

MAKING THE DIFFERENCE

Partnership Building Activity

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS FOR YOUTHEXCHANGES WITH A FOCUS ON NORTH – SOUTH PARTNERSHIPS

21st – 26th of April 2020, Santarem & Vila da Marmeleira, Portugal

	Tuesday 21/04	Wednesday 22/04	Thursday 23/04	Friday 24/04	Saturday 25/04	
<i>Where</i>	<i>Santarém</i>	<i>Vila da Marmeleira (organised bus)</i>	<i>Santarém</i>	<i>Santarém</i>	<i>Vila da Marmeleira (organised bus)</i>	
9h30	Arrival participants	Get to know each other	Youth exchange and local impact/involvement: how can this go together Quality criteria of a youth exchange	Project building with ongoing coaching of the groups	Presentations of results in plenary: feedback phase	
10h40		<i>Break</i>		<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>	
11h10		Get to know each other	Project building interspersed with small input sessions	Presentations of results in plenary: feedback phase Unfinished business		
12h30		<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	
14h00		Erasmus+: the follow up of YiA as a programme AND a tool!	Partnerships: how and why	Project building: supported by coach	Debriefing local event Final evaluation	
15h30		<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>	
16h00		Welcome practicalities	The role of your organisation in society: local and global	Partner building	Project building: concrete action plans	Free time in the village
17h20				Creating groups of common interest around themes & topics, based on needs and expectations		
19h00	<i>Dinner</i>	<i>International dinner with local families (from 19h30)</i>	<i>Dinner</i>	<i>Dinner</i>	<i>Closure public event combined with international evening</i>	
20h30	International organisation fair		Free time for bonding	Free time for bonding		

INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION FAIR: please bring along information on your organisation, previous projects (if any), visual materials etc. in order to create a clear visual presentation of your organisation which remains for the whole event.

2 INTERNATIONAL EVENINGS IN THE VILLAGE: on the Wednesday evening, participants will be divided in smaller groups and hosted for a 'Portuguese dinner' by different local families. The last evening, the snacks and drinks from the present countries in the PBA will be part of the final public event to be shared with the local community. This last day is also a national important day: the day of the Revolution ... the day of 'making the difference'!

PROJECT BUILDING: smaller groups start the concrete work on building a project(s), interspersed with short lectures and mini workshops on different topics.

Please note that this general programme overview can undergo slight changes according to further preparations with the local reality.

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WHY A PARTNERSHIP BUILDING ACTIVITY ... FOCUSING ON YOUTH EXCHANGES!?

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 and empowering 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 Programme **Erasmus+: Youth in Action** 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 National Agency of Norway and 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 from Northern and Southern Europe. **"MAKING THE DIFFERENCE 6"** aims therefore also to connect the young people from both corners of Europe, particularly with the age range 15-20 years old.

The 6th edition of this successful PBA will take place in a rural village in the centre of Portugal: 'Vila da Marmeleira' with about 350 habitants, combined with lodging in the nearby city Santarém. Hereby offering additionally both a rural and urban dimension. Over the past years, different international activities (including YiA) have been introduced in this community, offering a win-win situation for all involved. Local development/change through their involvement in the activities and a deep intercultural experience for the participants placed on the foreground. The community project 'Rural Centre of Non Formal Education' is in charge of practical organisation of this PBA. This village seems to us a perfect setting to organize this Partnership Building Activity **"MAKING THE DIFFERENCE"**, where **NORTH MEETS SOUTH ...and the other WAY AROUND ...**

TARGET GROUP

- ➔ Max. 30 participants from **NORWAY, PORTUGAL AND COUNTRIES FROM NORTH & SOUTH OF EUROPE**
- ➔ Being able to use English as working language
- ➔ Having a true and real interest in establishing partnerships
- ➔ Youth workers and youth leaders who can represent their youth group's interest
- ➔ This Partnership Building Activity is also open for youth workers and leaders who wish to start with youth exchanges in their organization or group.

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 networks 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.

DURATION

Participants are expected to be part of the full duration of the Partnership Building Activity. All board and lodging is foreseen from Tuesday 21st of April dinner time, till after breakfast on Sunday 26th of April 2020.

After selection, more concrete info will be provided on how to get to the venue.

TRAINERS' TEAM

The PBA “Making the Difference 6” will be facilitated by the pedagogical team of the Rural Centre of Non Formal Education. For any additional information (also logistic), don't hesitate to contact:

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