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**Engaging Young Volunteers:
Practical Skills for Active
Citizenship**

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Meet your facilitator

Stuart Garland
Learning and Capacity Building
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Welcome to your training



Turn off distractions, close other applications




We will send you a copy of the slide set afterwards



Ask your questions anytime, we'll also do Q & A



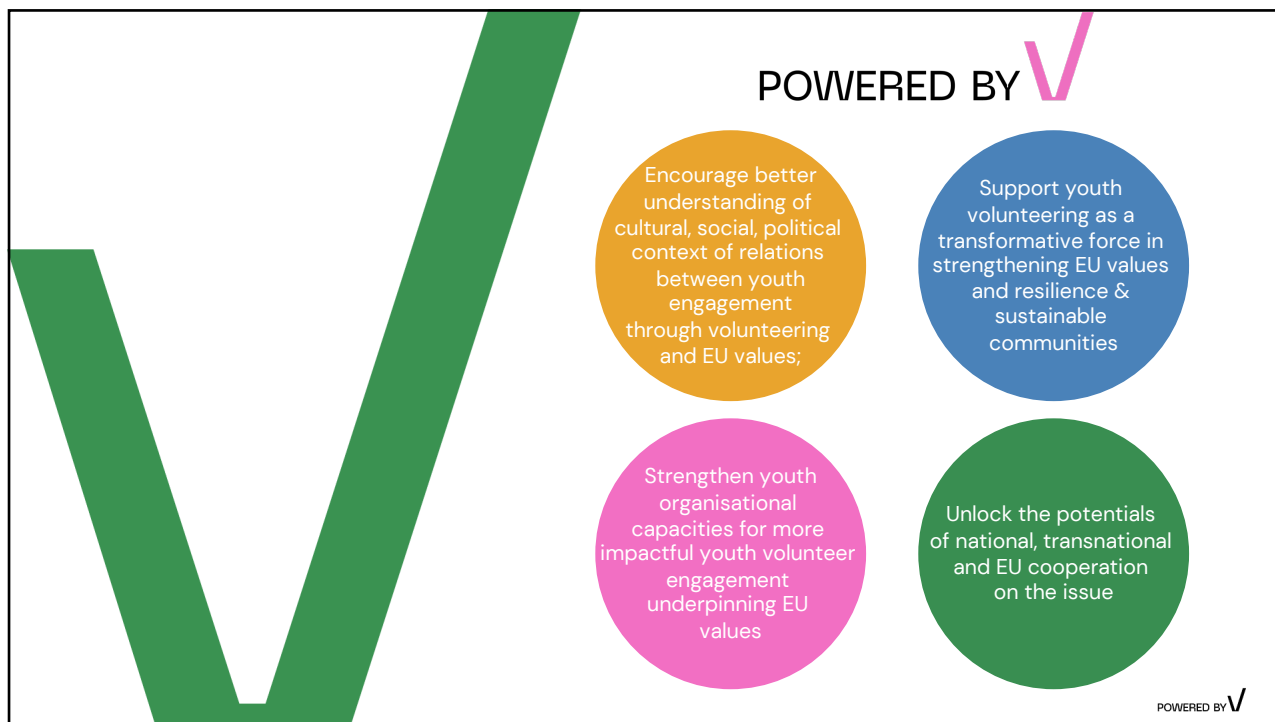
There will be a short break during the session

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Course outline

1. Welcome and introductions
2. The importance of youth volunteering
3. Current challenges
4. EU values
5. Activity 1: Reflective exercise
6. Activity 2: Roleplay scenarios
7. Refreshment break
8. Activity 3: Developing a youth engagement plan
9. Question and Answer session
10. Closing remarks

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Learning objectives

1. **Understand** the importance of youth volunteering in promoting EU values such as democracy, equality, and solidarity.
2. **Identify** key challenges and opportunities in engaging young people in volunteering across different European contexts.
3. **Apply** practical strategies to create inclusive and flexible volunteer opportunities that appeal to young people.
4. **Foster** empathy and flexibility when working with diverse youth, incorporating the principles of social inclusion and active citizenship.
5. **Utilise** the European Solidarity Corps and other youth volunteering frameworks to strengthen engagement with young volunteers.

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Introduce yourself

What's your name?

Where you are from?

What would you like to get out of this training?

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Energiser game

Tell us about three things you've volunteered to do

Two should be truths

One should a lie

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The Guidebook
"Pathways to Solidarity
and Other EU Values"

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Case study presentation

What is successful youth engagement in volunteering?

Discuss key takeaways and strategies used

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Five key takeaways

The value of volunteering

Understanding challenges in Youth Volunteering

Best practices for engaging young volunteers

Integrating EU Values into volunteer programmes

Actions steps for participants

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Key Takeaway 1

The value of volunteering



Personal development
Community Impact

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Key Takeaway 2

Understanding challenges in Youth Volunteering



Lack of awareness
Financial barriers
Accessibility issues

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Key Takeaway 3

Best practices for engaging young volunteers



Outreach and recruitment
Mentorship and support
Flexible opportunities

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Key Takeaway 4

Integrating EU Values into volunteer programmes



Solidarity
Respect for Diversity
Empowerment

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Key Takeaway 5

Action steps for participants



Reflect on motivations
Identify opportunities
Network and collaborate

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Interactive workshop 1

Engaging young volunteers

1. Think of creative ways to engage young people

2. Draw on your own experiences and our guidebook

3. Create action points to make the plan a reality



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Interactive workshop 2

Roleplay scenario

Let's work through some real life scenarios


Swap roles with Scenarios, let us know your experience

One is the Leader of Volunteers, one is the young Person and one observer




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Questions and comments

Do you have any comments or questions?



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Time for a break

Get up and move around

Grab some refreshments

We start back in 15 minutes

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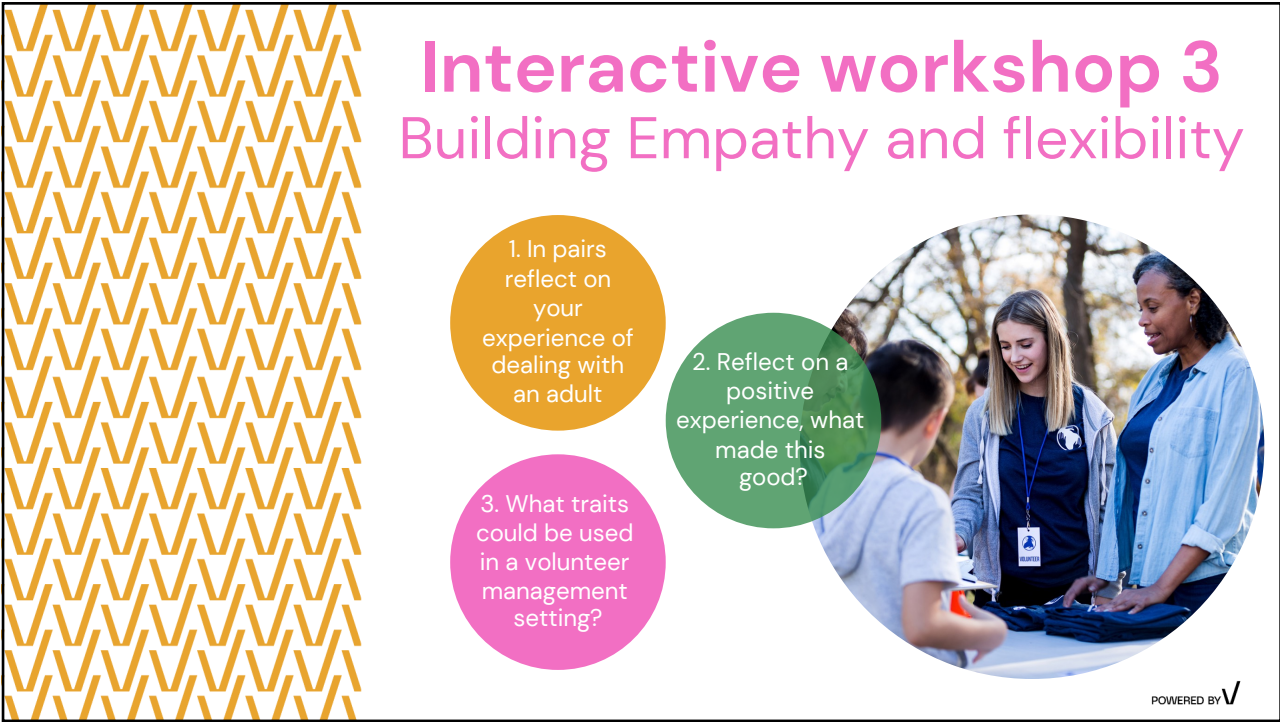
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Interactive workshop 4

What are our values?

Transparency

Empathy

Social Inclusion

Democracy

Rule of law

Human Rights

Freedom

Equality

Justice

Active citizenship

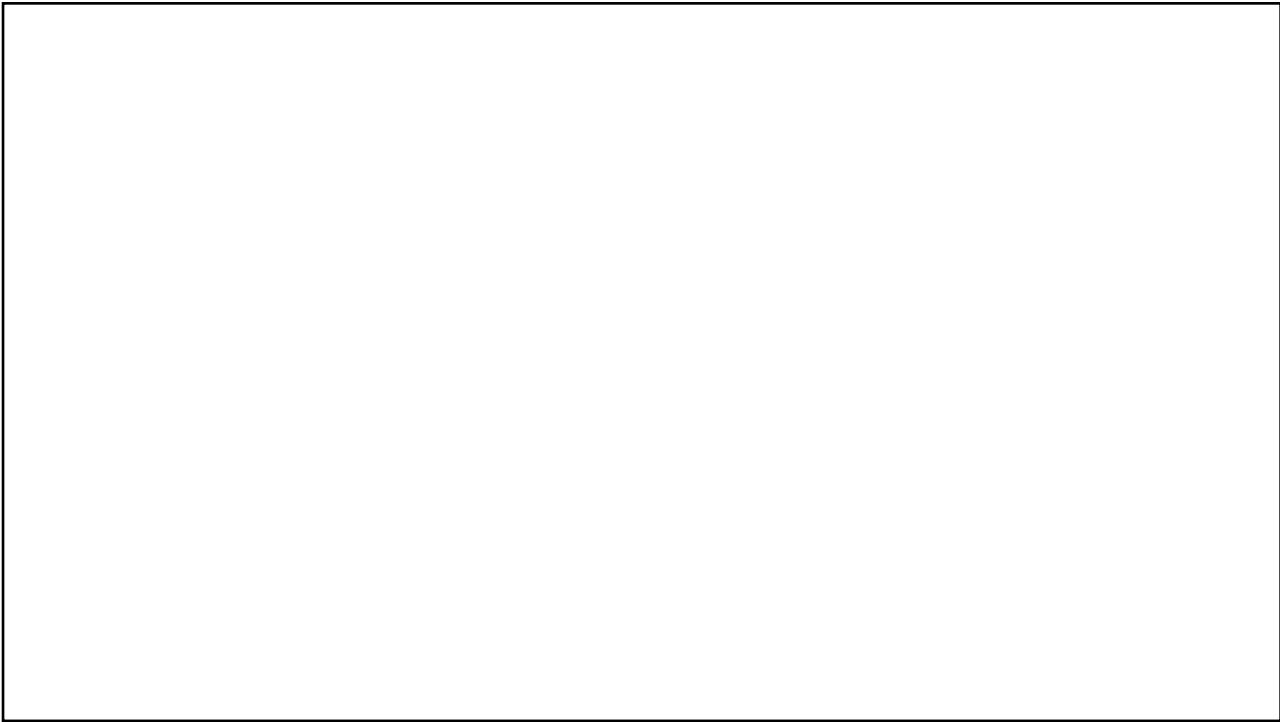
Collaboration

Solidarity

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Group discussion

How can we include these values in our volunteer programmes to create a positive space for young people to volunteer?

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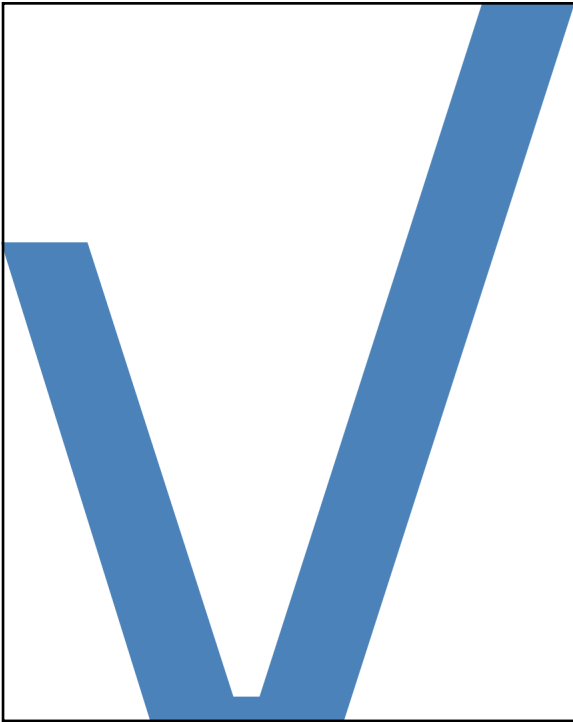
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Feedback survey

Please take 2 minutes to complete our short feedback form



Thank you for joining us today.

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