

PARTNERSHIP BUILDING ACTIVITY
12th to 17th of September 2017
VILA DA MARMELEIRA - PORTUGAL

MAKE THE MOVE IV

We hear it often ...youth exchanges change young people's life! And yes ... they do indeed. It is not only a great and fun project, but if done well ... especially rich in learning for all those involved! Youth Exchanges have played a very important role in the past years and remain a cornerstone in the mobility programmes of the European Commission for the coming years. The launching of the Programme Erasmus + also underlines the importance of such Youth Exchanges as a powerful tool for young people to empower themselves and to grow towards active citizens of their own community up to European and global level.

The Bureau International Jeunesse and the National Agency of Portugal for the Erasmus+: Youth in Action programme launch therefore this Partnership Building Activity (=PBA), with a clear focus on increasing the cooperation between NGO's and groups in order to develop quality Youth Exchanges in the frame of the European Programme Erasmus +: Youth in Action, and this with a particular focus on social inclusion.

CONTEXT

Over the past years, many youth exchange projects have been developed and run between organisations from different countries. An exciting and challenging intercultural encounter! In order to strengthen the partnerships and especially the quality of these projects, this partnership building activity aims to provide the needed support and training elements for the participants who intend to organise such a youth exchange in the near future. Besides creating the opportunity for participants to create strong partnerships, we also wish to offer a real intercultural experience, as an inspirational example for future youth exchange implementations.

This ***"MAKE THE MOVE IV"*** will therefore take place in a rural village in the centre of Portugal, 'Vila da Marmeleira', which has around 300 habitants living there. Over the past 5 years, different international activities (including YiA projects) have been implemented in this community, offering a win-win situation for all involved - local development and change for local people through their involvement in the activities and a deep intercultural experience for the participants. Besides the pedagogical outcomes of the international activities (e.g. training course, seminar, workcamp), the different projects have left their mark on the community. A local impact and international footprint have been left behind.

Beginning of 2017, this village received an important award for their educational community process of the past years: the first 'Rural Centre of Non Formal Education'. This model is now being transferred to other regions in Portugal and abroad.



This village seems to us an ideal setting to organize again this PBA *“MAKE THE MOVE IV”*, focusing on the following aspects:

- Young people as actors in the different steps of a youth exchange, supported and coached by youth workers.
- The local community as the integral supporting structure of a youth exchange.
- The impact and permanent mark on a local community as a result of a youth exchange.

The above features will not only be discussed and analysed, but will also be based upon real practical experience during the Partnership Building Activity.

AIMS & OBJECTIVES

- To create an opportunity to find good and reliable partners to make youth exchanges with
- To understand what is needed to plan a youth exchange of good quality
- To create a solid network of contacts and partnerships
- To equip the youth workers with insight in their role as coach and support
- To experience the possibilities of local involvement
- To understand the impact and social change a youth exchange can have within the local community

TARGET GROUP

The partner building activity is open for **voluntary and professional youth workers, working directly with young people, and plan to organise a youth exchange within the frame of the Erasmus+: Youth in Action Programme**. Max 40 participants from **Geographical Europe (Programme countries + Balkans and Eastern Europe and Caucasus)**.

Priority will be given to participants from organisations or groups working on social inclusion of young people

Participants should be **at least 18 years old**.

Be aware that this Partner Building Activity will be in **English**. The team can give extra language support in French, Portuguese, and Dutch when necessary and really needed.

Participants are expected to be part of the full duration of the Partnership Building Activity. All board and lodging is foreseen from Tuesday 12th of September dinner time, till after breakfast on Sunday 17th of September 2017.

TRAINERS TEAM FOR *“MAKE THE MOVE IV”*



Bernard Moreau (Belgium)



Jo Claeys (Portugal)

<http://trainers.salto-youth.net/JoClaeys/>

BOARD & LODGING

You will be hosted in smaller houses inside the village, near to the very centre. Each house will have place for approximately 6 to 12 participants, in single, twin and multiple rooms. Bed sheets, towels and shampoo are provided.

You'll be living this week as if you were ... full inhabitants of the village!

Breakfast will take place in the very central & traditional café on the central square, a daily meeting point for all the habitants. Lunch and dinner will happen in the local restaurant and on one evening in 10 different families. Coffee breaks are catered by the local café.



The final event will be a public event, being that this PBA is not a closed happening, but is intended to offer as well the participants as the local population a REAL experience of mutual intercultural learning. Besides this, several activities are planned to get in deeper touch with Portuguese customs, habits and traditions (e.g. wine grape harvesting)

HOW TO TRAVEL

The very best for you would be to travel to **AIRPORT LISBON**.

On the 12th of September, there will be a bus picking up all the participants at 17h00 at the airport exit and bringing you straight to Vila da Marmeleira.

Location of Vila da Marmeleira, between the cities Santarém and Rio Maior. Approximately 80 km north of Lisbon, and about 220km south of Porto.



Travelling back: please do not book your return flight before 11h00 in the morning on the 17th of September.