

Open To Europe, Change The World

Youth exchange

2019.08.10-19



Project "Open To Europe, Change The World"

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ABOUT THE PROJECT

The project "Open to Europe, Change the World" was created by young people actively working in our Foundation and young people operating at partner organizations. Its main goals are:

- promotion of the Erasmus+ programme among young people
- activation of young people operating in our organization and partner organizations
- instilling in the project participants the idea of citizenship and European society
- creating a professional video promoting the Erasmus+ programme addressed to young people, which will be sent to all our partners.

The objectives of the project and the idea were created on the basis of observation of the youth operating in our organization. They noticed that motivation to work and further development, their peers who took part in various types of activities and projects, drops very quickly. Another observation that drew the attention of the initiators of the project is that, despite the fact that their peers have knowledge about programs and projects under the Erasmus+ programme, they do not show willingness to participate in them. The originators of the project came to the conclusion that the above-mentioned passivity and lack of motivation to take action towards personal development result directly from the lack of a sense of deeper ideas behind such activities. They also came to the conclusion that nowadays young people are experiencing a crisis of authorities and ideals, because of this they are becoming less socially active and passive. The project is designed to instill values that will motivate young people to continue their development in such a way that future activities undertaken by them flow from their internal need.

During the project there will be organized 3 youth exchanges which will take place in Poronin, Murzasichle and Zakopane, Poland. The second exchange will take place in Poronin 10-19.08.2019, in which participants from Poland, Croatia, Greece and Lithuania will take part. There will be 40 young people attending the exchange! They will learn history, tradition, customs and national languages, and the realities of everyday life in individual countries, deepen the knowledge of the project topic through non-formal education and sharing good practice. All workshops will be conducted with the rules of nonformal education, which will additionally support the learning process.

All competences and skills acquired by the participants will be confirmed by the internal certificate of our Foundation and the Youthpass certificate.



YOUTH EXCHANGE

WHERE

The youth exchange will be held in Poronin, a beautiful town near Zakopane, which has one of the greatest views to Tatra mountains.

WHEN

Between 10 and 19 of August, 2019. You will experience a real Polish summer :)

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

Lithuania, Croatia, Greece and Poland. It's a great opportunity to make friends around the world!

CONTACT WITH THE ORGANIZERS

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Project group on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2443975222488737/>, or type "Open To Europe, Change The World - youth exchange 1" in the search field.

NATIONAL GROUPS:

9 participants from 18 to 30 years old + 1 leader (18+) from each country.

THE EXCHANGE IS FOR YOU IF:

- you are between 18 and 30 years old (if you are 30+, please contact your organization, you might be a group leader then);
- you are a resident of Lithuania, Croatia, Greece or Poland;
- interested in such topics as Erasmus+, European citizenship, multiculturality;
- you are active and willing to learn, eager to participate in the workshops and classes.



DRAFT PROGRAM

10.07

Arrivals in Poronin
Introduction
Fears, Hopes and Expectations session
Youthpass session
Free evening

11.08

Name games
Team building activities
Introduction
Tasks list, contract
City game
Welcome party

12.08

NGO's market
Oxford debates "Intercultural education and participation in EU programs"
Charades connected to EU
National evening 1

13.08

Energizers
Teambuilding games
"Do you know me?" - creating an educational card game with about EU
National evening 2

14.08

Energizers
Familiarization with graphic programs to create our outlines
Workshops "How to prepare a good outline"
National evening 3

15.08

Workshops "Faces of the European Union - the migration crisis and its impact on our society"
Ideas market "What actions we can take to contribute to the integration of young people in Europe"

16.08

Trip to Zakopane
Meeting local volunteers
Visiting Tatra National Park Museum
Brainstorming and discussions about outlines

17.08

Creating outlines
Working together on the created material
National evening 4

18.08

Discussion of the results created
Discussions on the implementation of our exchange
"Open Space" session

19.08

Project summary
Youthpass ceremony
End of the exchange



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PREPARATION FOR THE EXCHANGE

EACH NATIONAL GROUP MUST PREPARE THESE THINGS BEFORE ARRIVING TO PORONIN:

- prepare for your national evening. During this evening each national group presents their culture, history, traditions, songs, dances, interesting facts etc. In other words, feel free to share with us anything you like about your country, we are super excited to hear/see/taste that! Don't forget to bring some traditional food for the participants to try :) You can grab some brochures, leaflets etc from your local Tourist Point.
- prepare a presentation about your sending organization (NGO's market). You can make a powerpoint presentation, shoot a video, create a song or a play etc. Feel free to use your imagination :)
- organize and attend 1 preparational meeting with your national group. During this meeting you will be able to get to know each other, organize your national evening and the workshops. Don't forget to take lots and lots of pictures!
- prepare and carry out a survey connected European Union, Erasmus+ and young people's knowledge about these topics.
- prepare 3 energizers and / or team building games which you will run during the workshops.
- prepare the workshops:
LITHUANIAN TEAM :
 - Oxford debates "Intercultural education and participation in EU programs"**CROATIAN TEAM:**
 - Workshops "How to prepare a good outline"**GREEK TEAM:**
 - Workshops "Faces of the European Union - the migration crisis and its impact on our society"**POLISH TEAM:**
 - Ideas market "What actions we can take to contribute to the integration of young people in Europe"

Each workshop must take around 2 hours and be consistent with the non-formal education rules.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

ACCOMMODATION

Kompleks Wczasowo Wypoczynkowy

<http://ugoralki.com.pl/>

You will be accommodated in a hotel, sharing a room with 2-4 beds. Every room has a shower, hot water and Wi-Fi. The canteen and the workshop room is in a nearby building 50m away from our hotel. **Bring your own towels!** Please make sure that you write your food preferences in the application form.

TRANSPORT

Travel day to Murzasichle - 10th of August, 2019. If you are planning to arrive in the evening, please keep in mind that dinner is at 8 PM. If you come later, we will get you same cold snacks.

Travel day from Murzasichle - 19th of August, 2019.

If you are travelling by plane, the nearest airport is in Kraków (Balice). You have to get from the airport to the bus station and catch a bus to Zakopane. It costs about 15/30 zł (4/8 EU). The first bus Kraków - Zakopane is at 4:40 AM. The last bus leaves 22:25 PM. Another option is to fly to Warsaw (Chopin or Modlin) and to get a bus to Zakopane (the trip takes about 7 hours one way). You will have to catch a bus which goes from Zakopane to Murzasichle (it costs about 10zł and takes 15-20min). If you have any problems traveling, don't hesitate to call us +48889744424. We can help you with the details includint talking to the bus drivers :)

TRAVEL COSTS

Important!!! Before buying the tickets, please contact us via facebook, email, phone, pigeon post etc and consult your way of traveling and the cost of the tickets.

According to the rules of Erasmus+, the organizers will reimburse 100% of participants' travel costs (as long as you use the cheapest ways of traveling; no business class flights or taxi) within the limits set by Erasmus+ programme upon presenting of the original tickets, invoices, boarding passes as well as confirmations from the credit card / bank account.



TRAVEL INSURANCE

Every participant must have European Health Insurance Card. Usually you get it free of charge and it is valid in the whole European Union.

The organizers will additionally provide the accidents insurance for all participants and leaders during the youth exchange (10-19.07.2019).

WHAT WILL I NEED IN PORONIN?

Everybody:

- we suggest to take a warmer jacket because the temperature during the night might be around 10 degrees;
- a digital camera (if you have one);
- a laptop;
- personal stuff (including a toothbrush and a towel);
- outdoor sport clothes;
- sturdy shoes that are comfortable during a longer walk;
- medicines (if you need them)
- all the original tickets, invoices, receipts, boarding passes, confirmations from the credit card / bank account;
- European health insurance card;
- smile, creativity, good mood and energy to work and learn :)

Per each group:

- a pendrive with your national music and favorite songs (we will listen to them between workshops);
- materials for your national evening;
- prepared activities, workshops and presentations.

TO DO LIST

- Read the infopack carefully. In case you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask us!
- Plan your travel, inform as and wait to be confirmed before buying the tickets.
- Prepare for your national evening. You can make a presentation, a funny quiz, show videos, teach a national dance or a song, bring some food and drinks.
- Be active before the exchange. We will be posting some information in our Facebook group. Please read it carefully and do all the preparatory activities connected to them.





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HOW TO SURVIVE IN POLAND

SAFETY

Poland is as safe as any other European country. It is not dangerous for tourists. Economic situation is stable and the country is not a target for worldwide terrorism. In general, people are friendly and welcoming. The really basic rule to be applied when travelling is to obey general regulations and use a certain amount of common sense. Special care should be taken of your belongings in crowded places as pick-pocketing occurs in popular tourist destinations, train stations, buses, museums, etc. Don't leave your belongings unattended while travelling by bus, train or tram.

MONEY

Our currency is Polish zloty (zl, PLN). In most places it is impossible to pay with euro or US dollars. Only some hotels and few shopping malls would accept euro. There are numerous ATM's in larger towns (there is one in Poronin) so you won't have any problems with finding one and drawing Polish money. The other option is to use exchange offices. Majority of shops and restaurants accept credit cards. The most popular are VISA, MasterCard and Maestro. American Express and Diners may not be accepted. Do not bring traveller's cheques as they are not accepted.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

English language has been commonly taught in Polish schools for many years and majority of people, especially in tourist sites, speak English better or worse. You should have no problems with communicating in English, especially with young people. Our guides speak fluent English and drivers have at least basic knowledge of the language.

WHAT TO BRING

You should be aware that most of our tours involve quite a lot of walking so bringing a pair of comfortable shoes will be strongly recommended. The type of clothes to take depends on the time of your travel. Anyway, the weather in Poland can be a bit fitful so you should also bring some warmer clothes as well as a raincoat.





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**If you have any questions,
thoughts to share or need
any help, contact us :)**

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