

Second outdoor learning course in Turku, Finland



Novia University of Applied Sciences arranged the second outdoor course in Turku on the 4th of September (2014). The participants came from different organizations in Turku where they work with immigrants. The aim of the day was to give the participants new working tools and methods of integrating immigrants and newcomers in the Finnish society.

The course was held in the beautiful nature park in Ruissalo and the weather conditions left nothing more to desire; 22 degrees Celsius and sun from a clear blue sky!



Distance exercise for getting to know each other



Nature object reflecting feelings

The course started in the morning with some ice breaking exercises and other interactive activities, using the surrounding nature in creative ways. As an example, the participants were to find an object symbolizing their home country, as well as a nature object that reminded them of their childhood or reflected a memory from the past. This activity was held by Katarina Johansson, project manager from the LINC-project's lead partner Linköping University in Sweden. All the project managers in the LINC-project from the four different countries participated in the course this time, in order to develop the content in the upcoming curricula together.



Photo exhibition in the forest



Making fishing net together

The day consisted of altogether nine different activities, such as map- and GPS activities, making food outdoors and an outdoor version of the famous game Memory.



Self-recorded nature CD concert



Making lunch outdoors together in the sun

According to the evaluation given by the participants at the end of the day, they were very pleased with the course. –This was an eye opening course for me, said one of the participants, who thinks that he will be using the methods learned in his work in the future.



The project managers were satisfied with the day (from left: Lis, Katarina, Alessandro and James)



James Simpson from Novia UAS giving a radio interview

Link to the radio news in Swedish from the course:

<http://svenska.yle.fi/artikel/2014/09/04/integration>

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