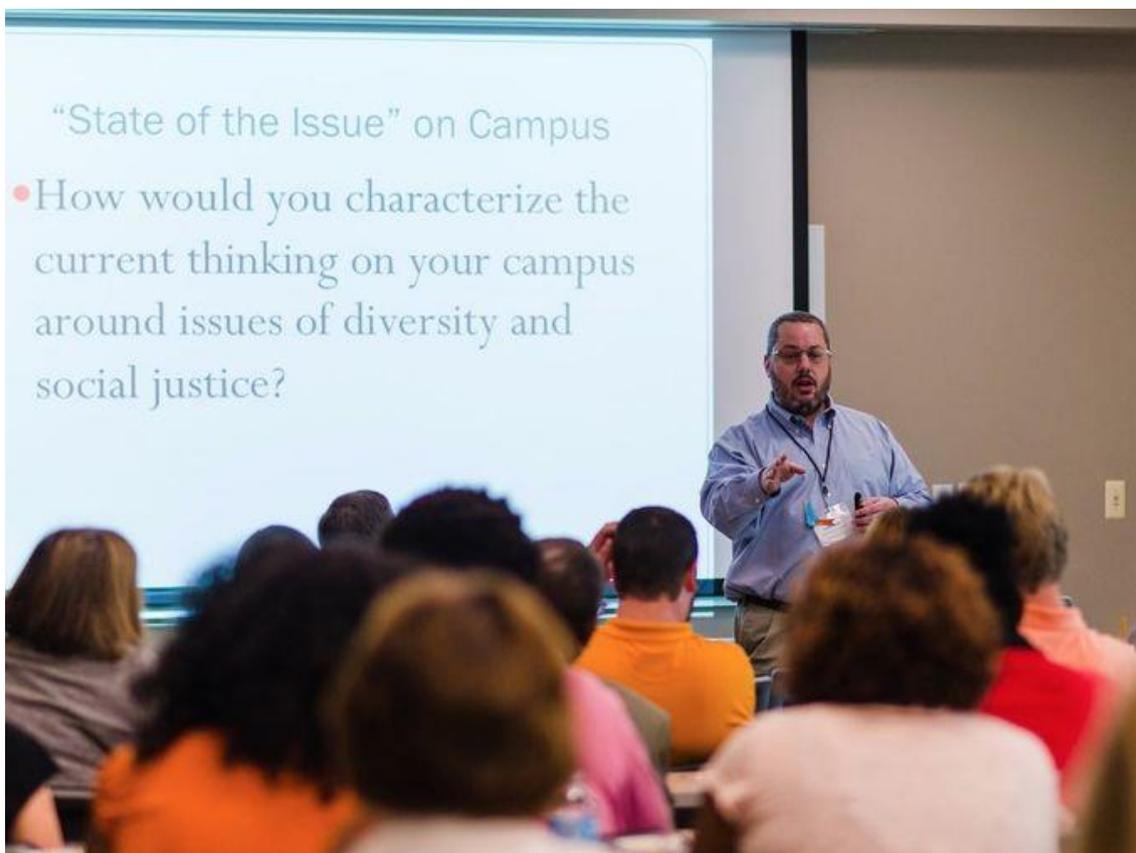


## “Why, oh why should we strive for social inclusion?”

Interactive lecture of Jason Laker, Ph. D., 29<sup>th</sup> of March 2018, 16:15-18:00, Hiša EU, Ljubljana



**Why is it important to actively work on the topic of social inclusion and equal participation of all young people in the society? What are the benefits of inclusive society for everyone? What is the role of civil society organisations in this area? How can an NGO contribute to social inclusion and equal participation of all young people in the society? And where to start as an organisation or individual that hasn't been working on this topic beforehand?**

If these questions resonate with you, join us for the upcoming interactive lecture of Jason Laker, Ph. D., a university professor and pedagogue from the San José State University in California, USA, during which he will try to tackle the importance of common efforts for a more inclusive society and the responsibility, role and power of the civil sector in this process. In the frame of his input he will try to provoke us and inspire us to join our efforts in order to find answers to the above-mentioned questions.

Jason's career in Higher Education spans over 25 years, and includes teaching, consulting, and academic work along with successful and progressively more complex administrative leadership experiences in student and academic affairs in several types of university environments (e.g., research, public, private, large, small, religious, liberal arts, Land Grant) in the U.S. and Canada (he is originally from Michigan, USA). While his career has been based in the context of formal higher education, both the work he has done in his various posts and the civic activities in

which he engages personally, have focused on many of the same commitments as those of the E+: Youth in Action programme and he resonates strongly with the mission of civic, democratic and cross-cultural efforts to promote inclusion, equity and capacity-building of people and communities. You can find more about him and the various fields of his research on his website [www.jasonlaker.com](http://www.jasonlaker.com).«

The event is organised by Movit - the Slovenian National Agency of the EU Erasmus+: Youth in Action programme. It is one of the many events we have organised on this topic since 2012 in the frame of our efforts in the area of social inclusion, which we have set as one of the general horizontal priorities until 2020. Our goal is to encourage the organisations to pay special attention to social inclusion and to see the benefits that an inclusive approach can bring to their local environment and society beyond the programme and beyond their particular project(s).

Targeting young people with fewer opportunities has long been a pillar of the European Union's work in the youth field, notably through project funding for organisations working in this area. Between 2007 and 2013, the EU Youth in Action programme reached successful results as regards social inclusion and the current Erasmus+ programme aims to achieve even greater impact in targeting young people with fewer opportunities and to ensure that it responds positively to diversity in the field of Youth. Read more about the programme at [www.movit.si](http://www.movit.si).

**Please mark your interest in participating in the lecture by 20<sup>th</sup> of March 2018 at the latest through the [online application form](#).**

The lecture will be held in English, translation will not be provided.

*We are very happy to be able to organise this event and we are grateful to prof. Tomaž Deželan, Ph. D., from the University of Ljubljana for connecting us with the guest and to the Representation of the European Commission for hosting us in their premises.*