Tale

Transformative Adult Learning
for Green Transition

Tale project final event: Bridging Education and Action for Sustainability

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Transformative learning as a catalyst for green transition

The Tale project (Transformative Learning for Green Transition 1.12.-2022-30.11.2024) responds to the urgent need to transform into a more climate-friendly and sustainable society.

Tale project

- engages with learners, communities, and **grassroots initiatives such as social movements and climate activists** to provide new insights on transformative learning
- Provides adult learning and education organisations with fresh approaches to work with their surrounding communities to advance sustainability and upscale the work of the green initiatives.

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Objectives

1. Provide new insights in how to further sustainability and green transition in collaboration between ALE institutions and communities
2. To establish cooperation between ALE institutions and grassroots initiatives working in the field of green transition /sustainability
3. Upscale transformative learning methods for green transition, thus contributing to capacity building both in the ALE sector and among the grassroots initiatives
4. To provide recommendations for successful transformative ALE and green transition
5. To develop a strong partnership to further the green transition of the ALE sector

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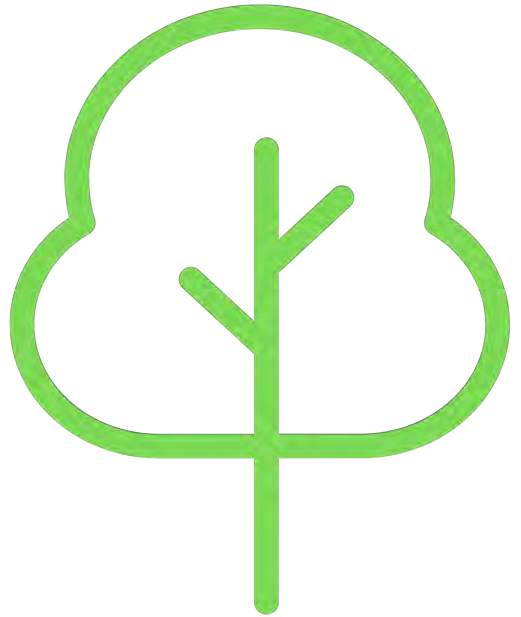

Partners

- Finnish Lifelong Learning Foundation (Finland, coordinator)
- European Network for Community-Led Initiatives on Climate Change and Sustainability, ECOLISE (Brussels)
- European Association for the Education of Adults, EAEA (Brussels)
- International Council for Adult Education ICAE
- Educators Centre Association (Hungary)
- Deutscher Volkshochschul-Verband (Germany)
- Hellenic Open University (Greece)
- VHS Wien (Austria)
- SVEB (Switzerland) (associate partner)
- AONTAS (Ireland, associate partner)

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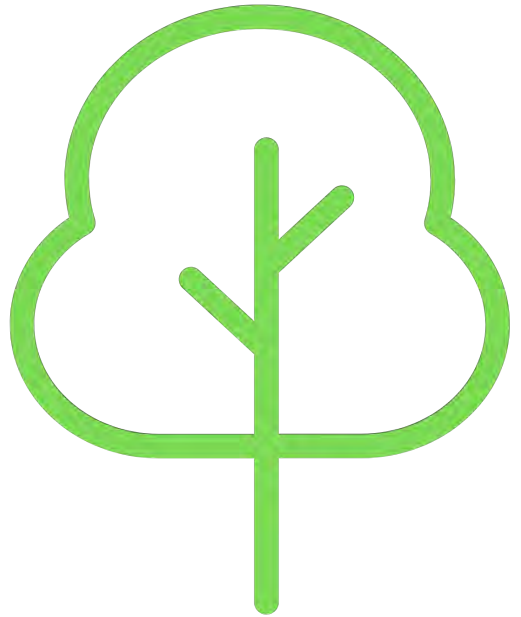

Innovation groups

- Tale project has set up “innovation groups” in six countries:
  - Finland, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Greece and Switzerland.
- Groups consist of staff of ALE organisations, citizens active in green grassroots initiatives & learners
- The innovation groups are an open, emergent, and collaborative process. Each national cooperation was free to co-design what they wanted in line with the project’s goals.
- The groups plan joint activities to
  - explore how such collaboration can be mutually beneficial
  - facilitate transformative learning experiences
  - contribute to sustainability in local communities, neighbourhoods and cities
- The process itself is an innovation and result.

Topics of the six innovation groups

- Protecting local nature
- Ethical consumption
- Sustainable gardening
- Building eco-consciousness

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Some key lessons learnt

- “It takes long time to develop cooperation with the green initiatives. Respect, trust, mutual benefit are important factors.”
- “Physical meetings are very important for building trust.”
- “Collaboration between unexpected partners can be very fruitful. It’s crucial to think outside the box, become multidisciplinary, and seek new ways to approach people and the topics.”
- “It’s a misconception that the ALE institution has to provide learning. Co-operation with initiatives provides learning opportunities for everybody, including ALE institutions.“
- “The key is to move beyond concepts and theories of education and transformative learning—there is no need for an institutional approach. Informal learning occurs naturally when people come together, exchange ideas, and learn from one another as peers.“
- “It seems vital to understand ALE as learning institutions and educators as – in the sense of Paolo Freire – well informed and convinced - equal partners in the learning processes.”
- “You need hands to build a community. To build something new you need to get rid of the old system first. Communities can help us to change our habits and create new practices."

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Virtual toolkit presents the results and outputs of the project

https://www.thinglink.com/scene/1880984930641510886

The toolkit will be embedded on the project website once it's completed:

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Thank you!

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