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Module 6 – Content Creation and Self-Learning

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BADU Open badges



Open Badges for the Validation of Youth Work



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WHY OPEN BADGES?

- Recognition of youth work and non-formal learning/education has been regularly on the agenda of European youth work being one of the main priorities of the EU Youth Strategy
- European Portfolio for youth leaders and youth workers (2006, revised in 2014) and the Youthpass have been developed in order to foster formal recognition.
- Open badges innovate the recognition, validation and the communication processes for key competences acquired in different contexts

WHAT IS AN OPEN BADGE?



- ▣ A digital representation in the shape of an icon or a medal issued to prove a person's competence and/or achievement.

- Competence is the “ability to do something successfully or efficiently”. The term is often used interchangeably with the term ‘skill’, although they are not the same. Two elements differentiate competence from skill, and make competence more than skill. When one person is competent, they can apply what they know to do a specific task or solve a problem and they are able to transfer this ability between different situations.



Knowledge: This dimension refers to all the themes and issues you know or need to know about to do your work. This is the 'cognitive' dimension of competence. It is commonly associated with the 'head'.



Skills: This dimension refers to what you are able to do or what you need to be able to do to do your youth work. This is the 'practical' or skills dimension of competence. It is commonly associated with the 'hands'.



Attitudes and values: This dimension of competence refers to the attitudes and values you need to espouse in order to do your work effectively. This dimension of competence is commonly associated with the 'heart'.

IN WHICH SETTINGS CAN OPEN BADGES BE ACQUIRED?

- ▣ Volunteering
- ▣ Internships/Traineeships
- ▣ Youth Mobility Projects
- ▣ Non-formal learning
- ▣ Professional youth work

WHAT DO THE BADU OPEN BADGES CONTAIN?



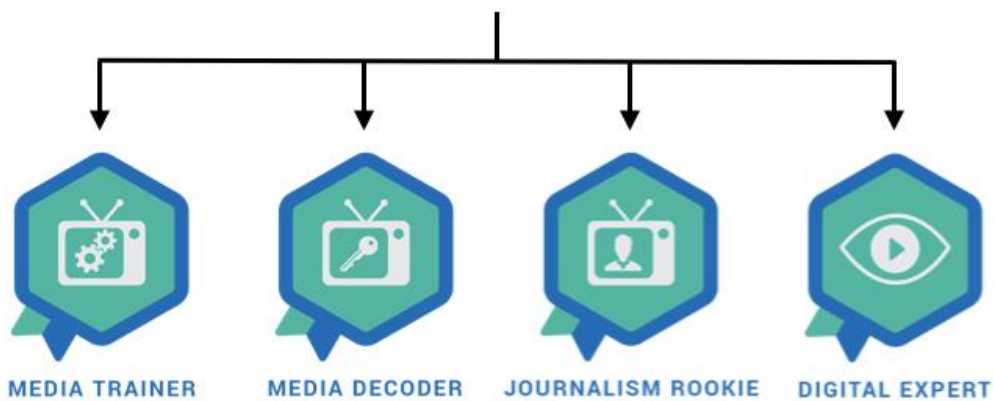
- ▣ Badge name
- ▣ Description
- ▣ Learning targets
- ▣ Performance Requirements
- ▣ Date of issue
- ▣ Name of the issuer

WHAT MAKES THE BADU OPEN BADGES UNIQUE?

- It is a badge system that:
 - covers youth workers' competencies
 - is based on quality standards
 - allows youth organisations to issue and award open badges to youth workers after youth workers' have fulfilled certain tasks, learning experiences etc.
 - allows youth organisations to create new open badges

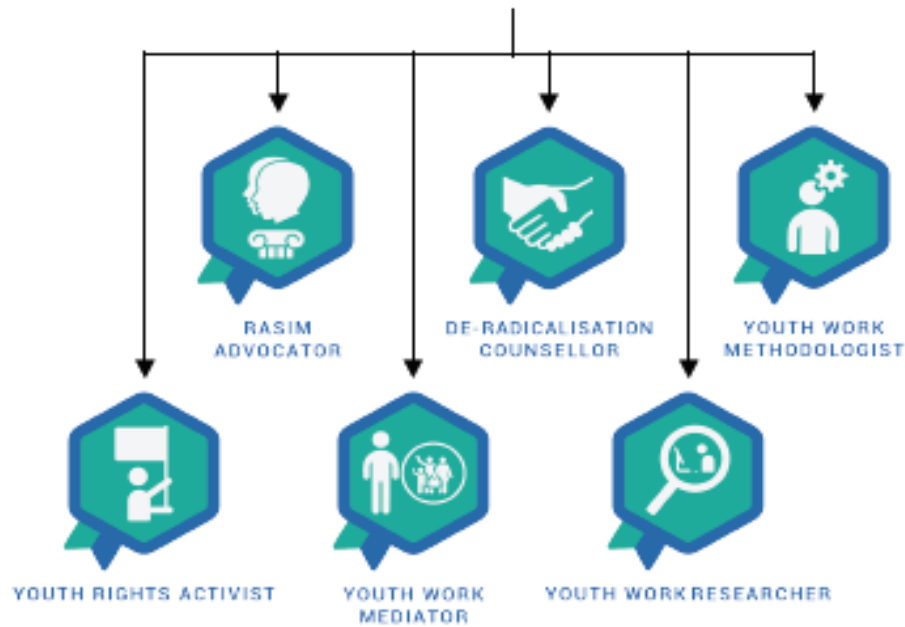


MEDIA EXPERT





YOUTH WORK EXPERT



Non-formal learning



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Youth Mobility



ACTIVE EU CITIZEN





**YOUTH WORK
METHODOLOGIST**

Youth Work Methodologist

Description: Youth Work Methodologist badge demonstrates the ability to use different methods which foster personal and social development as well as the inclusion of young people from different backgrounds.

Knowledge:

Understanding the “basics” of youth work (definitions, scope, objectives, actors, history)

Knowing development-appropriate methods based on an understanding of youth dynamics and sub-culture (e.g. youth cultural activities, outreach youth work, community work, gender specific work, adventure education, group work etc.)

Youth Work Methodologist

Skills:

- Being able to support and work effectively with youths from different backgrounds
- Being able to build a framework for youth work (identifying key issues, priority areas and themes)
- Being able to support the implementation of activities that promote the best interests of young people
- Being able to apply a professional Code of Conduct, Ethics and Values
- Being able to apply participation methods to reach the target group

Attitudes:

- Showing equal respect and tolerance towards all young people

Youth Work Methodologist

Performance Requirements:

Participants have to successfully accomplish the following tasks before the BADU Open Badge will be issued.

Minimum standards:

- Having successfully completed an entire learning activity (training course, seminar, online course, workshop etc.), a voluntary programme/internship
- Self-evaluation
- Assessment session with the trainer/mentor

Additional Tasks:

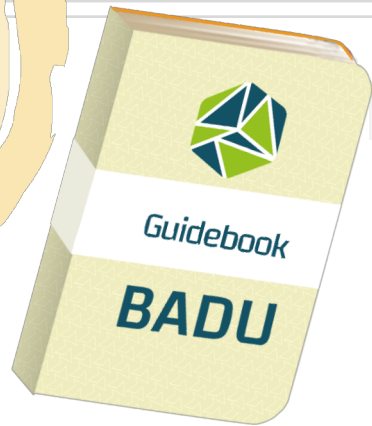
- Case Study
- Conducted one workshop on the topic of the activity with youth within 2 months after the activity
- Conducted critical incident analysis
- Problem Solving and simulation games on the specific topic of the activity
- Reflection exercises
- Scored at least 80% on the final test

METABADGES – 9 MAIN COMPETENCES

- Group & Individual Trainer
- Media Expert
- Civic Participation Master
- Youth Work Expert
- Voluntary Project Expert
- Intercultural Moderator
- English Pro
- Europe Specialist
- Project Manager

YOUTHPASSES – 8 KEY COMPETENCES

- 1) Communication in mother tongue
- 2) Communication in foreign languages
- 3) Mathematical competence and basic competences in science & technology
- 4) Digital competence
- 5) Learning to learn
- 6) Social and civic competence
- 7) Sense of Initiative & Entrepreneurship
- 8) Cultural awareness & expression



OUTCOMES OF THE BADU PROJECT

- 50 digital open badges
- An online platform
- A guidebook providing instructions on how to use of open badges by youth organisations & youth workers
- A catalogue of best practices
- based on youth workers' experiences



WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF THE OPEN BADGES FOR THE YOUTH ORGANISATIONS?

- Using a new innovative way of recognition and validation of youth workers' competences.
- Assisting youth organisations in the evaluation of learning outcomes.
- The youth workers/volunteers' personal and professional development have a positive impact on the youth organisations they are involved in.
- The visibility and reputation of the youth organisations that are badge issuers increase.

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF THE OPEN BADGES FOR THE YOUTH WORKERS/VOLUNTEERS?

- Europe-wide recognition, validation and visibility of their competencies by sharing the badges on social media platforms or websites
- Promotion of youth workers' mobility and non-formal learning on European level
- Motivation to acquire new competencies ➔ self- and professional development

TO ISSUE & CLAIM BADU OPEN BADGES:

<http://www.badge-badu.eu/>



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