

# LABLEARNING

## MEDIA BASED EMPOWERMENT FOR DISENGAGED YOUTH



### THE LABLEARNING GUIDE COLLECTION



## LET US GUIDE YOU TOWARDS WORKING WITH MEDIA LABORATORIES FOR DISENGAGED YOUTH

The EU funded LABlearning project has produced a **Guide Collection** for teachers, mentors, youth workers, schools and colleges - and educational policy-makers - on how to establish empowermental and creative media laboratories for disengaged youth to change their mentality and re-build their learning capacity and motivation.

You can access the entire Collection from the opening page of [www.LABlearning.eu](http://www.LABlearning.eu) including the Youth Voice video and material from media LABs in Italy, Catalonia Spain, Holland and Denmark.

However, the consortium offers much more:

**Counselling**  
on media laboratories for disengaged youth for national and European educational policy-makers

**Collaboration**  
on the establishment of media laboratories in formal and non-formal contexts with institutions and communities

**Training**  
in managing media laboratories for disengaged youth for teachers, mentors and youth workers

The LABlearning consortium offers its services on non-profit basis and helps linking the media laboratories to 21<sup>st</sup> century learning.



### The 10 principles of empowermental media laboratories for disengaged youth

The young people should work with creative media, linked to own interests and without limits

They should work in team-based projects with epic dimensions to allow immersion

The media projects should link to real-life and to the surrounding community

Creative media LAB projects can easily be linked to curricula and societal challenges

The media LABs should foster entrepreneurial mentality, initiative and risk taking

Gamification and creation of digital games can be an important driver in the media LABs

The LAB environment must be based on flexibility, tolerance, patience, trust and mutual respect

The media LABs should be strongly supported by the community and the community should join forces and ensure sustainability

Empowermental media LABs should be available in formal as well as in non-formal settings 24/7

Whenever possible, the media projects should link to international collaboration and networks