



The Formentera Council's department of training and employment reports that this Monday, January 29, marked the start of a training programme for activity leaders which is being coordinated by the employment office of the Balearic Islands. Aimed at boosting the employability of young people under 30, the course will conclude in mid-June.

Fran Jurado is the instructor for the course, which consists in ten students (nine women and one man) and involves 12.5 of weekly training Thursday and Friday mornings at the Casal de Joves, the island's youth centre.

The weekly programme also incorporates 25 hours of work practice at places like Sant Ferran's Casalet, the Casal de Joves and the local basketball club. Challenges for activity leaders involve adapting to the particular social context of their placement and developing on the theories dealt with in class.

Premise

The course aims to equip students with a variety of resources, namely, the tools to facilitate activities in spaces for youngsters; the knowledge to show young audiences how to occupy their free time with recreational activities; and methods to teach values like tolerance, empathy and respect for diversity.

Accreditation

On completion of the training, participants will receive certification to work in the sociocultural sector with youth. Possible applications of the accreditation include sports clubs, youth centres, associations, schools, summer camps, Formentera's inflatable toy installation Diverespai and other recreational spaces for children.