

ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS & EMPOWERMENT

a booklet



Sharing stories through creativity

ABOUT US

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ABOUT THE PROJECT

DALI 4 YOUTH is a transformative project for youth workers and young people, with a special focus on those classified as NEETs (Not in Education, Employment, or Training). Its main mission is to equip participants with advanced digital skills, increased creativity and a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by NEETs. At a time when young people have a deep affinity with digital technologies and art serves as a powerful medium for self-expression and connection, we aim to bring these elements together to promote social inclusion.



The main objective of DALI 4 YOUTH is to improve the skills and ICT knowledge of youth workers so that they can create inclusive environments in their daily practice. Our overall goal is to empower young people to compete in the labour market and actively contribute to society. This project focuses on the development of digital skills in combination with creativity and art, while promoting awareness of the importance of social inclusion.

The main outcomes of the project include:

- An Online Training KIT on Digital Art tailored for youth workers.
- An engaging educational game designed to inspire young digital artists.
- Youth networks that conceptualise, model and strategise medium-term community action in the field of digital arts.

All project outcomes are available to the public through our project website dali4youth.eu

ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS & EMPOWERMENT

The "Artistic Expressions & Empowerment" event was an important milestone in the DALI 4 YOUTH project. This event celebrated the talents, creativity and resilience of young local artists while promoting the transformative power of art, especially in the digital world.

The event had clear and meaningful objectives: It served as a platform to celebrate the remarkable talents of young local artists and to show that art in all its forms is a vital medium for self-expression and connection. In addition, the event aimed to encourage young people by showcasing their artistic careers, dreams and the challenges they have overcome to inspire participants by demonstrating the potential of art as a means of personal and social transformation. Although the focus of the event was on digital art, all forms of artistic expression were welcome to celebrate the diversity of creativity and emphasise that art knows no boundaries.



THE EVENT



Young artists took centre stage in insightful round table discussions. They shared their personal journeys, their dreams and the obstacles they had to overcome on their creative path. These discussions fostered a sense of connection and understanding among the participants.

THE EVENT



As part of the event, an open exhibition was held where artists had the opportunity to showcase their digital artworks. This exhibition not only acknowledged the work of the artists, but also offered participants the opportunity to immerse themselves in the world of digital art.

THE EVENT



Two informative workshops enriched the event. The first, led by a social media influencer, dealt with the art of promoting one's artwork on social media platforms and helped young artists reach a wider audience. The second workshop dealt with the basics of video game development and opened up new avenues for artistic expression.

THE EVENT



To crown the event, an open mic session took place. Here, some participants presented their singing talents, while others talked about their creative projects and passions.

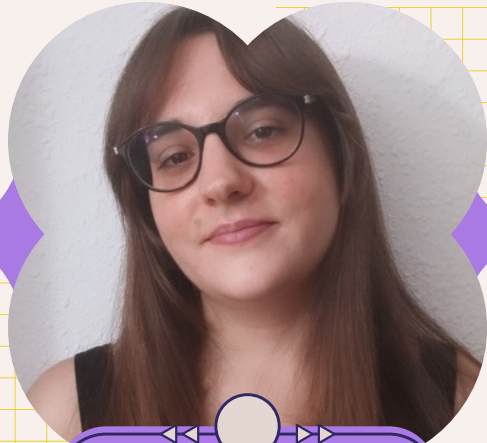
* THE ARTISTS *



Miguel's earliest memory of being an artist is hazy, shrouded in sheets, crayons and a plush Spiderman. He is convinced that it was art itself that chose him. By nurturing his creativity and curiosity, he mastered various techniques ranging from traditional and digital drawing to 3D, photography and even marketing. Above all, his passion is to create, imagine and communicate.



* THE ARTISTS *



ANDREA AUÑÓN

Andrea, an illustrator and animator since childhood, cultivated her passion for drawing and painting. Immersed in her own world, she filled numerous notebooks with characters and stories inspired by cartoons, anime and manga. After her training at the School of Art and Design in Tarragona, she honed her skills in various drawing and painting techniques, both traditional and digital. As she continued her studies, she delved into the world of 2D and 3D animation, mastering software such as After Effects, Premiere and Cinema4D.



* THE ARTISTS *



ABRIL BORRULL

At the youthful age of 17, Abril achieved the remarkable feat of writing "Important Letters", a collection of poetic letters at the tender age of 15. Her immersion in the world of the arts is palpable as she avidly studies various styles of dance and theatre, leaving an indelible mark on many stages. With her intensity and the characteristic versatility of a Gemini, she embodies a multi-faceted spirit that is always exploring new creative horizons.



THANK YOU

A sincere thank you to all the talented artists and participants who made this event so special. Your contributions and enthusiasm were the reason of our success. We appreciate your creativity and commitment.

