

TTT4WBL Lead Trainers

Ene Raid, Estonia

Background: Ene Raid is a certified adult educator (EQF level 6), communication coach and career counsellor. She has graduated from Tartu University with a BA in Psychology. Currently she is obtaining her MA in Art therapy at Tallinn University.

Motto: Those who understand their strengths and needs are in a much better position than those with limited self-knowledge.



Vilve Pohla, Estonia

Background: Vilve Pohla is a VET teacher and mentor. In addition to teaching IT skills to vocational school students in Tartu VEC she works as a trainer at Tartu University tutoring young teachers in training. She is a certified master teacher, level 8.

Motto: Teaching is sharing and learning together.



Kalmer Kollom, Estonia

Background: Kalmer Kollom is a VET teacher in Tartu Vocational Education Centre and board member of Fastart OÜ. His competencies include both teaching VET students in school and tutoring them during workplace training. His particular field of expertise is building and maintenance of heat and ventilation systems.

Motto: I'm a man from the city of good thoughts and not afraid to spread the good word.



Vita Žunda, Latvia

Background: Vita Žunda holds Master degrees in languages and in international business and economics. Her work experience includes teaching in vocational and higher education; international cooperation in the field of economics; founder and board member of Baltic Bright; developer and coordinator of international projects in VET; trainer of WBL tutors from VET and companies.

The main gain from Tandem Training: VET and workplace tutors come to a common vision of high quality work-based learning.



Diāna Krastiņa, Latvia

Background: Diāna Krastiņa had studied political science and history. Her experience includes teaching in higher and adult education, having a close cooperation with VET partners in Germany and Latvia, also with VET practicing companies. She holds German language tutors' certificate. She is a trainer of WBL tutors.

Motto: Don't stay trapped in yourself! Try to achieve your goals and help others to achieve theirs!



Inta Laurena, Latvia

Background: Inta Laurena is the head of Daugavpils Technical School's Project and External Relations Department. She has a Master's degree in Pedagogy and a mentor's diploma. She teaches "Green Skills" and "Art of Advertising and Project Management".

Motto: Experience has more added value than knowledge.



Jevgeņijs Kružkovs, Latvia

Background: I'm the head of IT department in Daugavpils Technical School. I have three masters' degrees in IT, business management and pedagogy. My subjects are Data bases and Simple algorithm development.

Motto: The only man who never makes a mistake is the man who never does anything.



Aušra Misonė, Lithuania

Background: Project Manager and Head of VET department in Kaunas Chamber of Commerce. Obtained a Master's degree in Social sciences and Education at Vytautas Magnus University of Kaunas, as well as Bachelor of Arts in History.



Mantas Smolnikovas, Lithuania

Background: Mantas Smolnikovas is working in Vilnius Car mechanics and business school as a head of car mechanic department. He is also teaching subjects about car structure for learners acquiring car mechanics profession.

In his daily work he is responsible for the preparation of strategic plans for the lessons, organization of professional competitions, management of mechanics and sewing teachers department, as well as for the cooperation with business partners.



Gintautas Dervinis, Lithuania

Background: Since 2011, the team of mechatronics participates in the national mechatronics competition under the guidance of G. Dervinis. He is also an expert at the EuroSkills international professional competition.

G. Dervinis actively encourages Lithuanian vocational schools teachers and college lecturers to improve their qualifications and prepares qualification improvement programs for vocational school teachers and college lecturers.

He is an author and co-author of many qualification improvement programs for teachers and contributes to the development of vocational standards at the national level.

In 2018, G. Dervinis acquired the qualification of a vocational teacher expert.

He has won the Teacher of the Year 2017 Award by the Ministry of Education and Science.



Rimvydas Vaštakas, Lithuania

Background: Managing director and owner of JSC R2L in Vilnius. Most of his professional activities include management of companies of different sizes. He has graduated from the Vilnius Engineering and Construction Institute with a Master's degree in Transport engineering. Consultant and expert in company management.

Motto: Relax, everything is and will be OK.



Sima Girzadaite, Lithuania

Residence: Kaunas

Alma mater: Master's degree in Business Management
from the Gediminas Technical University in
Vilnius

Bachelor's degree in Business
Management from the Kaunas
University of Technology

Employer: HOF Hotel

Occupation: Hotelier

Title: General Manager & CEO



Šarūnė Klivienė, Lithuania

Background: Consultant of Quality Management and lecturer in JSC "SDG". Adult education has been in the focus of my interest for 15 years as I received a Master in Social Sciences (specialization of andragogy) from the Vytautas Magnus University of Kaunas. I believe that through adult education, as well as VET we can address the real problems of our society: unemployment, effective workplace integration and better being together.

