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Locals learn leadership with loveLife

Charity loveLife sends a group of locals to Italy, to learn how to organise and lead youth exchanges for local youths.

[London, UK, 26 January 2019] In January 2019, loveLife sent a group of community workers from Romford, Brighton, Newham, and Greenwich to participate in the Youth Exchange Leadership Skills training course. Hosted by our partners Coop Madiba, in Italy. The 4 day training programme in the small mountain town of Pragelato explored how to organise and lead groups of young people on youth exchange programmes throughout Europe.

The youth exchange programme, part of the EU *Erasmus+* initiative, allows groups of young people from different countries to come together for a series of seminars, workshops, and meetings. There they have the opportunity to learn new skills, share cultures, and build networks for future youth work cooperation.

The British team were joined in Italy by groups from Ireland, Malta, Italy, Greece, Latvia, Sweden, and Romania. Together over 30 people from across Europe spent time working on identifying young people for exchanges, preparing the proper paperwork and authorisations for youth exchanges, engaging with parents and local community on the benefits of the exchange, and bringing these benefits back into the community afterwards.

The groups have already agreed to host two youth exchanges in 2019. One in June in Italy, and the second in August in the UK. In total, over 100 young people under 18 will be have the opportunity to participate in youth exchanges over the next 7 months.

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