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In Latvia, basic education is compulsory and every person under 18 years old must be involved in education. Latvia has only one prison for juveniles and the school staff in this prison are employed by Ministry of Justice (Department of Imprisonment). Education is targeted and made relevant for prison system.

For adults there some possibilities to be involved into educational process, but to be involved in vocational education and further education, one must at least have a basic education. If the person has no certificate of basic education, (s)he must receive that and then continue their education. This is validated by the Ministry of Education.

Taking part in various groups for informal education is not limited. But mostly depends on enthusiasm of the pedagogical staff.

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There are, in particular, a range of youth agency projects and youth initiatives to improve educational attainment and employment.

Two particular projects of note are:

ESF project "Implementation of initial professional programs in the frame of Youth Guarantee". 218 young people were involved in the project across Latvian prisons during 2016.

ESF project "Integration of former prisoners into society and the labor market"