

P. Participating Organisation

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P.1. Please briefly present the organisation (e.g. its type, scope of work, areas of activity and if applicable, approximate number of paid/unpaid staff, learners).

JATC goal is to develop the (inter)cultural skills of young people, strengthen their relationships and citizenship, promote active participation in the community, develop the organization's recognition in the field of youth work. We are working with people, who are working with young people (i.e. youth workers, librarians, teachers, NGO leaders, etc.).

One of our national projects, which we implement together with partners (British Council Lithuania, Youth Affairs Department under the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, Ministry of Culture, Education Exchanges Support Foundation, Mobilization and Civil Resistance Department under the Ministry of Defence) is "Strong in Diversity" (JATC implemented in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2024 and will implement in 2025).

Moreover, from the 1st of January 2025 JATC is implementing Youth Voluntary Service in 13 municipalities in Šiauliai and Panevėžys regions. A person needs to volunteer 240 hours in 6 months in an accredited organisations (approx., 130

organisations). Young people are volunteering at libraries, hospitals, open youth centers or spaces, other places to get a certificate.

Also, in 2025 JATC got an accreditation for Erasmus+ activities (youth exchanges and youth workers training courses).

Number of staff: 2 project managers, 1 accountant, 1 communication manager, 9 trainers, who are working during summer training courses, 11 mentors, who are working with youth every

P.2. What are the activities and experience of the organisation in the areas relevant for the project? What are the skills and/or expertise of key persons involved in this project?

One of the main topics of the project Strong in Diversity is media literacy. Experts are providing workshops at schools, open youth spaces/centers and are running half-day sessions during the training courses through the Summer for 14-19 year olds. Half of the activities are implemented in national minorities municipalities. Moreover, after the training course, participants are asked to do a peer to peer educational sessions in their communities, some of them are about media literacy. Also, trainers run at least one online media literacy session for youth workers, librarians, school teachers, etc.

Also, JATC co-owners Aidas Gedminas and Paulius Pakutinskas implemented a long term training course about media literacy "The dark side of click" together with Youth Affairs Agency for youth workers. The first part was on 9-11 December 2024 and the second part was on 6-7 March 2025. In between participants had to do their homework - an educational session for youth.

Aidas Gedminas is an Educator/Master Trainer, Co-Owner and Director of JATC, member of Trainer of Trainers pool of Youth Affairs Agency in Lithuania. Aidas does educational workshops on media literacy from January 2020, when completed TechSoup Europe in Cooperation with CEPA training courses about disinformation and cyber security. In 2024 Aidas completed YOCOMO long term training course on how to develop youth workers competencies. Moreover, for a year in 2022 Aidas was working at Cyber security startup – vArmour.

- **Paulius Pakutinskas** works as a project coordinator at Youth Personal Development center and learning processes coordinator at Lithuanian Red Cross association. He is actively engaged in the project related activities: the promotion of active global and digital citizenship, implementation of sustainability and SDGs agendas. From 2020 to 2023, designed, implemented, and facilitated several international Erasmus+ mobility

projects, including: - Training Course: Unboxing Global Education: From Theory to Practice (program design, implementation, and facilitation); - Youth Exchange: Global Cotton from the Bottom (program design, implementation, coordination and facilitation). - Youth Exchange: The Dark Side of Technology (program design, implementation, coordination and facilitation). - International Seminar: Climate Justice (program design, implementation, coordination and facilitation). - Youth Exchange: Our Food, Our Future (facilitation and program design). - Youth Exchange: Back To The Future: Technology (facilitation, coordination and program design). He has an extensive educational background working with different funding programmes and various networks of schools as a teacher/non-formal curricula educator, youth worker, project coordinator.