

EuropeanToyLibraries

Documentation for Toy Libraries

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Questionnaire about training for toy librarians in Europe



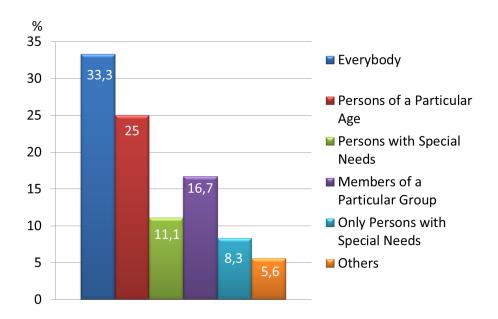
1. How many toy libraries exist in your country?

In the above mentioned countries there are 5300 toy libraries.

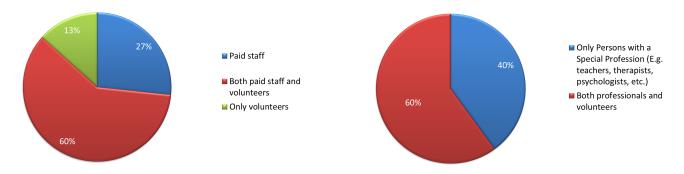
2. Is there a national organization for toy libraries in your country?

10 countries have a national organisation, 8 do not have one.

3. What is the target group of the toy libraries in your country, who are the customers?

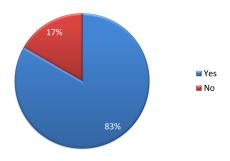


4. Persons working in the toy libraries of your country:



Information about Training

1. Do you have special training programs for toy librarians?



2. Details of the training program

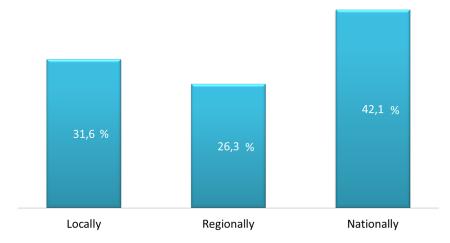
Countries	Brief details of content	Length hours, days	Number of courses per year	Number of participants per year
Austria	2 moduls Different subjects	10 weekends each	1	40
Cyprus	Basic training	2 days	1	
Denmark	2 moduls with different themes like communication and development Conductive pedagogy	3 days each	1	28
France	University and practice Different courses Summer university	350-600 hours 1 – 3 days	1-3 times	25 25 a day 60
Greece	Basic training	2 days	1	20
Italy	Various offers e.g. basic training with stages	600 hours	1	
Lithuania	Basic training	4 hours	1	
Netherlands	Different subjects Regional meetings	1 day	1	
Portugal	Different courses, different subjects Training workshop	2-3 days 5 months	1	20
Spain	Course with different subjects	20-40 hours	1	15-20
Sweden	Course with different subjects	2 days	1	100
Switzerland (always in the German and	Basic training Management in non-profit organisations	11 days 6 days	1 Every 2 years	40 20
French speaking part)	Courses with different subjects Regional meetings National symposium Conference of directors of Toy Libraries	1 day 1 day 1 day 1 day	12 13 Every 2 years Every 2 years	240 600 100 180
United Kingdom	Different courses with different subjects	1 day	1	

8. TRAINING IN EUROPE (CONT.)

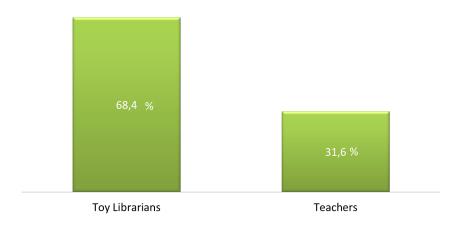


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3. How are the training courses organized in your country?



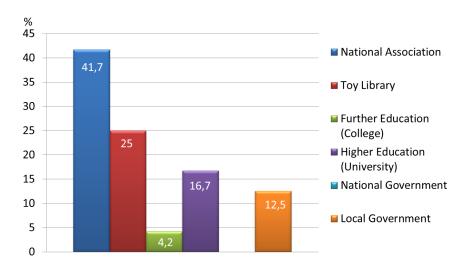
4 Target audience? Who can attend?



4.1 Who else? (please specify):

Animators, volunteers, early development workers, family center staff, day-care center staff, anybody.

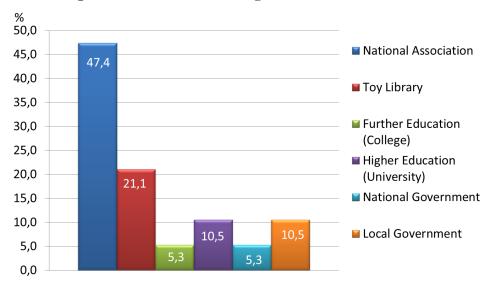
5. Who provides the training?



5.1 Others? (please specify)

School for librarians, regional association., child support institute, play activity center.

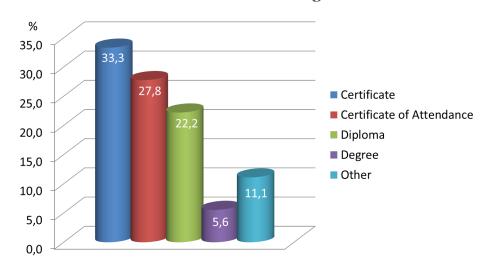
6. Who is responsible for the training?



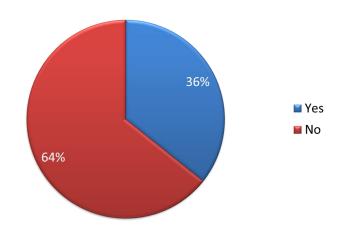
6.1 Others? (please specify)

Various organisations, school for librarians , Coordinator of Play Activity Departement.

7. What is awarded at the end of the training?



8. Is the qualification recognised?



8. TRAINING IN EUROPE (CONT.)



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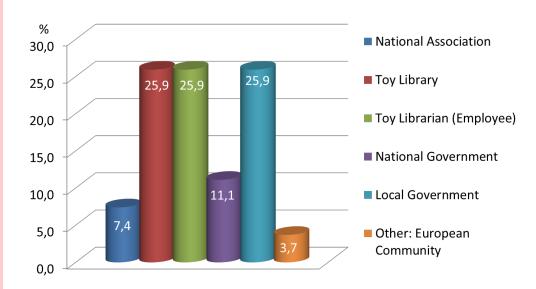
8.1 If yes by whom:

By toy libraries, Youth Board, as a graduation in institutions, local government if they have toy libraries, employees.

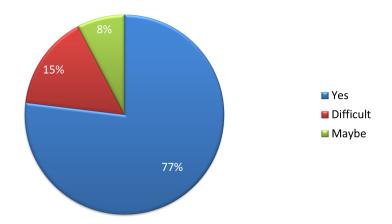
9. What is the cost of training in €?

A wide range of prices from free to 6000 €, depending of the length and the recognition of the training.

10. Who finances the training?



11. Do you think that there should be some coordination at the European level?



Helpful for countries like Romania, without obligation, information, common training, exchange, language could be a problema. Training first on national level, difficulties because of different types of TL. Recognition by European Comission.

12. How could this be handled?

Mailing, blogs, network, at European meetings, workshops at European level, through European Toy Libraries (ETL) with annual conventions, exchanging programs, training in English as a point to start, training modul, European standard, lobbying at European Comission and National level, exchange of personal of Toy Libraries, through European Comission.

13. Remarks

Here there were different comments regarding the national training programs.

Themes treated

First steps to run a toy library, management of a toy library, classification, toy and games, board games, creating a playful environment.

Psychology, play therapy, pedagogy, cultural approach, communication and team development.

Work with persons with special needs.

Public relation and work with medias.

Comment

In most of the countries the toy libraries are open to everybody. Just three countries are just open for persons with special needs.

In most of the countries both paid staff and volunteers work together in toy libraries.

The questionnaires were filled out very seriously and it give a good overview of the training offers in Europe.

The situation is different. The length varies from 4 to 600 hours.

There are 2 countries who offer training at University level, France and Italy, France with a diploma.

Most of the countries have different recognitions, 2 have none.

A coordination in Europe is desired. The demands reach from just information to a program defined by the European Comission.

9. WORLD PLAY DAY



While the founder of World Play Day, Dr Freda Kim, was walking up a steep hill in Zurich in 1996, having just become the President of ITLA at the 7th ITLA International Toy Library Conference in Switzerland, she was thinking, "What shall I do? Surely a president must do something!"

Then the idea shot into her head! "START A WORLD PLAY DAY" So that's what she did!

Play is so important to all of us, especially to children. And, it tends to be one of the most neglected of all of the rights of a child.

Thinking that a World Play Day could be put on the UN calendar (after all many other events and days are there) ITLA started enthusiastically on what was to be a very long journey; and after 17 years (1996 - 2013) that journey still continues.

The promotion of World Play Day (WPD) as an ITLA activity was formally agreed to by the members at the General Assembly, 8th ITLA International Toy Library Conference - Tokyo, Japan in 1999.

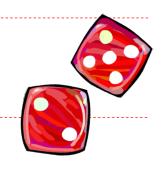
The chosen date was May 28th which was the day in 1987 on which, at the 4th International Toy Library Conference in Toronto, it was decided to form the International Toy Library Association.

A World Play Day song was developed with the words and melody written by Dr Freda Kim. The song was recorded in the Seoul Anglican Cathedral by the 11 a.m. choir with piano accompaniment by Prof. Lee Kon Yong, one time President of Seoul Arts University. You can listen to the song below.

So far, in addition to English, the song has been translated into Greek, Japanese, Korean, Spanish and Hebrew. If you know of other translations please tell ITLA so that your country can be added to this list.

The first two World Play Days took place in 2000 - in France and in Korea. Switzerland celebrated a National Play Day in 1993 and 1996 at the end of the 7th conference in Zurich and like France converted it to WPD in line with ITLA.

World Play is celebrated in almost all European countries



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Toy Museum in Istambul





Toy Library in Lisbon

This documentation has been worked out by members from countries across Europe, bringing each country experiences and knowledge to a common groud.

11. ETL ANNUAL NEWSLETTERS



The members of ETL are National Associations of Toy Libraries, play profes-

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ETL HISTORY AND MEMBERS

The Group of European Toy Libraries (ETL) was founded in 1996 during the yealnternational Conference on Toy Libraries in Zurich (Switzerland).

Since 1996, regular meetings have been held and in 2011 Brussels organized The European Group is an informal group. We are committed to the beliefs that play, playthings and playful interaction are essential to optimal education, physical, psychological, social and cultural development.

The members of ETL are National Associations of Toy Libraries, play profes-The menues of DIL are reational resociations of roy Libraries, play sionals and individuals interested in promoting play, from countries Europe:

Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Cyprus, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Fortugal, Romania, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and Turkey.

The Group of European Toy Libraries is a section of the International Toy Libraries Association of (ITLA) and works in close co-operation with ITLA.

ITLA is a non-profit making international organization consisting of national toy library associations, institutions and individual members.

One of the main goals of ITLA is the encouragement of co-operation between the different national organizations.

ETL'S DEFINITION OF A TOY LIBRARY

Toy libraries provide resources for play, including toys, games, trained staff and dedicated space.

6500 Toy Libraries in Europe



- To disseminate the concept of toy libraries as a means of burging play and playmate-nals to people.

Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and Turkey. Newsletter nº 3 (2012)



European Toy Libraries Istanbul 2012

Having in mind that it is crucial for ETL's members to meet every ye naving in mind that it is crucial for ETL's members to meet every year, Turkey hosted the 16th meeting, held in the 19th and 20th of April, in the facilities of Marmara University. oar Turkey

It was with great satisfaction that the members recognized that ETL is now a stable group with the same people/organization coming each year, what gives an important contribute for the continuity of work.

The meeting was attended by the following participants:

Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, France, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Sweden, Switzerland and Turkey.

UPDATES ON EUROPEAN FACTS & FIGURES

Hungary: 8 TL Austria: 50 TL Italy: 1000 TL Belgium (Flemish): 90 TL Lithuania: 108 TL Belgium (French): 120 TL Netherlands: 300-400 TL Croatia: 18 TL Portugal: 750 TL Cyprus: 6 TL Romania: 150 TL Denmark: 40 TL Spain: 600 TL France: 1200 TL Switzerland: 380 TL Germany: 100 TL Sweden: 200 TL Great Britain: 1000 TL Turkey: 9 TL Greece: 4 TL

Each country presented its annual report, which made clear that the financial crisis has also deep impact on the functionment and funding of toy libraries all across Europe. Nevertheless, several activities have been carried out in all countries with the aim to promote Toy Libraries' recognition and to defend the Right to Play, namely the dissemination of the celebration of World Play Day in the majority of the countries and several symposiums, conferences and exhibitions regarding Play and Toy Libraries.

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