

WBL-PRO Professional Peer Network: The team talks with the professionals – Rebeka Grīnfelde from Latvia

Today we are happy to present to you **Rebeka Grīnfelde** from Vocational Education Competence Centre “Riga State Technical school” Project Department, Riga, Latvia.



Please find below what she shared with our team:

1. Please share with us what the main advantages with respect to work-based learning are.

The main advantages of work-based learning clearly are cooperation with quickly changing labour market that our companies are a part of. Educators and administrative staff have to learn to quickly react in this changing environment and change together with it. Another advantage is cooperation with industry specialists that provides learners with practical skills that can be later used in their future jobs.

2. Please share with us what the main challenges with respect to work-based learning area.

Two challenges of the work-based learning that could be named are pedagogical aspect for specialists in workplaces and also creating high quality ongoing cooperation between specialists in companies, educators in VET institutions and administrative staff.

3. Please share information about work-based learning projects you are involved in – the name, the funding program, the main aims, the target groups, the intellectual outputs, link to website, facebook group, etc.

In May 2017 Vocational Education Competence Centre "Riga State Technical School" has entered into a cooperation agreement with Employers' Confederation of Latvia (LDDK) and is realizing the ESF project "Participation of students from professional educational establishments at the work environment based learning and learning praxis at the companies" (No. 8.5.1.0/16/I/001). The main activities of the project are: carrying out work-based learning in VET programs; realizing practical training and internship at the company or in cooperation with the entrepreneur in vocational secondary education programs. Duration of the project is from 27th of January 2017 until 31st of August 2023.

4. Please share what the most important knowledge, skills and competences for the work-based learning professional are according to you. What kind of trainings are necessary to acquire them?

There are three skills that should be highlighted as important for the work-based learning specialist:

- Ability to negotiate between different parties and find a common ground;
- Ability to analyse a situation;
- And finally - ability to organise teamwork.

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