
Title of the project: Nous lideratges (New leaderships)

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What

Nous Lideratges is a free experiential training program aimed at empowering young people from the sixteen neighborhoods of the Barcelona Neighborhood Plan so that they can contribute to build social networks and promote collective proposals in the neighborhoods and in the city.

The training is aimed at young people between 20 and 30 years old linked to the neighborhoods of the Neighborhood Plan, committed to participate in the entire training process and to make a feedback with the community and / or neighborhood. We are looking for socially active people with a community spirit, coming from different backgrounds, thus achieving a diverse group.

The training pursues the following objectives:

- To empower young people to recognize or strengthen themselves as potential agents of social transformation.
- To encourage them to design and carry out specific collective actions to strengthen the development of their neighborhoods.
- To improve their relational network in order to develop future initiatives and actions for local development.

Who

Nous Lideratges is developed as part of the activities of the Barcelona City Council's Neighborhood Plan, based on an agreement between the Institute of Government and Public Policy (IGOP) and Foment de Ciutat.

Why

In the most vulnerable territories, it is more complex to identify new community assets and to foster the emergence of initiatives driven by the population. Often, the environment in these areas does not allow people to develop their potential with ideas and enthusiasm.

To reverse this situation, the Pla de Barris and the IGOP promote an experiential and empowering training program to facilitate the leadership of young people who intend to contribute to promoting collective proposals in the neighborhoods and in the city.

How

The training program consists of three intensive weekends in which specific actions are proposed on aspects of community development, knowledge and understanding of the socio-political environment. Some of the following activities stand out:

- Visits to projects and/or experiences in different areas (housing, education, environment, social economy, etc.).
- Interviews with people who, due to their relevance and experience in different fields of social, political, technical or community activity, can generate critical analysis among the members of the group.
- Moments of debate and discussion based on the background and experience of the participants within the framework of the training, providing opportunities for collective construction.
- Moments of coexistence to promote bonding and complicity among the participants.
- Methodological evenings where participants share the lessons learned from what they have experienced throughout the day.

When

The project started in 2018, and is ongoing through the new Neighbourhood Plan program (2021-24).