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Bike Repair Event: A Community Success in Graz's Augarten Park

Graz, Austria

Inter
Aktion

In April 2024, Augarten Park in Graz, Austria, hosted a bustling bike repair event. Organized with Banana Bikes and the Regional Youth Center - LOGO, the event drew local cyclists of all ages.

Visitors had their bikes checked and repaired by Banana Bikes professionals, who also provided maintenance tips. The Regional Youth Center - LOGO facilitated the event, highlighting community engagement.

Information booths offered insights into our project promoting sustainable transportation and community bonding through cycling. The positive feedback showcased the community's enthusiasm and the importance of bike maintenance.

The event enhanced the cycling experience in Graz and strengthened community spirit, reflecting the city's commitment to sustainability and active living. We look forward to more such events, supporting local cyclists and promoting a greener lifestyle.



World Café: Discussing Cycling and Youth Work in Graz

In May 2024, Graz, Austria, hosted a dynamic World Café dissemination event. Organized with the Regional Youth Center - LOGO, the event brought together people from various institutions, youth workers, NGO representatives, and the Austrian Erasmus+ National Agency.

Participants engaged in discussions about cycling and youth work, exploring the Youth & Commute project's impact. They had the opportunity to review materials created during the project and explore the online course available on the HOP Platform.

The event fostered valuable exchanges of ideas and strengthened networks among participants, highlighting the project's contributions to promoting cycling and youth engagement in Graz.

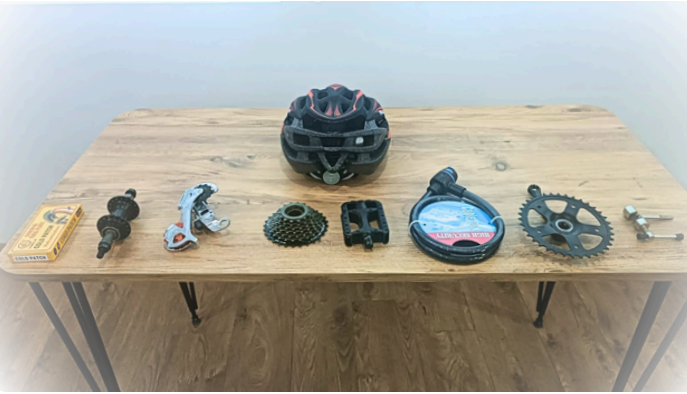


Partner Promoting Cycling as Green Transportation in Igdir, Turkey



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In April and May 2024, Igdir, Turkey, hosted two Youth & Commute workshops aimed at young people and youth workers. Each session gathered 20 participants, totaling 40 young enthusiasts.

The events shared project results, introduced online platforms, and demonstrated the online training portal. Participants learned technical tips for commuting and were guided on how to use the project website.

Interactive methods, including music, singing, and dancing, added fun to the learning experience. These activities showcased innovative ways to incorporate entertainment into youth work, promoting cycling as an ecological means of transportation.



Digital Support for Youth Workers

Ongoing Online Course for Promoting Cycling

As part of the Youth & Commute project, we have launched the "Fix and Ride Online Course" on the HOP Platform, targeting young people and youth workers. This course is available [here](#).

The course, "FIX & RIDE - Youth & Commute," is designed for European youth workers, social work specialists, and non-formal educators working with marginalized youth. It aims to equip participants with knowledge, strategies, and resources to promote bicycle urban commuting, fostering a new generation of cyclists.

The course consists of six modules covering educational resources on cycling, road safety, bike maintenance, and green transport. It emphasizes a structured approach, cohesive communication strategies, and the cultural dimensions of cycling, with a special focus on women-oriented classes.

Key features include case studies on urban cycling, visual materials, self-reflection activities, quizzes, and a comprehensive manual with hands-on activities.

Additionally, we use the [Gather Town app](#) to enhance interaction. This web-conferencing tool mimics real-life interactions, providing youth workers with innovative ways to engage young people.

Join our community of cyclists and bike lovers and become an expert in promoting cycling as an ecological means of transportation!



MTB Expedition in Ilinden

Promoting Green Transportation in Ilinden



On April 28, 2024, Ilinden, North Macedonia, hosted the second edition of the MTB Expedition "Through the heart of Ilinden." Hundreds of participants completed the 42 km journey, showcasing their passion for cycling.

At the event, the Eco-Logic team set up a YOUTH&COMMUTE station, engaging young cyclists and youth workers. The station highlighted project results, and participants explored quizzes on the HOP platform and genially, providing valuable feedback on the content.

The event successfully promoted cycling as an ecological mode of transportation, fostering community spirit and environmental awareness.

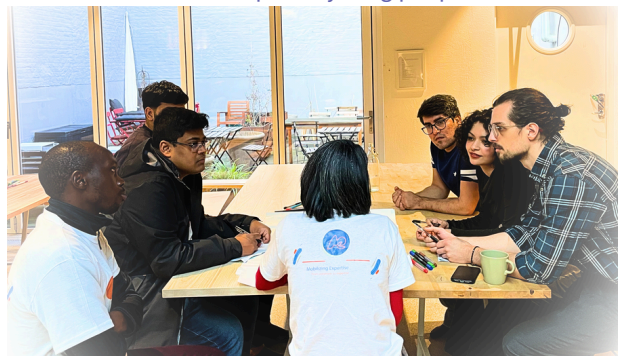


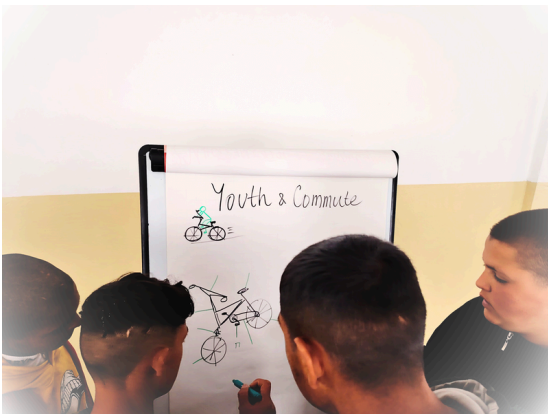
Y&C Multiplier Events in Sweden



In March and May 2024, Malmö and Lund, Sweden, hosted two multiplier events aimed at youth workers and young residents. These events disseminated the Youth & Commute project and highlighted the significance of the Fix & Ride: Equip & Empower In-Service Training Toolkit.

Participants engaged in discussions about the benefits of cycling and explored the toolkit's resources. These events underscored the importance of promoting cycling as an ecological transportation method, equipping youth workers with tools to empower young people in Sweden.





Bicycle vs. Car: Promoting Cycling in Rakitovo

Urban Bicycling Promotion in Rakitovo, Bulgaria

In April 2024, a special event was held at the Correctional Boarding School Angel Uzunov in Rakitovo, Bulgaria, aimed at disadvantaged young people and educators. The "Bicycle vs. Car in the City" workshop highlighted the ecological, financial, and health benefits of cycling, especially for those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

The workshop included a hands-on activity where participants resurrected an old Bulgarian bicycle salvaged from a recycle bin, transforming it into a functional bike for under 20 EUR. This activity fostered excitement and provided practical skills, emphasizing cycling as a viable, eco-friendly transportation option.

Youth & Bicycle Advocacy

Promoting Green Transportation at International Youth Center in Pernik, Bulgaria

In May 2024, the International Youth Center in Pernik, Bulgaria, hosted an event for youth workers from Pernik and Sofia, and bicycle infrastructure activists. The event aimed at promoting green transportation and better bicycle alleys.

Participants included local youth workers, bicycle advocates, and stakeholders from public institutions. The event featured demonstrations of non-formal education methods from the Fix & Ride manual, developed within the Youth & Commute project. Discussions focused on encouraging bicycle transport, especially for disadvantaged young people unable to afford cars in their early 20s.



Youth & Commute Partners Gather in Skopje

In March 2024, Skopje, North Macedonia, hosted a vibrant transnational meeting for the Youth & Commute project. Youth workers, young people from Skopje, and partner organizations gathered for two productive days to review and advance project initiatives. Day one began with an agenda overview, followed by discussions on project activities management and dissemination strategies. Participants then focused on objectives, results, and quality indicators, including a comprehensive quality report and updates on translating infographics and videos from the first project result. The afternoon included a presentation and testing of program details for the second project result, a discussion on the project platform, and the Non-Formal Social Entity B.I.K.E.

The second day emphasized practical aspects, starting with preparations for local testing of the training program and the Equip and Empower In-Service Training Programme. Participants tested training modules and provided valuable feedback, receiving certificates for their involvement. Discussions on sustainability concluded the event, summarizing the key points and evaluations from the two days. An optional cycling trip to the top of Vodno symbolized the project's commitment to promoting cycling and environmental awareness. The meeting showcased the collaborative spirit and dedication of all partners, setting a strong foundation for the Youth & Commute project's future phases.

New NGO Continues Youth & Commute Legacy Founding of BIKE NGO in Austria

In the fall of 2023, partner organizations in Austria endorsed the founding of a bicycle-related NGO, named BIKE. This organization succeeds the ideas and values developed under the Youth & Commute project. BIKE will serve as the juridical body upholding and promoting the project's principles and values. The establishment of BIKE ensures the continuation and expansion of the Youth & Commute project's mission, fostering sustainable and ecological transportation solutions through cycling advocacy and education.

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