YUFE staff training: Framework for University-Community Engagement – TEFCE Learning Journey

Webinar series - dates: 23 October, 6 & 20 November, 11 December, 9.00 – 11.00 CET

With the community engagement (re)emerging as a policy priority in higher education, these four 2-hour interactive webinars offer participants a learning journey from the basics of community engagement in contemporary higher education over its challenges to the opportunity to find out first hand how a university can implement innovative policy tools (TEFCE Toolbox) for mapping, institutional self-reflection, supporting and further strengthening of an engaged agenda at the institution.

Target audience: non-academics (HEPROs - Higher Education Professionals)

Number of participants: 20 (preferably (at least) 2 persons from one HEI; same group of participants throughout all of 4 webinar sessions)

Objectives:
- to understand key concepts of community engagement
- to understand the multifaceted concept of an engaged university and the importance of contextuality
- to analyse different approaches to CE in HE
- to identify and promote community engagement at universities
- to discuss on how to support and incentivise universities/academics in institutionalising their cooperation with the wider community
- to promote innovative and feasible policy tools for supporting, monitoring and assessing the community engagement of higher education institutions
- to engage in the TEFCE Toolbox piloting at home institution

Speakers:

Snjezana Prijic-Samarzija, University of Rijeka, Rector
Thomas Farnell, Institute for the Development of Education (IDE), TEFCE project coordinator
Bojana Culum Illic, Associate Prof., University of Rijeka, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Deadline for registration: 19 October 2020

Registration [HERE](#)
## YUFE-TRAINING AGENDA

### Webinar #1
23 October 2020, 9.00 – 11.00 CET

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| 9.00 – 9.15 | **Introduction**  
- presentation of University of Rijeka and YUFE Alliance |                              |
| 9.15 – 9.45 | **Meet the participants**  
- icebreaker activity  
- focus on participants’ experience and/or critical reflection on university-community engagement at their own institutions | Thomas Farnell |
| 9.30 – 9.40 | **Overview and objectives of the training and webinar1**  
- agenda & objectives | Thomas Farnell |
| 9.40 – 10.10 | **University of Rijeka – community-engaged University**  
- presentation  
- Q&A, discussion | Snjezana Prijic-Samarzija |
| 10.10 - 10.40 | **University-community engagement as an element of university contributions to community/regional development - What is it about?**  
- presentation  
- conceptual framework  
- respecting diversity in delivering university-community engagement (community and region / regional development, developing human capital, enhancing infrastructure, cultural development, etc.)  
- Q&A, discussion | Bojana Culum Ilic & Thomas Farnell |
| 10.40 – 11.00 | **Wrapping up day 1**  
- take-aways from the training  
- assignment & guidelines for the next training session  
- evaluation questionnaire (link by email) | Thomas Farnell |

### Webinar #2
6 November 2020, 9.00 - 11.00 CET

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| 09.00 - 09.20 | **Welcoming participants**  
- reflection on assignments from training session 1  
- overview and objectives of the workshop/webinar 2 (agenda and objectives) | Bojana Culum Ilic |
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