

Youthpass, a story of the first...

I was October 2017, my first project, my first Youthpass Certificate. Strangely enough, a 20 years old girl, speaking a poor English, a group leader of 4 minors, for the first time in Poland!

In the first day of the project, I still remember Marta, the facilitator, standing in front of us and introducing, for the first time in my life, the Youthpass Certificate. She was speaking about the tool as an amazing instrument where you can validate your learning outcomes, split in 8 key competences that we will acquire in this 7 days of the project, filled by us, based on self-reflection...

In my mind: Youthwhat? A diploma created by... well, myself, that I can attached to my CV. Hahaha! Very funny joke!

Day by day, somehow pushed from my back, I had to spend 30 minutes to complete the certificate. I did it... not because I wanted but because I had to. All until the last day, when I received 4 pages and a half with writing that remembered me what I have learned in that week. I was shocked! It was the first time in my life when I reflected to what I've learned and it was sooo much, considering a week which I've enjoyed with all my heart and that I wish to never come to an end. So, learning it is fun!!! It was my first proof that the fact that I know something isn't my grade or my teacher or someone else recognition! No! It is in me, because me, from all earth I know the best to read myself, to know who I am, what I can do and what I cannot.

I felt proud and free because I understood, even a little late, that learning is not linked, bold and underlined, with school... it is everywhere, happening every minute... you just have to realize it. Since that day, every night I am going to bed thinking of what I've learned and, every night, I happily sleep knowing that today my mind "grown" a little more.

P.S. I've found out later that Marta was for the first time a facilitator and the first time when she had to introduce Youthpass Certificate to other people.

It was the best first!

Thank you Youthpass!

Here is a link with what we succeed to do, also some pictures from the project - <http://echoczerska.pl/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Journalism-in-me.pdf>

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