“YMCA: Youth Mix Culture Adventure”

Training course on intercultural competence development of youth workers, youth leaders in order to run local youth work activities and youth exchanges with involvement of refugees, migrants and foreign young people

02-10 December 2017, Sfantu Gheorghe, Romania

Our training Course is aimed at developing and improving the intercultural competences of youth workers, youth leaders in order to become able to prepare, run and evaluate high quality youth work activities according to the principles of intercultural education. We live in multicultural, cross-cultural and intercultural societies. Our local communities are not homogeneous anymore thanks to the free European mobility, the open borders and markets for European citizens, and hosting refugees and migrants from other parts of the world. It is not all the time easy to handle intercultural challenges, to understand the communication codes of different culturality young people, to treat appropriately diverse values, norms and schemes on intercultural behaviours, to face with stereotypes and prejudices coming from young people towards each other without really knowing what they are afraid of and why they become more and more xenophobic. Feeling in our skins, we need to improve our youth work competences through intercultural education in order to be able offering such types of youth work activities locally and European level where young people with different cultural background can cooperate together and handle their cultural diversity as added value of their common activities.

General objectives of the training course are:

✓ to train youth workers, youth leaders to be able to work with different culturality young people, e.g. refugees, migrants, foreign kids or young people coming home from other countries and build up a successful intercultural team locally and European level

✓ To recognise stereotypes, prejudices and prevent or stop social stigmatisation of young people with different cultural background. By using appropriate intercultural communication, being able to understand the communication and behavioural norms, schemes and forms of young people with different cultural background.

The methodology of the training course:

Generally, the working methods will be rather non-formal and participative. Methods planned to use e.g. individual work, pair work, organisational work, mixed group work, field activity, light theatre method, theatre of oppressed, Dixit card exercise, montages, interviews, statutes, debate, aquarium discussion, etc. E-booklet on youth work goes intercultural for public use.
Applicant organization:

Asociatia Clubul Tinerilor din Sfantu Gheorghe – Sepsiszentgyörgyi Ifjúsági Klub

Clubul Tinerilor din Sfantu Gheorghe (Youth Club of Saint George) is an organisation founded in 2007 and legally registered in 2008. Our main aims are to inform and train youngsters, to promote voluntarism and to realize local and international youth projects. Our NGO is organizing regular handicraft and freetime activities for a group of 30 volunteers, most of them youngsters. We have organized also major events like the Youht Festival, a contest for the youth NGO’s from our county where more than 100 youngsters competed and shared expereriences. Our organization is also involved in green projects in our town, we are working together with 77. Bora Istvan scout team in this field. We have international experience as we have participated in several youth exchanges and trainings under the Youth In Action and Erasmus+ program. We also organized a ‘3R-Reduce, Reuse, Recycle -youth exchange on ecological issues, a 4.3 training called ‘Triple C: Cultures-Communication-Cooperation’ and for discussing Roma issues we had a ‘Roma World’ partnership building seminar and an EUROMA Cafeteria training course in our town. We are accredited for sending and hosting EVS volunteers. We already were the coordinator and host of some EVS projects (Behind the Wall, VIP Voluntarism in Promotion, with all Colours EVS Rainbow, With all Colours EVS Rainbow 2) and we have sent several volunteers abroad (Youth Voice for Society, Mobile Youth Work, The Trainers and Leaders of Future). We have activities, such as EVS Caravan, Human Library, Volunteers Caravan for promoting voluntarism and inform youngsters about the possibilities to go abroad for a youth exchange, training or EVS. We are also organizing volunteer management trainings for the other associations from our region. We have time management, teambuilding, conflict management trainings as well. Every year we are organizing the Volunteers Ball, where we gather together the volunteers and associations from our region to appreciate their voluntary job. The members of our association are young professionals (sociologist, social workers, economists, teachers, psychologist, and youth workers) with several years of experience in the youth field (having been members and leaders of other organizations).

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Who can participate in the training course?

- Youth workers, youth leaders who directly work with young people with different cultural backgrounds e.g. refugees, migrants, foreign kids, young people coming home from other countries, minorities, Roma young people, etc.
- Youth workers, youth leaders who have already run at least one international youth project experience, preferably youth exchange, or were already group leaders in youth exchange;
- Having organisational support to further cooperation;
- Open to recognise own stereotypes and prejudices and work on these;
- Willing to adapt intercultural education into their youth work realities based on the needs of their target groups;
- Ready to take part in the whole project;
- To be able to communicate English language.

Preliminary programme:

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<td>Registration and accommodation</td>
<td>Official opening of the training course</td>
<td>Cultural identity</td>
<td>Working with different intercultural teams using cooperative learning techniques</td>
<td>Values, Norms and Emotions</td>
<td>Developmental model of intercultural sensitiveness</td>
<td>Stereotypes and prejudices: where the perceptions come from?</td>
<td>Partnership through Erasmus+ programme</td>
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<td>Coffee break</td>
<td>Getting to know each other</td>
<td>Multicultural – intercultural</td>
<td>Role of youth workers, youth leaders</td>
<td>Description, explanation, assessment</td>
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<td>Welcome to the participants</td>
<td>Aim and objectives of the TC Programme and methods of the TC Learning needs Erasmus+ programme and Youthpass intro</td>
<td>Stereotypes – prejudices – discrimination</td>
<td>Working with refugees, migrants, foreign, or young people coming home from different countries: intercultural challenges prevention strategies</td>
<td>Free afternoon</td>
<td>Cultural challenges working in intercultural teams</td>
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Participating organizations: YOPA - Fiatalok az Állampolgári Részvételért Közhasznú Egyesület - Hungary, Hellenic Youth Participation - Greece, Ticket2Europe - Spain, Genclik ve Degisim Dernegi - Turkey, Continuous Action - Estonia, JumpIn - Italy, ASSOCIATION MIGRATION SOLIDARITE ET ECHANGE POUR LE DEVELOPPEMENT – France, DRH Norway – Norway, Active Youth – Malta, Youth Club BRECLAV – Czech Republic, A.A.C. "Žēlsirdības māja“ – Latvia and Asociatia Tinerilor din Sfantu Gheorghe - Romania

Financial conditions

The food and accommodation will be provided and paid by the organizers during the project. The travel costs are limited, the Lump Sums are defined according to the distance band used by the ErasmusPlus Programme:

- Hungary – 180 EUR/participants
- Czech Republic – 275 EUR/participants
- Spain – 360 EUR/participants
- Latvia – 275 EUR/participants
- Malta – 275 EUR/participants
- Greece – 275 EUR/participants
- Turkey – 275 EUR/participants
- Norway – 275 EUR/participants
- Italy – 275 EUR/participants
- Estonia – 275 EUR/participants
- France – 275 EUR/participants

Travels costs will be reimbursed by bank transfer through the sending organizations AFTER the seminar.

Accommodation

The training course will be hosted in the Green Hostel, which is situated in the centre of Sfantu Gheorghe. 3-4 participants are going to be accommodated in one room, and will share bathroom. The food will be provided by the closest restaurant of the Hotel Park. The training will
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be held in the conference room of the Hotel Park. The Green Hostel and Hotel Park it is around 50-100 m far from each other.

For more information about the hostel: https://www.booking.com/hotel/ro/green-hostel.ro.html

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Greetings,

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