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NEWSLETTER #7

Making the T4I Toolkit easier to use

NEW DIGITAL SEARCH ENGINE AVAILABLE

Why practical inclusion tools matter more than ever

In recent years, the need for participatory, experience-based, and non-formal education methods has become increasingly visible. Traditional frontal teaching is often not enough to engage children and young people, especially in diverse groups where participants come from different backgrounds, levels of confidence, learning needs, and life experiences.

At the same time, the question of inclusion has become more urgent across Europe. In Portugal and Malta, migration and the presence of children from different linguistic, cultural and refugee backgrounds create new challenges for schools and youth organisations. In Hungary and Slovakia, the educational situation of Roma children continues to show that inclusion cannot be treated as a side issue. It has to become part of everyday educational and community practice.

Shorter attention, more individual needs

Another challenge has also become clear: children and young people increasingly need more active, personalised and responsive learning environments. Their attention spans are often shorter, and their expectations are different from what traditional classroom methods were designed for.

For trainers and facilitators, this creates a very practical problem. They may need to change the pace of a session quickly. They may need a shorter activity, a more active game, a calmer reflection exercise, or a method that works better for a smaller or larger group.

This means that trainers, teachers and youth facilitators need more than good intentions. They need practical activities that help them create trust, cooperation, communication, and participation in real group situations.

This is exactly why the T4I Toolkit needed to become more than a PDF. Within the Erasmus+ Tools4Inclusion project, the partnership developed a practical toolkit with activities supporting inclusive group work, cooperation, social skills, and respect for diversity. It is designed for youth facilitators, educators, and others.



The aim was simple: to make the toolkit easier to use in real life.

The search engine allows users to find activities by:

- keyword;
- toolkit section;
- age group;
- difficulty level;
- available time;
- group size.

Users can combine filters to narrow the results and then click the page number to open the full activity in the toolkit.

This is useful both for advance planning and for live facilitation. A trainer may arrive with a prepared session plan, but still needs to adapt during the session if the group is tired, restless, withdrawn, too small, too large, younger than expected, or more experienced than expected.

The T4I Toolkit was created within an Erasmus+ project, but HDiA's ambition is that it should not remain a static project output. It should become a resource that can live, be used, tested, improved and expanded beyond the project period.

The digital search engine is a first step in that direction. It makes the toolkit easier to access, navigate, and adapt. Even if facilitators later use the printed PDF version during the session, the search engine can help them find the right activity quickly during preparation.

Tested through HDiA training and piloting



The need for the search engine became especially clear during HDiA's training and piloting activities in Malta and Slovakia. Explore the Toolkit and search engine

In Malta, the toolkit was tested with a diverse group of young people living in a multicultural and migration-related environment. In Slovakia, it was tested in Hungarian with young facilitators working with Roma children in segregated and disadvantaged school contexts. The T4I Toolkit and the digital search engine are available on the Human Dignity in Action website.

These experiences confirmed that facilitators need flexibility. Different groups require different activities. Inclusion work cannot rely on one fixed training plan. The toolkit is currently available in English and Hungarian, but the Portuguese version is on its way. The search engine helps users find suitable activities more quickly and effectively.

Explore the T4I Toolkit and search engine:
<https://www.humandignityinaction.org/new-page>

