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Keeping Democracy Alive –Information for participants

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Description

We believe that each new young generation holds the key to co-create a better world. With fresh innovative ideas, perspectives and an tremendous need for (online) connection, the current generation of young people are extremely promising to be part of the community. With the project **Keeping Democracy Alive!** we aim to improve the capability of young people to participate in our society and give tools to our organisations to make it in the best way.

At the start of the project there will be a Youth Exchange that will give the you the tools to find your way into participating in society, besides that you will create a method(s) to get other youngster enthusiastic about actively participating in society. Since our tagline is; "Think globally, act locally" you will be challenged to implement this method in their local reality after their arrival back home, which also includes practicing their skills and sharing the knowledges they gained during the Youth Exchange.

KDA is an international programme which allows you to learn with and from your peers from five different countries; **Italy, The Netherlands, Spain, Romania and Finland.** The youth exchange takes place in Spain and offers place for 5/6 participants per country. At the end 35 people could share experiences and learn about active participation in a multi-cultural environment.

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In this infopack you will find more information about the programme and the programme flow, the objectives of the participant and what you can expect to learn. Also the participant profile, the practical arrangements and all dates will become clear!

Objectives of the youth exchange

- Develop a personal awareness of cultural differences among peers and the larger community
- Gain the ability to cooperate in an intercultural team and to speak publicly
- Understand and define the meaning of “Democracy” and “Active participation”
- Understand that they have power to make a change in democratic life
- Be stimulated to raise questions, develop standpoints and negotiate them with others
- Achieve a personal political awareness and to articulate personal values
- Get familiar with strategies, methods and activities to take part in democratic life
- Have better team-working skills
- Learn from local examples of participation in democratic life in the city where the exchange will be hosted, this will represent a first chance to notice what they can actually do
- Better understand and trust in youth potential in change-making
- Develop citizenship awareness
- Be ready to apply and spread what they have learnt

What to expect

- During the youth exchange you will be able to think about the meaning of Democracy and share knowledge, tools and way to participate in our local community. You can for example learn to facilitate non-formal-learning activities, work on group dynamics or be in the lead for all reflection activities. Your team of participants is supported by a social worker and by the host team that is responsible for the logistics/venue/kitchen/etc.
- And we are open to all your ideas that can contribute to a grand programme! So if you for example need to do research or develop specific competences for your formal education don’t hesitate to tell group leaders and we can possibly integrate this in the programme.



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Programme flow

Advance Planning Visit & Youth Exchange

Planned dates Advance Planning Visit: 7th - 10th October 2016 (only 1 participant per country)
Planned dates YE: 18th- 27th November 2016
Local event: each national group will have to plan a local event after their participation in the youth exchange.

Both activities will be in Spain!

To be expected: is a training course in which you can improve your trainers/facilitators skills in different methodologies that can improve young people's participation in Democratic life. This training course is expected to take place in March 2017 in The Netherlands. As participant of the KDA youth exchange you will get the first option to apply for this TC.

Practicalities

- Food and shelter ;) will be covered 100%;
- Your travel costs will be reimbursed according to the new Erasmus+ funding rules (booking fast usually means no extra travel costs);
- We provide coaching and support throughout the entire programme;
- We have a participation fee of (depends on your sending organisation but at least 25),- euro's in total for the programme. This amount will be deducted from your travel reimbursement.
- If you are interested, please fill in the questionnaire with your motivation via



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Participant profile

- You are between the age of 18-26 and in one way or the other involved and/or interested in active citizenship
- You have at least a basic level of English;
- You are motivated to implement the gained competences in favor of your community and beyond.

Partner organizations for this project

- Associazione Le Città Possibili– Italy
- RanuaKunta – Finland
- Europimpulse – Spain
- Asociatia Young Initiative Romania
- The Youth Company – The Netherlands

Contact information

This super awesome programme is an initiative of Fleurtje (NL) Giovanni (IT) Rosella (ES) Fransesca (IT) & Simona (RO). This young team is supported by Europimpulse from Spain and The Youth Company from The Netherlands.

Please contact your national representative with all your questions. You can also email to info@theyouthcompany.nl

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