



**Responsible party: Novo Mesto Development and Education Centre** 

**Title:** Young people between school and employment

Date and location: 7 May 2015, Novo Mesto

**Target group:** young people aged 15–26

**Invited stakeholders**: actors in the field of education, employment and social affairs; youth and other organisations; participants and mentors in the PLYA programme; and partners and representatives of the local environment.

#### **Event content**

- **Professional part** (lectures and presentations with discussions): a presentation of the PLYA programme and its connection to the local environment; the significance of the PLYA for developing the basic skills of young people; the young as a vulnerable group in the market; and PLYA success stories. An example of good practice: writing an autobiography; the background for the documentary titled "I Want to Live".
- Practical part (two workshops for young people): "Where Will Our Entrepreneurial Paths Lead Us?" and "Know Yourself and Bite Your Tongue".













### Findings and recommendations

- Young people are a very sensitive and diverse target group;
- those participating in the PLYA programme lack the basic skills required for social integration, work and everyday life;
- they have difficulties in life, have problems finding employment, fail to take responsibility for their actions and are dependent on others;
- visible "dependence on the system", which also applies for PLYA youth;
- the goal is to retain PLYA as a support programme for adult education;
- the lack of basic skills evident in formal education (in primary and secondary education) should be developed;
- all too often young people stay at home for too long;
- developing an entrepreneurial mindset in terms of the attitude towards responsibilities and life in general rather than establishing companies;
- in the future, more and more people will have to create their own jobs.













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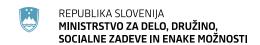




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