

Mutual learning and study visit Supporting transitions from education and training to the labour market and society.

Tuesday, 23rd – Wednesday, 24th October 2018

Room Josef-Prior-Saal

Josefsheim Bigge gGmbH
Heinrich-Sommer-Str. 13, 59939 Olsberg, Germany

Draft Programme

Background information

Everyone experiences periods of transition from one setting to another. This is indeed a natural process that might bring tensions and complexity into our lives. Young people with disabilities, like anybody else, experience challenges when moving from formal secondary education to adulthood, postsecondary education, employment and the community. This is a crucial moment for everybody and young people with disabilities may face more barriers than others during this transition process.

In 2014, the EPR network published a study in collaboration with Professor Fred R. McFarlane, from the San Diego State University, focusing on the various programmes and approaches that EPR members are using with transition age youths to increase their independence and inclusion in the community.

In 2017-2018, based on the work of the Working Group on VET and the outcomes of the Needs Assessment carried out with all EPR members, transition emerged as key topic for EPR membership. Considering the interest from members, EPR will start working on the topic of transition from the last quarter of 2018, creating mutual learning and ideally, identifying possible synergies and specific topics to be further explored next year.

The activities envisaged for 2018 are:

- 1) Inspirational Webinar, led by Professor Fred R. McFarlane**
(29th Augustus 2018, 17:00 CET) – more info forthcoming
- 2) Collection of good practices**
(from summer 2018, including relevant info shared during the Annual Conference)
- 3) Review of practices, mutual learning and proposing solutions**
(Study visit& workshop - 23/24 Oct 2018, JG Bigge – [see details below](#))
- 4) Report: including good practices and proposals (start of 2019)**

Information about the host



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The Josefsheim is a service provider for people with physical, learning, intellectual and sensory disabilities as well as psycho-social disabilities. The services comprise living facilities for children, youth and adults, a kindergarten, a vocational training center, a sheltered workshop, an ambulant service and special supporting services like case management, social work and an integration service. The Josefsheim has approx. 800 service users and 700 employees. Since 2006, it has been

the first social service provider in Germany to be certified according to eQuass.

Key Services/ activities

- Living facilities
- Vocational training center
- Sheltered workshop

Target group

People with physical, learning, and sensorial disabilities, mental health conditions as well as psychological impairments

Goals of the event

- Review and present EPR members' practices supporting youth with disabilities during their transition periods,
- Identify good practices, success factors and innovative elements;
- Exchange with international colleagues;
- Visit the facilities and services in JG Bigge;
- Collect proposals and ideas for future joint initiatives in the field of transition

Who is the event for?

The event is open to all EPR members and in particular staff working in transition services for young people with disabilities. To better identifying key issues and collect broader feedback, staff with a diverse profile, from managers to professionals, is welcome.

Format

The event will be highly participatory and includes a variety of formats. Attendees will be asked to showcasing practices, actively engage in the working group sessions, participate in the study visit, make proposals and share ideas.

Registration

Should you be interested in attending the event, please fill the [Online Registration Form](#) before 31/09/2018.

For any questions, please feel free to contact Mirko Miceli at mmiceli@epr.eu.

1) Location of the event: JG Bigge, Heinrich-Sommer-Str. 13, 59939 Olsberg, Germany.

2) How to get there?

- By plane

Dortmund Airport-DOM is the second-closest airport ([website](#))

There are several national and international airlines operating from/to this airport, including some low-cost ones. Should you arrive here, you can easily take a bus from the airport to Dortmund Central station and then a train to either Olsberg or Bigge (see “By Train” section below).

Journey: around 2h

Düsseldorf International Airport- DUS ([website](#))

This airport is connected to around 100 destinations in Europe. Should you arrive here, you can easily take a bus from the airport to Dortmund Central station and then a train to either Olsberg or Bigge (see “By Train” section below).

Journey: around 3h

The closest airport is the **Paderborn Lippstadt Airport-PAD** ([website](#)).

There are some direct flights to/from international destinations, but the airport serves mostly national flights. Should you arrive here, please be aware that you will need to take a taxi to Paderborn and then a train/bus connection to the venue of the event.

Journey: over 3h

- By train

You can use one of the 2 train stations to reach the Josefsheim Bigge center:

- Olsberg station: is on the Dortmund - Kassel line (20min walking distance)
- Bigge station: is located on the route Dortmund - Bestwig – Winterberg (5min walking distance)

You can have your timetable created online on the Deutsche Bahn ([website](#)).

- By car

Coming from Dortmund: On the A44 to the motorway junction Werl, continue on the A445 in the direction of Arnsberg. The highway (it will later become the A46) to the end of Bestwig follow. Then direction Brilon / Winterberg on the B7 to Nuttlar. After Nuttlar turn towards Winterberg on the L743 to Olsberg.

Coming from Hannover: On the A2 to the interchange Bielefeld, continue on the A33 to interchange Wünnenberg. Here on the B480, in Brilon turn onto the B480 / B7 to Altenbüren, then on the B480 to Olsberg.

3) Suggested Hotel

The local host reserved **15 single rooms** at the [Hotel Schinkenwirt](#) (different single rooms, price starting from 50€/night, including breakfast).

Please note that there are only few hotels in Olsberg. Therefore, we highly recommend to book a room at the suggested hotel. You can book the room through the Online Registration Form.

Programme/Agenda

Monday, 22nd October 2018

- 19:30 **Joint Dinner** at Hotel Restaurant Schinkenwirt, Eisenberg 2, 59939 Olsberg
(all participants are invited for dinner by the Josefsheim Bigge)

Tuesday, 23rd October 2018

- 09:00 **Welcome**
EPR, Josefsheim Bigge
- 09:10 **Check-in session**
Participants to share expectations, what they will bring in and what they would like to bring home
- 09:30 **Framing the concept of transition to labour market and society**
Presentation of services and projects at Josefsheim Bigge
Mario Polzer, Corporate Communications, Josefsheim Bigge
- 10:00 **Study visits + coffee break**
Participants will visit some of the services provided in JG Bigge
Service 1: **TBC**
Service 2: **TBC**
- 11:00 **Coffee break**
Service 3: **TBC**
- 12:00 **Mutual learning session (part I)**
Summarising and presenting practices promoting transition to labour market and society collected during the AC2018. EPR members to present additional practices.
- 13:00 **Lunch**
- 14:00 **Mutual learning session (part II)**
EPR members to present how they promote transition to labour market and society
- 14:30 **Brainstorming + coffee break**
Working groups to identify similarities and common challenges
- 15:30 **Sharing outcomes**
Each group to present outcomes of the brainstorming session
- 16:00 **What's most relevant to us?**
Identify the most pressing challenges and success factors they would like to work on
- 16:15 **How might we use success factors to tackle the challenges?**
Making concrete proposals and sharing with the group
Agree on best ideas and working groups formation
- 17:00 **End of Day I**

Wednesday, 24th October 2018

- 09:00 Summary of Day1 and energizer
- 09:15 **Concretize the idea**
Working groups to elaborate on transforming the idea into a proposal for future collaboration
- 10:15 **Presenting proposals**
Each group to (briefly) share the proposed solution
- 10:45 Coffee break
- 11:15 **Collective feedback**
Interactive session where each group will play a role and give feedback to all proposals
- 12:15 **Additional thoughts and ideas?**
- 12:30 Lunch
- 13:30 **Do we have a plan?**
Open reflection on planning next steps, ideas for future collaboration
- 14:00 **Check-out session**
Participants to share learning outcomes of the meeting and overall experience
- 14:15 **Final remarks and any other business**
- 14:30 **End of the meeting**