



CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS for International Training Course

"Migrants, Minorities in EUrope"



Date: 11th - 19th August 2016

Venue: Struga, Macedonia

Context of the training course

This TC addresses the question how a conceptual re-framing of challenging anti-discrimination against European minorities as a key competence of European citizens can impact civic education, solidarity and social inclusion.

It aims to raise the awareness and critical thinking of young European citizens and also about racism and discrimination and its historical roots in Europe as well as to strengthen their capacity as youth activists and educators to rum education activities.

The issue of marginalization, social exclusion and loosing origin cultural identity of European minorities but also about good examples of protecting minority rights all over Europe using the theatre as a tool, will be tackled. Through the methods of forum theatre this TC will encourage young people's awareness and commitment to tackle these issues for a more inclusive, diverse and tolerant society. In this context, special emphasis will be placed in particular on the exchange about the minority rights situation in different European countries and about cultural awareness of their own identity.

Objectives:

- To gain theatre skills necessary for understanding needs of socially excluded and marginalized young people such as: minorities, migrants, asylum seekers, refugees, Roma;
- To give information about important forms of exclusion with the explicit aim of breaking negative stereotypes against minorities;
- To experience human rights and social inclusion education activities and explore how to adapt them at local context;
- To motivate and encourage the young people to act as multipliers and promote initiatives that would foster inclusion of marginalized groups and also to improve proudness of a personal cultural identity;
- To share knowledge and experiences on challenges to combat marginalization and social exclusion faced by young people from marginalized European minority communities.

The methodology

The training course will equip participants with specific methodology Forum Theater which is very incentive and attractive. The context of the real situation on the ground with the minority members in different EU counties will be addressed in a creative way. The method can reach many young people both minority members and non-minority members.

The TC using forum theater method tends towards:

- Active participation and involvement of minority and migrant groups and communities across Europe, in particular of young people and those communities that are at a greater disadvantage or have less possibilities of access to their rights;
- Understanding and respect of cultural and religious diversity as the basis for inter-cultural exchange and cooperation across Europe, including its spiritual dimension and inter-religious dialogue;
- Responsibility and solidarity among minority and migrant communities and among minorities and 'majorities' as the basis for further social cohesion and addressing multiple forms of discrimination;
- Awareness and empowerment of groups and individuals as a way to promote and safeguard the human rights of everyone.

Who can apply???

All interested, creative young people/youth workers from:

Portugal;
Italy;
Greece;
Czech;
Lithuania;
Croatia;
Poland;
Bulgaria;
Romania;
UK.

All interested applicants must to fill out the online **Application form**, the latest 8th July 2016.

Selection process

All the applicants will be informed by **13**th **July 2016** by e-mail.

Costs and Accommodation

Participation fee: 25 EUR

The hosting organization will cover full board and lodging costs, and travel costs, after providing original invoices, tickets, boarding passes.

The reimbursement will be done accordingly to EU distance calculator.

http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance en.htm

Portugal (360 EUR)
 Italy (275 EUR)
 Greece (275 EUR)
 Czech (275 EUR)
 Lithuania (360 EUR)
 Croatia (275 EUR)
 Bulgaria (180 EUR)
 Romania (275 EUR)
 UK (360 EUR)

If you have question related to the TC, please feel free to contact us on: tcmigrantsminorities@gmail.com

Good Luck @