

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS



We are inviting you to apply for our upcoming project

"Solidarity Architects; Youth deconstructing walls of exclusion!"

a project made in cooperation between CULTURE GOES EUROPE - Soziokulturelle Initiative Erfurt e.V. (Germany), Volonterski centar Vojvodine (Serbia), Peace Action (Macedonia) and Utilapu Halozat (Hungary).

The project is realised with the support of the ERASMUS+ and Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport - Thüringen.



This project will be realised through two activities:

Youth Exchange I which will take place between 19.11 - 27.11.2017 in Hütten, Germany

Youth Exchange II which will take place in April, 2018 in Serbia

This call is open for participants who are residents of Germany, Hungary, Macedonia and Serbia.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

During the last few years we have been facing a serious humanitarian crisis which is taking away lives, homes, human dignity and questioning democratic values we believe in. Out of the fear from other people new fences and walls are built, people are dying of cold in front of door steps and human lives are not valued.

Under the pressure of media, negative stories, fear and other demotivating influences we often find ourselves in a very passive position and without a clear picture where and how to start influencing and changing things we disagree with. In the surge of such a vast and overwhelming crisis we are unable to see the value and significance of small scale actions.

This project will tackle the topic of solidarity and deal with the actions of solidarity by addressing the current refugee crisis in Europe. We believe that it is very important to find our motivation to start small scale actions within our local communities.

Since the main topic addressed through this project will be solidarity and actions of solidarity as a resistance to indifference, apathy and insufficient policy responses to humanitarian crisis of our time, we will put emphasis on the importance of taking responsibility over shaping and creating own surroundings, societies.

Thematic concepts of YE 1 and YE 2:

During the first YE (in Germany) in particular, we will dig into the reality of WWII through lenses of displacement, exclusion and solidarity actions. In particular, by using the storytelling, video testimonies and experiential learning, we'll try to understand how common people responded to the prosecution and captivity of those who were seen as the outcast of society. How the two realities, reality of concentration camps and life outside of the walls could co-exist.

By using the methods of social positioning in the context of refugee crisis (on local, national and European level) and examining the characteristics of active citizenship we will try to provoke critical thinking and engage in experiential learning activities. We will examine the obstacles towards altruistic action and at the same time explore the dimensions of solidarity and personal responsibility.

The second YE (in Serbia) will focus on the practical aspects of solidarity. The participants will be introduced with various activist approaches to the crisis, their pros and cons and impact on the refugees and host societies. We will exchange the insights into significant movements within own countries and Europe, and solidarity practices initiated by civil society. By the end of YE, we will be equip ourselves with a set of tools which will be applicable on a local level and enable us to act upon the return to home countries/places. During this YE we will develop idea for follow up solidarity actions which will be implemented by participants once they are back in their local communities.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Anyone who is between 18 and 30 years old and who is resident of Germany, Hungary, Macedonia or Serbia. All workshops will be conducted in the English, therefore participants should have solid language skills. Ideally, participants should be able to attend both youth exchanges.

IMPORTANT: Participants should be highly interested in the topic and willing to implement follow-up actions in their local communities.

We are looking for 6 participants from each partner country.

VENUE

The first youth exchange will take place in Hütten, Germany. Hütten is a small city located in a German state of Thuringia.

The youth centre where we will be accommodated is surrounded by nature and offers all necessary facilities for work & fun. You can find out more about it here: <http://www.bildungswerk-blitz.de/projekte/jugendbildungsstaette-huetten/willkommen/das-haus/>

The food served will be vegetarian.

COSTS

Accommodation and food will be provided by the organisers for the whole duration of the exchange.

Travel costs will be covered based on the country you are coming from;

Germany – 20,00 EUR

Hungary – 275,00 EUR

Macedonia – 275,00 EUR

Serbia - 275,00 EUR

HOW TO APPLY

In order to apply please fill in this application form: <https://goo.gl/forms/eRwMLWPMSVYdHHx62>

Deadline: 28.10.2017

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