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# CONTINUE

Connecting European Youth through Storytelling

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**The CONTINUE project  
is moving towards  
social actions**



## The local Conversation of Change Events

Between February and March, each partner of the project organised a local Conversation of Change Event. The events, which involved young people, youth workers and stakeholders, started with the testimonials collected by young people during the storytelling phase of the project. After watching extracts of the stories, the participants had time to reflect on the testimonials and to discuss together the consequences the pandemic had on the lives of young people.

The aims of the conversation of change events were to let young people freely share their experiences and needs and, based on the problems that emerged during the pandemic of Covid-19, to brainstorm on ideas and social actions that could be implemented together to improve the social and living conditions of young people.





## 2-days training in Vilnius

Afterwards, a group of young people, that took part in their local conversation of change events, participated in the 2-days training for future mentors of CONTINUE project in Vilnius.

The group was a mix of young people and young youth workers, coming from Lithuania, Italy, Hungary, Denmark, England and Germany. The two days focused on how to develop social actions in all its phases, from brainstorming ideas to implementing and evaluating the actions. The training was balanced between active and experiential activities and moments of deep reflection. The participants had the opportunity to learn the experiences, cultures and ways of thinking of other people, to exchange ideas and motivate one another to work together towards the improvement of our societies.





## **CONTINUE's stories on YouTube**

On YouTube and Facebook can be found the extracts of the interviews that have been collected during the storytelling phase of the project. The peer-to-peer interviews give us an interesting insight on the ways the pandemic has affected the lives of young people. Th people involved in the interviews had the opportunity to learn storytelling techniques, share their stories and capture those of their peers, and now they are ready for the next steps of CONTINUE that wants to support them to tackle the challenges of post-COVID times through new connection tools.



## **Attend the event! Save the date: 7th April 2022**

The COVID-19 pandemic has been a difficult time for everyone, in particular marginalised young people across Europe who have seen their world turned upside down and have struggled to stay connected and integrated. Over the past few months, a pan-European consortium of NGOs have been working together on the CONTINUE project - co-funded by the Erasmus+ programme - to gather the stories of young people from the UK, Germany, Italy, Hungary, Denmark, Lithuania and Portugal who have lived through these unprecedented times.

The young people have co-led the story gathering and curation workshops and are now ready to share their findings with members of the European community at this online Conversation of Change event. The event will be facilitated by Hayley Trowbridge from People's Voice Media and aims to open up a conversation between young people and decision-makers from across Europe about how COVID-19 has impacted the lives of young people, what is different across the nations and what are the commonalities?

**The Conversation of Change event will take place on Zoom on Thursday 7th April, 1pm - 3.30pm GMT / 2pm - 4.30pm CET**, and is aimed at young people, community leaders, members of the various European communities, those who work in European, national and local government, health and social care, education sectors, NGOs and beyond.



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