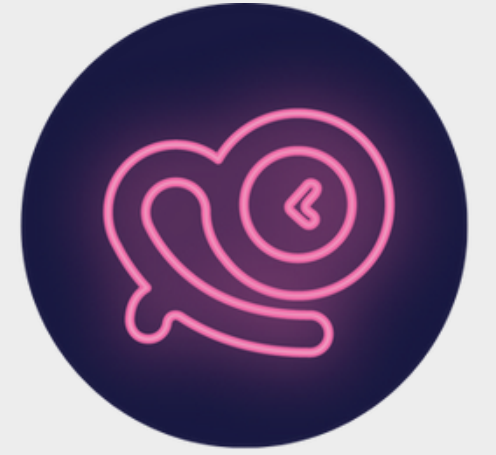


**Strengthening Local Youth
Work through International
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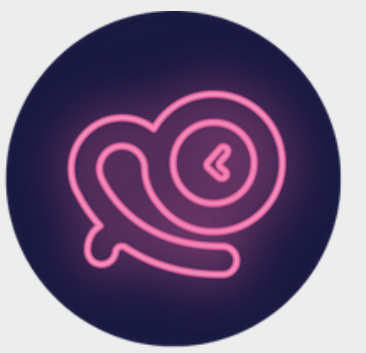
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Why Local Youth Work Matters

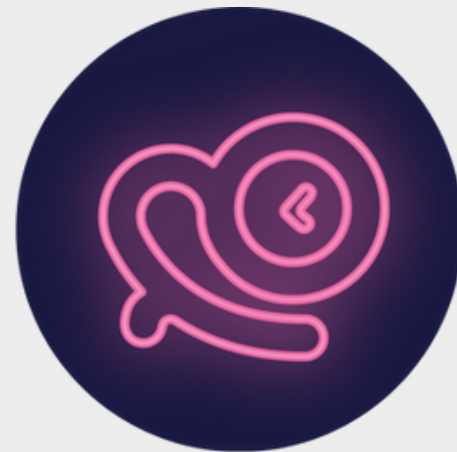
- Creates safe community spaces where young people feel heard, valued and supported
- Opens pathways to learning, volunteering and active participation in society
- Strengthens resilience of communities facing social, economic or cultural challenges
- Connects local realities with Europe turning international cooperation into local impact



Overview

Ponichala Youth Center:

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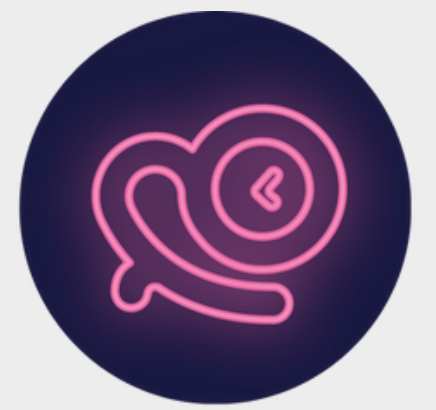


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Peer-to-Peer Workshops



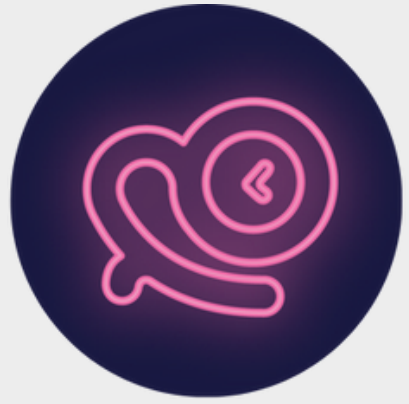
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- Established with support from international cooperation.
- Serves a multicultural, underserved community in Tbilisi (ethnic minorities, refugees, disadvantaged youth).
- Provides daily activities, mentoring and youth-led workshops.
- Impact: 400+ youngsters engaged yearly, many from fewer-opportunity backgrounds.
- After implementing international activities the attendance grew by 200%.



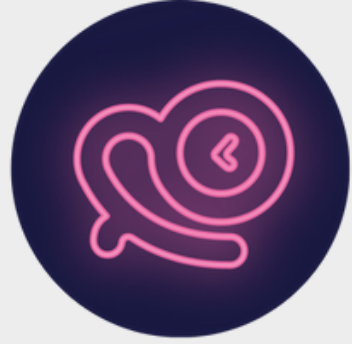
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Project

- A mobile youth work initiative bringing non-formal education workshops to regions.
- Connects urban and rural youth, making youth work accessible everywhere.
- Strengthens community bonds by involving municipalities and local actors.
- We Reached 500+ young people across 12 Locations in Georgia, 4 in Armenia and 2 in Azerbaijan.





ESC Team Volunteering

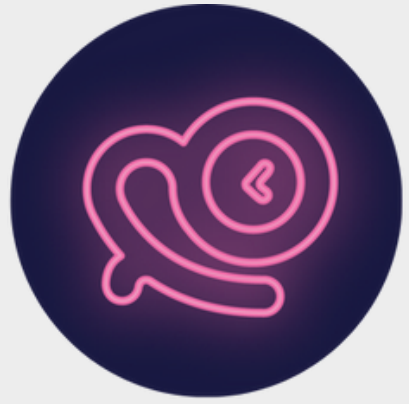


They support local youth centres, workshops, cultural exchange.

Local youth gain new perspectives and motivation to volunteer.

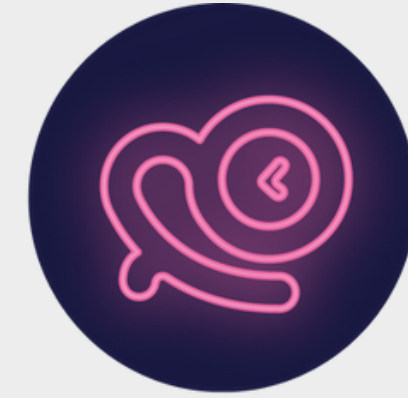
Example:
Team volunteering in the city of Zugdidi

Peer-to-Peer Workshops



- Local youngsters design and lead workshops for each other in DRONI's office.
- Builds youth leadership, ownership and soft skills.
- Example workshops: mental health sessions, art therapy, digital tools.
- International inspiration can lead to local, self-driven action





Impact at Local Level

➔ Ponichala Youth Center has become stronger and more inclusive

– it now serves as a safe hub for ethnic minorities, refugees and disadvantaged youth, offering daily activities and support.

➔ Local youth are connected to Europe through mobility projects

– youngsters from Ponichala and beyond participate in Erasmus+ and ESC projects, bringing back new skills, confidence and networks.

➔ ESC volunteers transfer knowledge and methods to local peers

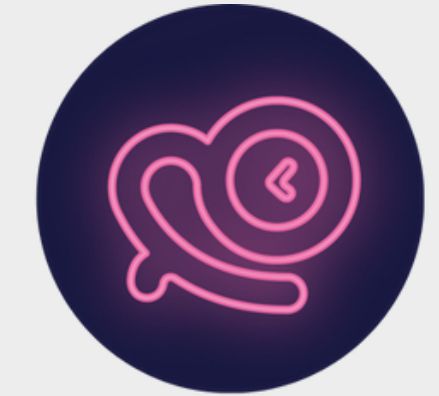
– international teams model new practices in non-formal education, intercultural dialogue and community building, which local youth then adapt to their own realities.

➔ Youth themselves step up as trainers and leaders

– inspired by international experiences, local youngsters design and deliver workshops in DRONI's office and the Youth Center, creating a cycle of peer-to-peer empowerment.

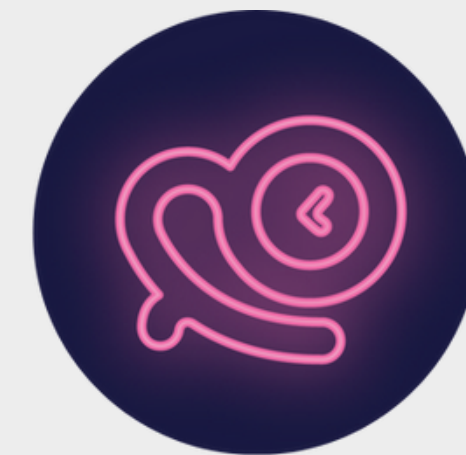


Looking Ahead



- Scaling up youth-led initiatives
- Expanding EUROBUS and ESC volunteering opportunities
- Strengthening local youth work networks
- Empowering local communities with international support





Questions?

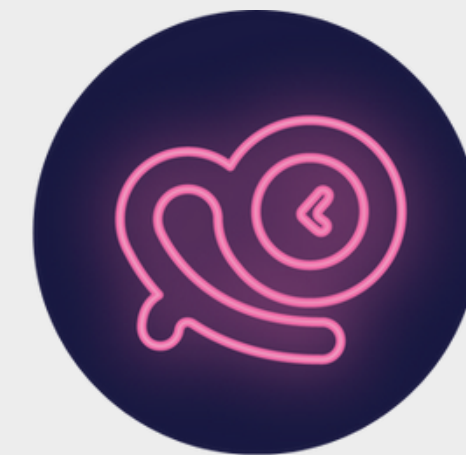
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