

INVITATION TO

The Youth Exchange

Recycling Art, Recycling Life

Loisy, France

DATE: 12-20 April 2017 (12st is arrival day, 20th morning is departure)

Please, confirm your arrival/departure dates before booking the tickets!

VENUE: Loisy, France

WORKING LANGUAGE: English (but it's also not a problem if you or someone of your group doesn't speak it)

PARTICIPANTS: 8 participants (16-30)

COUNTRIES:

- France
- Estonia
- Poland
- Italy
- Spain



SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT:

The project topic came as a follow-up of a previously successfully organised project about the same topic. from the initiative of young people from our organization and our partner organisations. "Recycling Art, Recycling Life" is a follow-up of our previous project, built up as a completely new youth exchange that will bring together 40 young people from 5 countries: France, Spain, Estonia, Italy and Poland. The youth exchange will use the positive points from the previous experience as well as will correct the mistakes of it in order to bring new young people, who have not been connected to this topic yet to the exchange place near Metz in France.

During the exchange, the present young people will be able to come up with creative and innovative strategies to reduce, reuse and recycle waste and rubbish. They will not only try to change the image of rubbish & waste in a society, but will also aim to give rubbish new positive meaning. This topic of the project and its implementation is particularly important in some of the partner countries where waste management and generally environmental problems are a big issue. Recycling is not very widespread and it does not have the same social meaning across all the EU countries. The main objective of this project is to tackle this problem among young people and promote recycling.

This youth exchange will offer the participants opportunity to learn and discuss traditional ways of thinking about rubbish and how the rubbish is recycled, reused and reduced. Pictures of rubbish that describe its traditional image will be taken. This will be followed by creative workshops that will come up with new meanings and uses of rubbish and also some of the workshops will aim to produce practical and artistic artifacts out of the rubbish. We will photograph it and compare with the traditional uses. A day in the city will be organized so the participants will spread the new understanding of what rubbish is and could be. They will present their works to the local community, display contrasting pictures of traditional and newly created meaning of rubbish as well as run games and competitions and award winners with some of their works.

The exchange will also develop their intercultural skills and will give them better understanding of other European countries.

It will prepare participants to be active European citizens, who understand their rights and duties and can be in charge of green societal change. It will develop their creativity and sense of entrepreneurship, will prepare them to take part in discussions about political and social matters, broaden their understanding of green matters as well as inspire them to organise community events.

ACCOMMODATION:

The youth exchange will take place in a middle of nature, in a small village called Loisy, which is close to the city of Metz. We will have the complete leisure time activities centre rented for us. Inside the accommodation we have 2 activity rooms, big kitchen, dining room and lot of space to do any kind of sport.

Some pictures from Accommodation:





FOOD:

The food will be prepared and served for you in the centre. The help in the kitchen and with the dishes is very much welcome from the participants. We will eat simple and typical French food.

No alcoholic drinks will be allowed on the place!

If you have some special needs for food (vegetarian, etc.), please, inform us about it beforehand. We can provide you with just “**with/without meat**” vegetarian food, but if you have some very complicated diet, or as a vegetarian you would like to have some special ingredients, we would appreciate if you could **take** the food that you need **with you**.



TRAVEL COST:

We will reimburse to you **100% of all your actual travel costs** for the way go and back.

It is very important that you keep ALL your travel documents, including the boarding passes, if travelling by plane. You must **give us all your tickets**, including also your return tickets that must be already bought for the moment of the reimbursement (during the youth exchange itself), otherwise if we do not have a ticket, we cannot consider it for the reimbursement. It is very-very important.

Please, pay attention, that there are **the ceilings** for the travel costs per every country that **we cannot go above** (if your ticket is more expensive, you need to cover the difference on your own).

You must use the cheapest travel option that is possible (buses, trains, low cost airlines, etc.)

Logistics:

WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT EACH PARTICIPANT OWNS A TRAVEL INSURANCE FOR THE FULL DURATION OF THE PROJECT WITH TRAVEL DAYS INCLUDED!

Travel ceilings (100%):

- FR - 0 €
- EE - 170 €
- PL - 170 €
- IT - 170 €
- ES - 170 €

We will only reimburse you the travel costs if you participate in the WHOLE youth exchange.

If you have any questions about the travel costs or financial matters, please contact us before you buy your tickets.



MONEY:

- There is a **participation fee of 30 euros** that will be charged from every participant of the exchange.
- 100% of your travelling costs will be reimbursed on the condition that the person has all the **bills, tickets** and **boarding passes** (when travelling by a plane) to present to us.
- 100% of costs of simple accommodation and basic food are covered by the organization.
- The travel costs will not be reimbursed to people who are not taking part of the entire youth exchange or not respecting the rules of the exchange.

PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS:



- Age: 16-30
- 8 young participants from each country
Please, try to keep gender balance in your groups!! 4 girls, 4 boys!
- Erasmus+ is a program that supports disadvantage young people, so we would like to make this project open for these young people with fewer opportunities, so do not hesitate to including people with fewer opportunities into your group! The accommodation is adapted to special needs, so there is no problem with this. If you are thinking or you know there will be people with some handicap in your group, please tell us as soon as possible just to have it in mind! And we will prioritize this people for selection.
- English is our work language, but is not obligation. We will have some meetings and discussions so it will be recommended at least basic knowledge or translation into your groups. Don't be afraid of language! We will find the way to solve it!
- People who is interested in the topic.
- Young people who share the volunteering spirit.
- Young, motivated, nice, cheerful, smiling participants and good mood!!

YOUTHPASS:

Each participant will receive a **YouthPass**, which:

- Certificate of non-formal education (you will take part on an educational activity)
- You can include it in your CV and use it for school, university, new job, etc.

In the beginning of the project we will divided participants into a small groups that later will work every evening in the reflection groups where they'll talk about the day, activities, what they have learned, etc. With all these notes, at the end of the Exchange will be a workshop where the participants will work in their own YouthPass. YouthPass will be reached on the end of exchange.

YOU WILL NEED...

- Towels and personal things.
- Typical food for **intercultural evening**.
- Poster, leaflets, card, videos, typical music... from your country, region, city.
- Info, presentation, material, stickers... from your organization.
- Warm clothes.
- Camera, laptop and other equipment making life and work easier.
- Ideas, games, ice breakings, dances and folk for your cultural evening.
- Good mood and energy to be active!

If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to contact us!

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