

Association of Non-formal Education in Lithuania (LiNA) was established in 2001 after 4 years of informal cooperation of people working as youth workers or trainers. LiNA unites practitioners working in the field of non-formal education at local and national NGOs.



The association works towards better understanding of non-formal learning and quality in youth work, implements adult education programs for youth workers and contributes to the developments in the field of non-formal learning at local, national and international levels.

In all educational activities LiNA puts a strong emphasis on the understanding of non-formal learning at the personal level, its benefits for personal, social, civic and work life and as an educational system. The participants of our educational programs reflect their own learning processes and experiences, identify learning outcomes and make references to their working practice in organizations or beyond the youth work sector. Many members of LiNA have followed academic studies in the fields of education or social work.

At national level LiNA is for years playing an expert role advocating for the recognition of non-formal education within the youth work and education sectors. The association represented at working groups formed by Department of Youth Affairs of Ministry of Social Security and Labor and Ministry of Science and Education in Lithuania. During last 3 years LiNA contributed by developing national youth workers' qualification system and national certification and accreditation system for the providers of non-formal education services.

At European level LiNA is an active member of the UNIQUE Network – network of practitioners committed for the quality of non-formal education in Europe. Together with partners we implemented several Europe wide initiatives focusing on learning-to-learn, recognition of non-formal education, promotion of learning mobility.

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