



Evaluation – European Summer School of Animators 2023

This is the summary of the participants' evaluation of DBYN's training course European Summer School of Animators. This training course took place 19-25/03/2023 at the CNOS in Rome, Italy. This summary evaluation is the unedited form (except for a spelling check), providing the original feedback of the participants.

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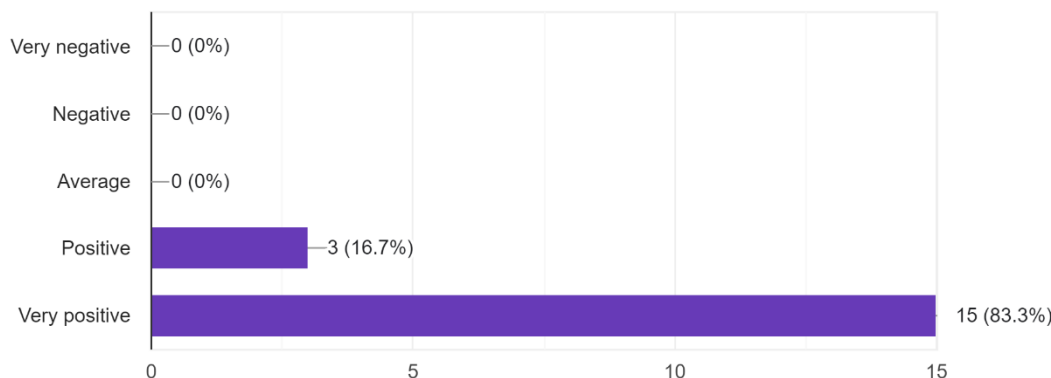
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1. Experience of the study session

Overall, my experience of this study session was:

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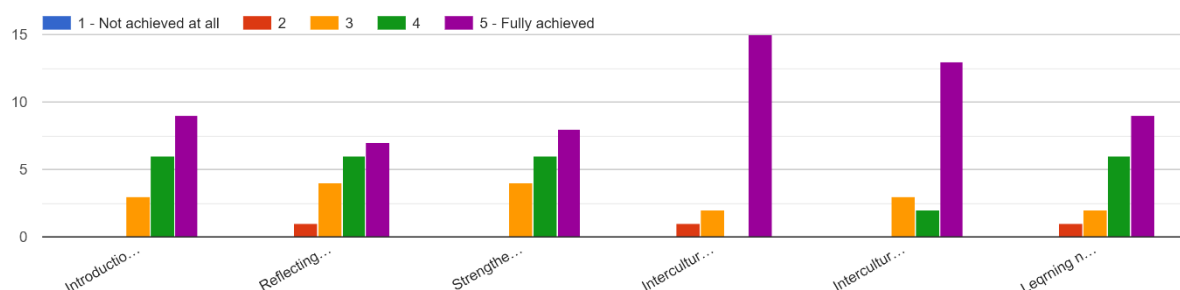
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- I met a nice group and learned a lot
- The week started on a low for me because I had different expectations of what we were going to learn as most of it was nothing new to me. I also was holding myself back a little because I didn't expect religion to play a big role in the other organisations. In my past experiences I have been confronted with "Don Bosco doesn't support homosexuality" which made me be careful about how I present myself. So it took a while to test the waters and open up to the group. Together with recently finding out that I am lactose and gluten intolerant, it all has caused a rocky start. But it feels great to say that every day was better and better.
- I have a great experience here. I feel a real thanks for it
- I found it very positive because I have learned a lot about how other places in Europe work, and also many things that I can use to improve my Cj (youth center)
- I enjoyed this program very much. I enjoyed the projects and all games and discussions we had. But out of all I enjoyed the energy everyone put in.
- I learned a lot and some new resources that I will definitely use. It sometimes felt very technical and a lot of writing and self-reflection. I think it missed games and maybe more active games
- I really felt comfortable being here, met a lot of new amazing friends and also learned a lot of new games and useful things for my youth centre
- Because I learnt new skills that I will be able to apply in our youth centre, and also learning how other communities work.
- I learned a lot, I thought with the help of the team and the other guys on how to solve some problems and I learned English better
- it was a wonderful experience I would do it again 100 times
- I like it but it is a lot of information to deal with at one time
- I liked the atmosphere and that we had lot of free time to get to know each other.
- I am very satisfied I got to know very special people and to confront both with the team and with the group on very important issues in the field of training and
- I am very thankful to have an opportunity to meet lot of new people. Sharing of experiences and learning new skills was great
- This experience gave me a new motivation about my life

- I've met new people the share Don Bosco's mission. They are fantastic and I am very grateful for this.
- I really enjoyed it, learned a lot, met a new people and points of view...
- Now I knew exactly what's mean a non-formal education, I am going to do by this way in my centre. And I felt what's mean an informal education, thanks to ours trainers. Also, I get a lot of ideas from the experience that all of participants share there.

2. Achievement of the objectives of the training course

In my opinion, the objectives of this study session were achieved as follows:



Categories in order:

1. Introduction to the educational system of Don Bosco
2. Reflecting an reacting on changes within the reality of youth work.
3. Strengthen participants' general skills within youth work
4. Intercultural exchange to give participants the chance to become more confident and over-minded in international environments.
5. Intercultural exchange to give participants the chance to learn new games and approaches for their local youth work organisations.
6. Learning new techniques and exchange of good practices within youth work.

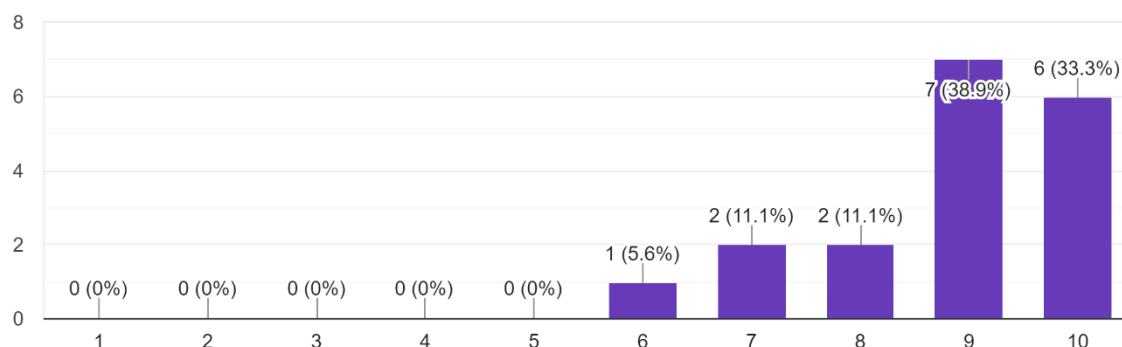
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- Changing reality: changes were reflected but reactions were not formulated
- It's hard to say whether the objectives were achieved as, apart from the 4 pillars, everything was common knowledge for me.
- You made a great work. Thank you.
- It was really good to see how others from other countries react in different situations and also learn their games, I think I am way more open minded now
- The goals for me have been fully achieved, thanks for everything
- Everything was explained effectively and easy to understand
- I was overwhelmed at some point and tired but break between sessions helped a lot
- I really liked the exchange of experiences and learning new games and skills.
- The objectives have been achieved
- The chance to learn how to better lead a group or how to efficiently create a new projects
- I think that the best day was when we visit Rome it was a great Experience
- Yes

3. Expectations of the training course

My expectations of this study session were met up to

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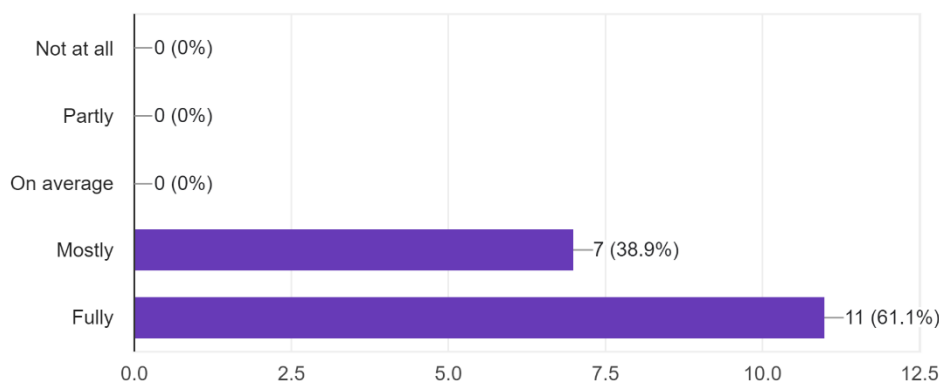
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- It fulfilled and exceeded my expectations
- My expectations were that we were also going to learn about how others make activities, what kind of activities,... but that was more left for us to wonder or ask ourselves. Which is ok! I just expected it differently.
- It was nice meeting. We have changed our skills and knowledge:)
- It has met all my expectations
- I expected it to be great because I always have positive expectations for Salesian programs but it was actually better than I could have expected.
- I expected to play more games and be outside more as a group. Less sort of lectures
- I don't want to go home
- This week has not only fulfilled my expectations but also has surpassed it all
- Everything went perfectly, better than I expected
- I learned many new things that I will propose in my centre
- It was good but I missed more practical games
- I thought that we will have more practical sessions but They were good enough.
- My expectations have been fully met
- I am happy person and I will bring home a lot of prima memories :D
- The experience satisfy my expectation
- Yes, because I have improved my skills as I wanted
- I did not have a time to make lot of expectations. Overall I would say that it whole experience was amazing, maybe little bit different as I imagine at first. I was a little bit surprised by lack of religious aspect, since event is for Salesian animator.
- Yes

4. Programme and methods

The programme and methods were appropriate to facilitate learning

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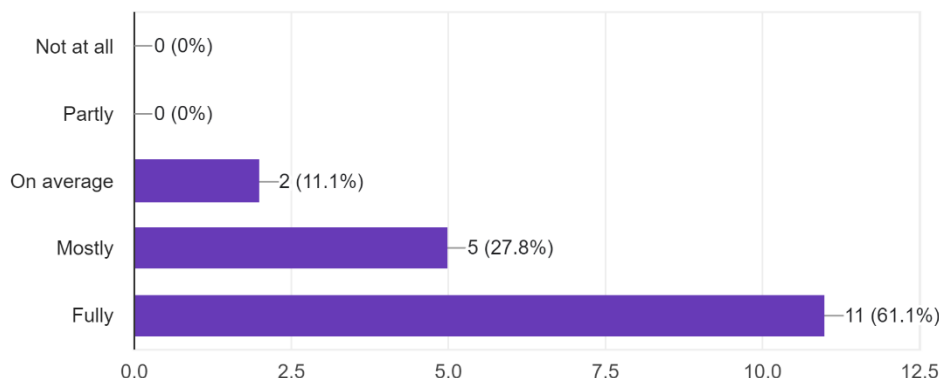
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- Yes
- Love everything that we do.
- They have been very useful and interesting content
- I liked the program and I really enjoyed all the projects led by our trainers Svenja and Begoña.
- I liked the information flipcharts but think maybe less time needed to be spent on us making flipcharts
- Everything was really colourful and it actively involved us participants so that it couldn't be boring
- There was always a symbol or something visual that helped us, and the programme was always meant to be understandable
- everything was explained in a simple and clear, helpful animators and impeccable organization
- everything has been summarized in detail for faster and easier learning
- I love the way that everything they says in lectures it was visualise
- Mostly yes
- The programmes have been structured very well to give everyone easy learning
- It was super example of non-formal education.
- Yes, the methods were interesting
- The methods that trainer used are accessible for every. Moreover they are not static.
- I had almost nothing to point out, but there is a room for improvement.
- Yes

5. I gained confidence and competences

I gained confidence and competences to continue working on the themes of the session

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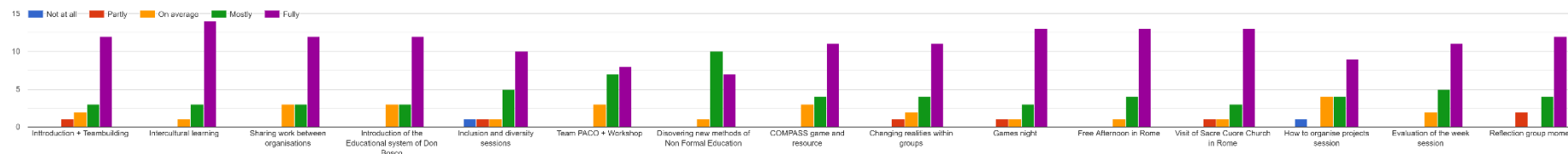


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- Yes
- We don't have such big team of animators in our town, but I can use everything in my work :) Thank you for that opportunity to be in such camp.
- I already knew about the topics we have discussed, but I feel that I have reinforced my knowledge
- I felt really good and I felt like I was very close to everyone here and we all have the same goals to make the youth better. I had a great time and appreciate the hospitality and thanks to DBYN and TGS for organising this event I won't forget it.
- I will definitely use the resources that were provided to me in the future
- It was very interactive so that I had to try everything myself and I saw that I could do it
- At first I was afraid of not being able to express myself and so don't being able to socialise but I gained the confidence to Talk and help on all of the work we have made this week
- I acquired many certainties especially with the English language and I was spurred so much, I found a family atmosphere
- thanks to the people who have been around me I have gained a lot of self-confidence and I have understood my potential
- I love to listen and learn different perceptive of
- I think that there sessions raised a lot of questions and I want to learn more about them.
- I definitely gained a lot more confidence to keep working on it
- I will for sure use something in my youth centre
- Yes, I will use the acquired skills
- A lot of topics are very interested so I will go into detail.
- Some of the themes were discussed only shortly so I do not feel that confident in them yet. Some of the topics were also not possible to implement into our own centre, but it was still to hear about them.
- Yes

6. Positive experience in...

This study session was a positive experience in:



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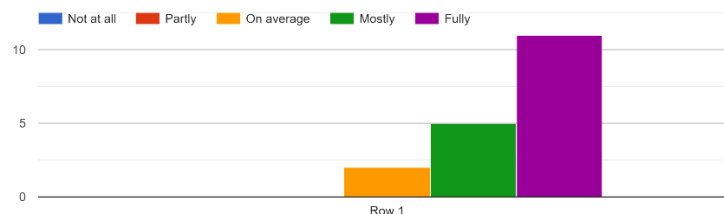
1. Introduction + Teambuilding
2. Intercultural learning
3. Sharing work between organisation
4. Introduction of the Educational system of Don Bosco
5. Inclusion and diversity sessions
6. Team PACO + Workshop
7. Discovering new methods of Non Formal Education
8. COMPASS game and resource
9. Changing realities within groups
10. Games night
11. Free Afternoon in Rome
12. Visit of Sacre Cuore Church in Rome
13. How to organise projects session
14. Evaluation of the week session
15. Reflection group moments

Please comment

- I felt that the diversity topic wasn't targeted enough since experiences and knowledge about diversity is so different amongst the participants and their countries.
- The teambuilding ended too soon. We had an hour to spare which could've been filled up with more activities to help break the ice quicker. As for sharing between organisations, the info was too "broad". It's interesting to know about the different organisations but I was more interested in the differences. I really loved COMPAS and the ACT NOW resources though I wished we went deeper into the projects we had to prepare.
- Maybe something hasn't been opened up in full aspects...
- I really liked all the activities
- It was a great time talking about our differences and similarities in our work and I feel like we are all connected.
- I feel like we didn't take advantage of the weather enough. It was a lot of sitting down and just listening.
- Reflection groups were really good so that we could talk about different things and went together through the day if we forgot something.
- I only selected a 4 in the educational style of Don Bosco because I already knew it but repassing it helped me this week also, the rest was just so useful or enjoyable that I had to put a 5
- I return home with a greater maturity and a better knowledge of both the language and the Oratorian reality.
- The best day was game night when Julija beat me at ping pong.
- I adore reflection because we could share how we felt during the day.
- Everything went well beside minor problems.
- I really enjoyed this experience and I think it is very positive in many respects I could not be happier.
- I feel the really good atmosphere.
- The session was fruitful.
- I would have more time to talk about how to organise project session.
- The most I like when we could exchange experiences and learn from each other - get ideas for games, problem solving and so on.
- Yahoo

7. Assessment of the learning environment

My assessment of the learning environment is that:



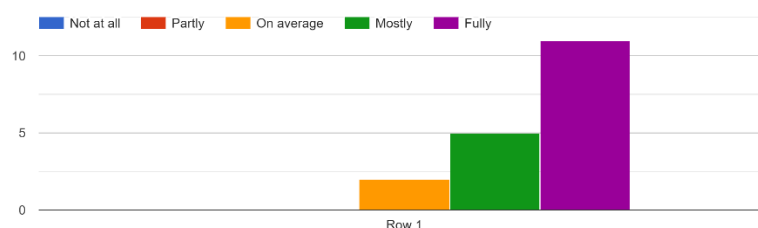
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- Yes
- Try to be active in every part
- I have felt very comfortable
- The spirit of animators and Salesians can be strongly felt in everyone.
- We could share our experiences
- I felt really comfortable in the group even though that I didn't know others before it really felt like family, also the whole spirit of the place that we were in was really good
- All the atmosphere during this week, especially during reunions and activities felt like an unstoppable learning, from the activity itself or also from the resto of participants
- new, clean, solar environment... all impeccable
- the environment is very welcoming and helps for easy apprehension and management of things
- I love the place where we are staying. the nature the birds and it is calm even though we are in very huge city
- I found the environment very welcoming
- The environment was welcoming.
- Most if the time, with almost everyone.
- Thank you a lot.

8. Assessment of the facilities

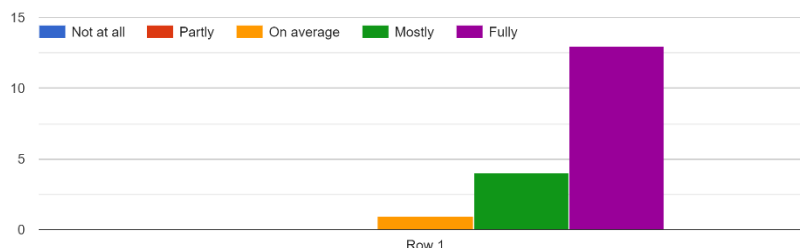
Accommodation

The facilities of PIO IX were appropriate...



Training rooms

The facilities of CNOS (training spaces) were appropriate...



Comments

Food, accommodation, rooms, welcoming, hosting, training rooms and places, coffee breaks moments, free time activity in Rome... What was missing for you?

- Sometimes there were too long breaks. I personally need structure and too much free time or changes in the planning is difficult for me. I'm really grateful for the food and that my allergies were being accounted for. Though I really lacked a proper breakfast and vegetables during the first 3 days. I lived on a sugar rush for the first 3 days, and it really brought down my energy level.
- Maybe more free time in a city
- Everything has been great, the food, the rooms, the visit to Rome, I have loved everything!
- Accommodations and welcoming as well as hosting were very good and I felt really comfortable and enjoyed the moment. If I had to choose something maybe I would propose another day of outdoor activity (maybe do some animating stuff with children), except that it was great and I had a great time and really enjoyed it

- I didn't really enjoy the food. A lot of the same food. Not enough vegetables. Breakfast wasn't nutritional at all, only sugar. My room didn't have hot water in the shower, otherwise good. I really liked the location of the place and the weather. All the staff was very kind. Our breaks were sometimes very long and undefined, a lot of hanging around basically, which I don't know if I liked. I really liked going to Rome. What was missing this week for me was playing outside, doing games, like big group games linked to the things we were learning.
- I think we had a lot of breaks and they were really good because we still socialized between them or rest if needed free time in Rome was amazing it could have been longer because there were so many things to see, the food was also really good but I missed a bit more accessible fruit.
- Nothing
- Nothing is missing, all very much appreciated
- Everything was beautiful the rooms were spacious the food was excellent the people were very welcoming and calm the free time activities were managed to the fullest I never got bored the spaces especially good management of the coffee breaks so I never get bored and the free time in Rome was the best because I saw many amazing monuments
- I didn't like we didn't have many options for breakfast but I understand in Italy they eat only sweet. Welcoming was a bit weird because when we arrived nobody was there, and we didn't feel comfortable. I love when we visited Rome. Rooms are perfect too. And I didn't like that meals were at 7pm for example. One day it was at 7 then at 8pm or in the middle.
- I did not really like the welcoming because it was confusing and nobody good us the program or when we should meet. Beside that I really like the accommodation it was clean and appropriate (but we had only one pair of keys for room). Food was good I really liked that we had a change to try an Italian cuisine. Free time during week and also in the Rome was great. I just missed more specific schedule because it was changing constantly.
- Nothing is missing, good food, training rooms comfortable activities meticulously organized
- I think that I had all what I needed. There was nothing what was missing for me
- The house was cosy from all points of views
- Nothing. I felt comfortable
- Spaces were great, facility, centre, oratory, accommodation were totally okay :) Food was okay, the only thing that would be helpful would be an information about the thing that there was no lunch on Sunday. Hosts were really nice, and I love the location - Rome and Italy, with the opportunity to explore the city a bit. I was very grateful also for all the breaks, it was good we had them because it was very difficult and sometimes exhausting to engage into everything fully – we needed time to switch off. Also, it gave us an opportunity to spend free time together and to get to know each other better. I was missing some spiritual basics (short morning, evening prayer, prayer before eating and so...).
- Training rooms and places are perfect, useful. they conducive to learning. I wish to have more free time in the morning, before sessions starting and I would like to have a joint prayer

9. What I take home from this training is...

- International exchange of experience and new connections
- Compass & the Salesian values
- Experience how to train other people, how to make my own project, how to work with children with different abilities...
- Everything I have learned from my classmates and from training, and a great desire to try to improve my oratory
- I will take all the motivation and also new animations and the will to push and do more and grow even more as a person as well as animator.
- The resources I learned about
- A lot of motivation for doing new projects, a lot of positive energy and a wish to travel more and meet new people from other centres
- New skills, a very positive experience and some friends
- I bring home all of you in the heart, a greater knowledge of the English language, new knowledge concerning animation methods and other cultures and a greater responsibility
- from this activity I bring with me many new skills and the fact that I have met many new, very fun and sunny people
- Memories and new hope for volunteering in my area
- New motivation, experiences, friends and so much more.
- new skills related to the field of animation, a new awareness of what it really means to be an animator
- Skills, Relationships, Memories, Connection from my same country with other animators
- I have acquired new skills new Field of animation
- New skills, knowledge and ideas to share in my Salesian house and a lot of fantastic memories
- Lot of experiences, ideas, inspirations, new memories, contacts, skills and so on. It definitely helped to expand my view of global Salesian work and another Salesian centres in the world. Helped me with acceptance, diversity, respect...
- Fully open mind, system of non-formal and informal education

10. What I missed from this training course is...

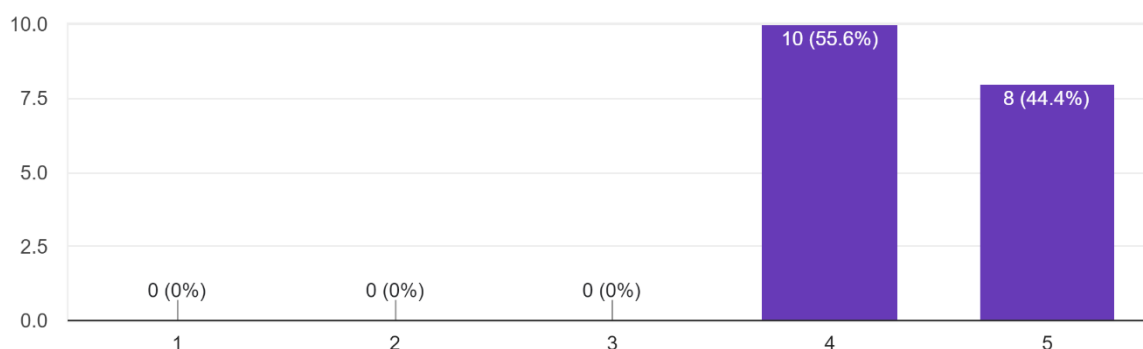
- Sometimes a more structured guide through the program. Times were often not really clear; people were late and from time to time we sat a lot waiting.
- That we played more games from different countries, maybe during the times where we had too much time left as everyone would still be together then.
- More practical skills how to work with problem children. Maybe some psychology aspects
- Nothing
- I didn't miss anything :)
- More active and outside games
- Too short, we could socialize longer in the evening
- Nothing

- Everything went better than expected
- Nothing. I followed everything, and I understood many new things
- We should have more team building activities at begging of the week
- More practical session. We started to talk about our own problems in the youth centres (the view about the politics, child abuse) but it was stopped, and we continued in theoretical session.
- I leave nothing, the organization confirmed and exceeded my expectations
- Probably more time to discuss some topics from real life. F.e. child abuse, taboo themes, how to react for different topics
- The experience satisfies my expectations
- Some games
- Spiritual part, more time for sharing experiences, discuss about our problems in our centres, share more game ideas...
- More games; algorithm of lesson

11. *Contribution of the group of participants to the study session and your learning*

How do you evaluate the contribution of the group of participants to the study session and your learning?

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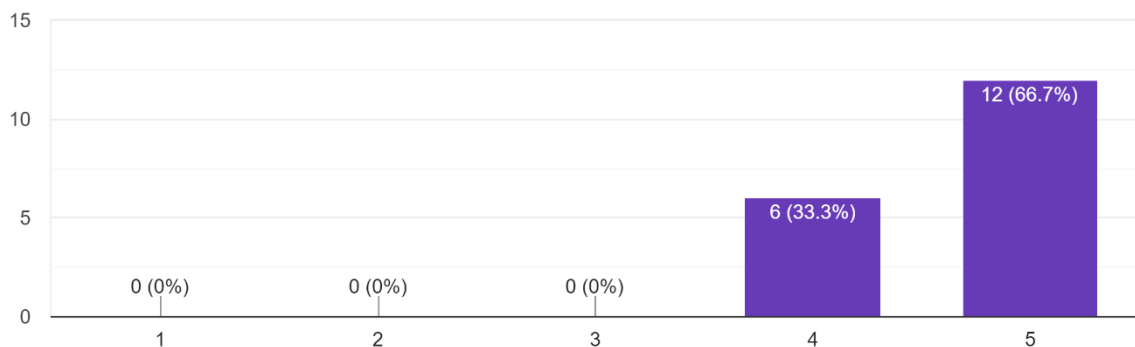
- The group brought together nice diverse opinions and experiences.
- Can't consider every moment now, but later can realised it more widely
- People who give their lives for others and it shows
- I think I contributed as much as I could, but you can always do better and strive for more.
- Some people maybe stayed with their people from their own country
- Everyone added their experience, ideas and knowledge

- All of their experiences helped the group to perform well and to have different points of view about the different topics that web treated
- I had a great time with all the guys, at first, I was ashamed to speak in English and I was helped by spurring me
- The other participants were brilliant always fun and ready to play especially the organizers
- The language barriers were a problem but we handled it somehow. Everyone is so nice, and it was nice to hang out with them
- I think that everybody was participation it their own way, so it was great.
- Overall was a nice contribution I cannot complain at all
- It was ok and enough of work in group.
- The contribution of others has been enriching
- Everyone shared his experiences and his abilities
- The contribution was definitely great, but it wasn't in all the cases for 100%. They could have shared more of them, their work, ideas and so on...
- They actively were sharing their experiences in animation

12. *Contribution of the team*

How do you evaluate the contribution of the team to the study session and your learning?

18 responses



Please comment

- Thank you all!
- Loved the team! They were available, listened, cared, helpful and I loved the calming approach. I am used to being around a more "disciplined" environment where being 5 minutes late would lead to an instructor being mad or frustrated which then in turn would make them less approachable for an issue or anything really. So, I am really grateful for the safe environment.
- There were a lot of teamwork.
- I loved the way we have learned

- It was pretty good I felt a lot of positive energy and I enjoyed it very much. I would just prefer If some were a bit less passive in stating their opinion and took the initiative but for the most part it was lovely and great.
- You could really see that they took the time to prepare the sessions
- Very kind and they were literally one of use, so it was very easy to ask them things and talk to them
- The team was always there to help us in whatever we needed and without them any learning could have been possible
- Available, friendly and welcoming, I had a great time
- Always attentive to what was being said we didn't miss a single word
- Nothing was on time:)
- I think it was good
- The team was outstanding always present, active clear and communicative
- I have in few moments understand some topics but other time I understand everything. they were very friendly, and they didn't have problem to explain more times some topics.
- The staff was inspiring
- The team worked a lot to make this week amazing and fruitful
- It was great, they put themselves into it, thank you :)
- They do everything possible and impossible to involve me

13. How will you transfer what you learnt here to your organisation and/or your reality?

- Continue my work and share with my team
- I will take study COMPAS and the ACT NOW and I have to see how to transfer the information
- I can use it in summer camps, in everyday activity with children
- We will have a meeting with the conf, then I will speak with the president of my federation, and I will encourage my colleagues to sign up for these formations
- I will take all the energy and positivity and try to share it with others and hopefully implement new projects, ideas and collaborate more internationally.
- preparing my summer camp with the stuff I learned here
- Try to do more projects and also teach others about it, by make a course
- I will put in practice some new games and dynamics as well as new methods of NFE and many more things such as apps
- talking about the topics covered, everything we did, how much we had fun and showing photos and videos and putting into practice everything I learned
- I will try to transfer my knowledge learned in these days with some games or something I learned from the compass book that I had never seen before
- When I plan activities, I will use method PACO and I will tell others what I have learned and share more experience
- I will talk about my experience with other animators.

- Telling them my experience in this field of training and showing them the importance of certain themes
- I will try to represent this event in my centre and talk with animators how to do some things better
- With my service in oratory
- I will do it during our activities and oratory's assembly
- I will talk about it with other animators, share new ideas, experiences, maybe start a new project and similar
- I'm going to have a long conversation with my volunteer manager and discuss all the topics and ideas

14. Any other comments?

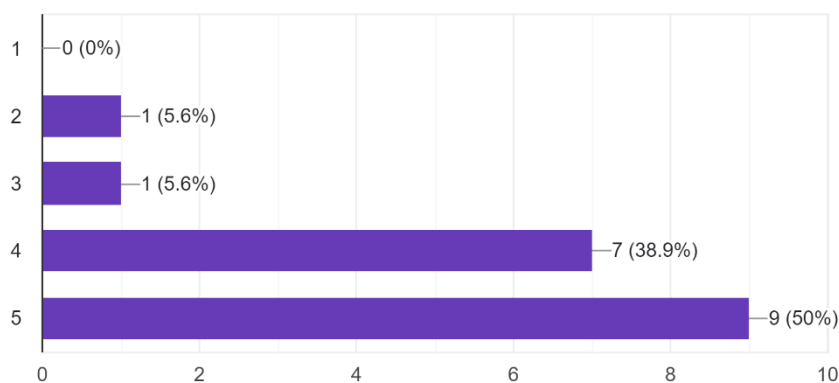
- Thanks for the nice experience!
- Thank you 🤍
- That was the best time for me to be in such company and to learn, practice and to communicate :))))
- Nothing
- I am proud to be part of Salesian Community and big thanks to Gabriele, Lorenzo and the whole TGS staff that worked behind the scenes. Thanks to also our amazing trainers Svenja and Begoña as well as Aubérie and DBYN for organising this amazing activity.
- thanks for this week :)
- Thank you for everything 🤍
- Thank you for counting on me to take part in this activity and I Hope that DBYN organises more training camps like this and hopefully participate on them.
- you were great, thanks for everything and see you soon 🤍
- I love you
- No
- I want to thank all the team that made this training field special, it was noted their commitment and their dedication
- Thank you for this prima opportunity 😊
- I love you
- Thank you for all. I'll miss you!
- Thank you for everything I very much enjoyed it <3
- So sooo a lot of questions and reflections, I'm tired 🤔

Educational Impact

1. I know what the Don Bosco Movement is about

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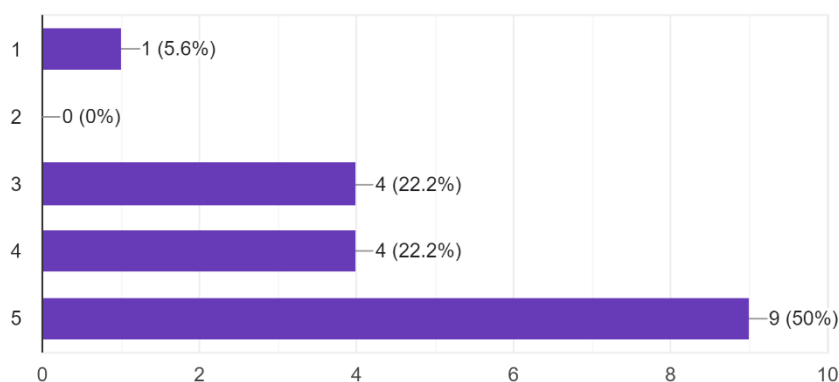
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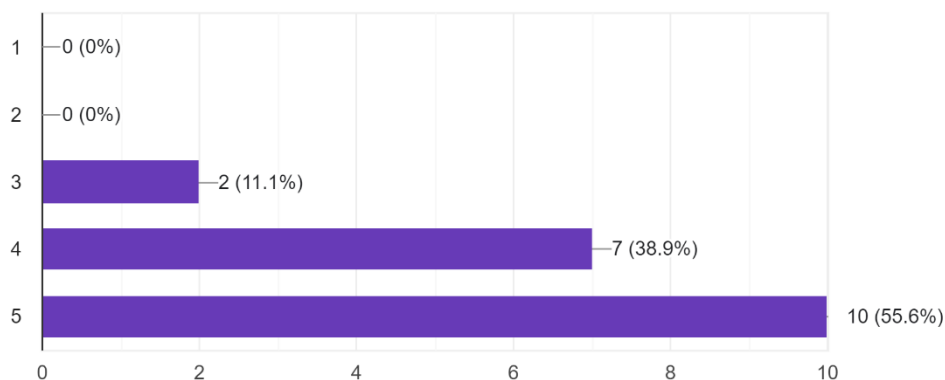
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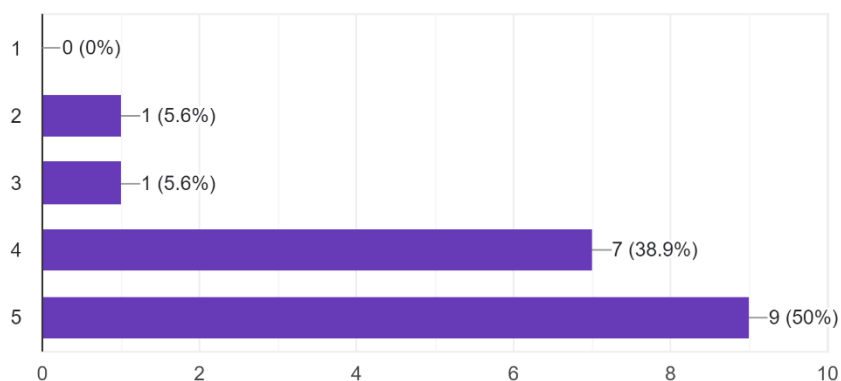
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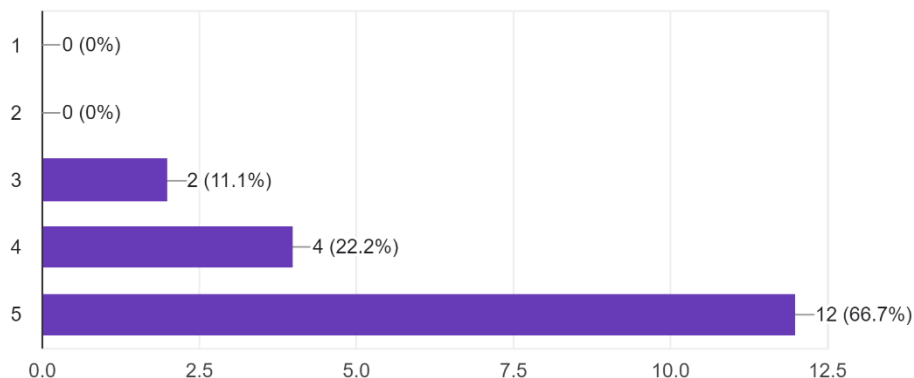
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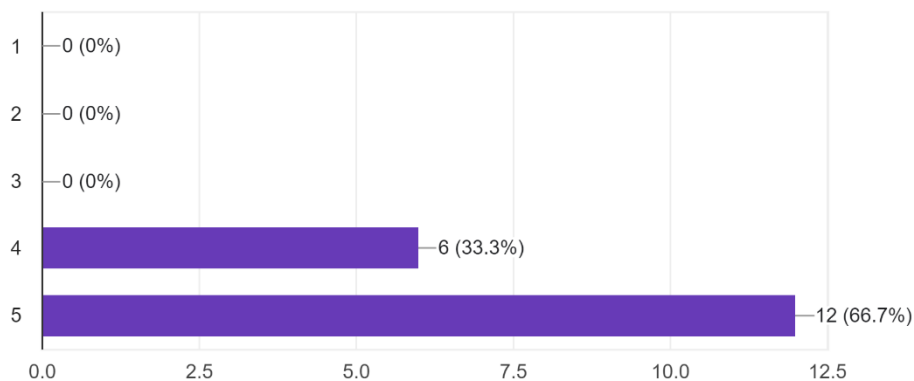
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6. I know which are my skills and how to put them to service of my local centre or organisation

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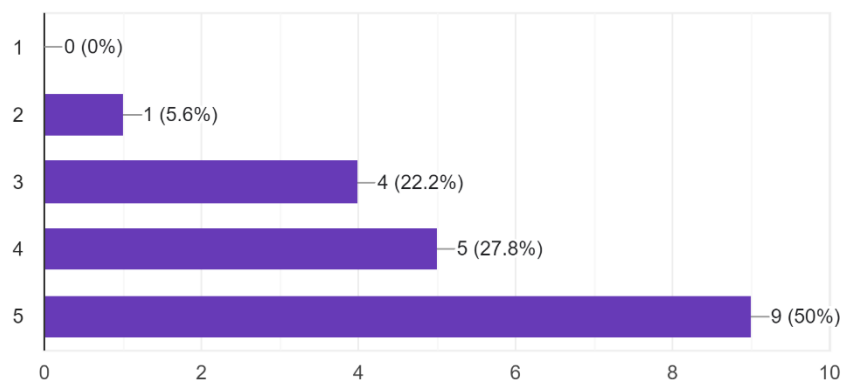
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7. I know the difference between equity and equality

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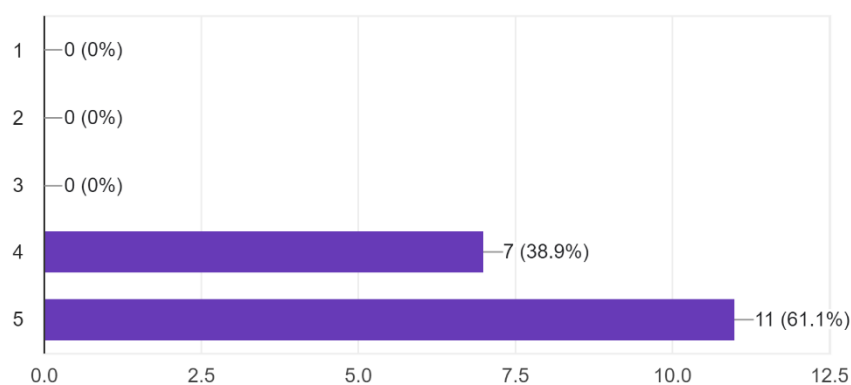
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8. I know what DBYN is and what it is doing

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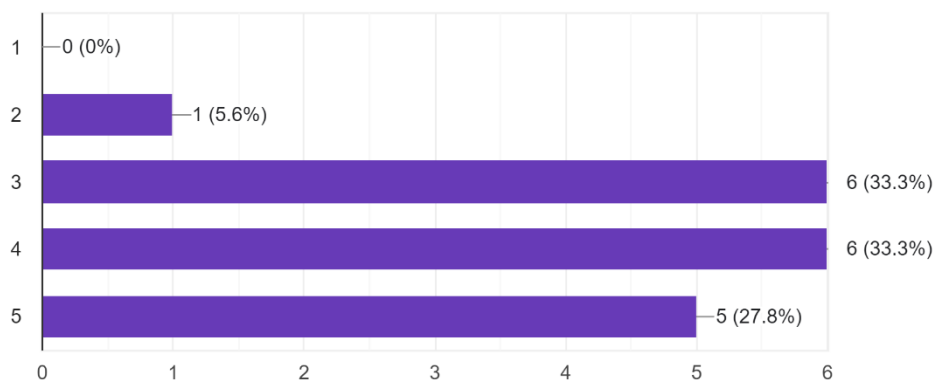
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9. *I know more about accreditation systems such as YouthPass.*

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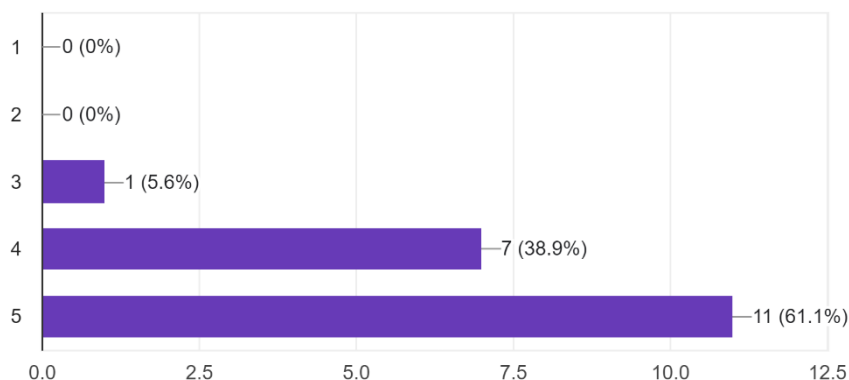
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10. *I know more examples of apps and digital resources*

I know more examples of apps and digital resources to use them at my activities/ youth center or oratory.

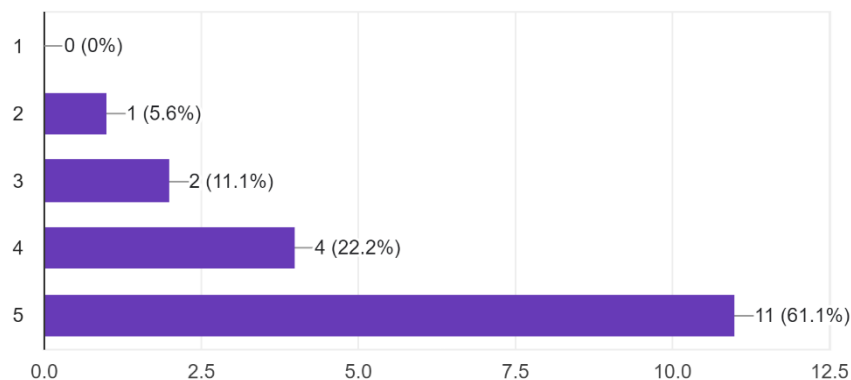
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11. *I can organise and I am able to propose ideas to my local team*

I can organise and I am more able to try proposing an idea to my team at my youth center, as created during the sessions of the training.

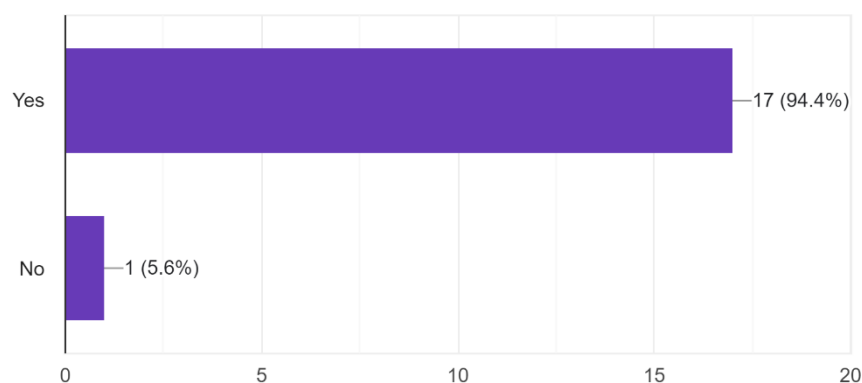
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12. *Before this training course, have you been active leading in your youth centre?*

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18 responses



13. After this training, are you considering starting being actively more involved in leading activities in your youth organisation?

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18 responses

