking for Inclusion (a centrally applied large-scale Erasmus+ project) will feature during the session, thereby showcasing our work and methodologies in youth involvement, didactical non-formal framework creation, international and governmental collaborations and urban re-imagination.

Good practice description

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Good practice result & concrete effects

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Good practice chapter of the European Charter on Local Youth Work

Quality development