

# THE ROLE OF COLLEGIAL SUPPORT IN PLACE-BASED LEARNING

Virtual conference | 28 April 2026 | 13:00 - 17:00 CET | On Zoom

## COMMON PLENARY SESSION

13:00–15:30

### WELCOME & OPENING

13:00–13:15

- Official conference opening

### EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVES ON PLACE-BASED LEARNING (PBL)

13:15–13:35

- Introduction to the “Community as a Classroom” project
- Key principles of place-based learning
- The “Ladder of PBL” concept

### THE POWER OF SERVICE LEARNING

13:35–14:05

SPEAKER: **ANDREEA TABUN** - PROGRAM MANAGER NEW HORIZONS FOUNDATION

This session explores service learning as the culminating stage of place-based learning, where students move beyond exploration to meaningful action within their communities. It will highlight how connecting curriculum to real community needs fosters deeper engagement, responsibility, and real-world impact.

- Discussion and audience Q&A

### THE ROLE OF COLLEGIAL SUPPORT IN SCHOOLS & Q&A

14:05–14:40

SPEAKER: **HANA KOŠŤÁLOVÁ** - PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR THE KELLNER FAMILY FOUNDATION

We will explore the importance of cooperation and collegial support within school teams. Hana will demonstrate how shared planning, collaborative teaching, and reflective practice can strengthen teaching quality and support the achievement of educational goals. Drawing on practical examples, the session will illustrate how building a culture of collegiality contributes to more effective and meaningful learning experiences for both teachers and students.

- Discussion and audience Q&A

## **INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES: PBL IN PRACTICE**

**14:40–15:15**

“Community as a Classroom Across Countries”

Five teachers from across Europe share their experiences implementing place-based learning through collegial support:

- Romania: Rodica Arapu – Place-Based Learning for Students with Special Educational Needs
- Czechia: Eva Budínská – Creating Space for Collegial Planning and Collaborative Teaching
- Slovakia: Jaroslava Žáková – Community-Based Projects
- Finland: Johanna Tanskanen – Youth Engagement in Mehtimäki Area Development
- Poland: Anna Foltyn-Simka – Place-Based Chemistry in Practice

## **BREAK**

**15:15 - 15:30**

## **PARALLEL SESSION**

**15:30–16:30**

## **PARALLEL WORKSHOPS**

**15:30–16:30**

1. How to start with PBL
2. From PBL to Service Learning
3. How learning about a place helps us understand global issues
4. Outdoor education
5. Multidisciplinary learning weeks and PBL

## **CLOSING AND EVALUATION**

**16.30-17.00**

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