

Share Your Colors Infopack for Partners

A KA1 long term Erasmus+ project which consists of 3 main activities :



Each activity consists of 3 phases:



Preparation time of Group Leaders - APV(the activity itself) -Follow-Up of the APV



Preparation time of Participants & Group Leaders - Youth Exchange - Follow-up of the YE



Implementation of Follow-up activities (as decided during the YE from participants) - Dissemination of Results - Evaluation

Mission of the project:

The project aims to combat hate-speech and social exclusion of young LGBTQIA+ people, while promoting active citizenship through campaigning.

Main objectives of the project:



To involve 40 young mobilities with fewer opportunities from 8 different countries and organizations which work directly with LGBTQIA+ community in their youth field: Latvia, Lithuania, Greece, Portugal, Bulgaria, Spain, Italy and The Netherlands



To increase the competencies of the 40 mobilities during the main activities



To launch an online collaborative awareness-raising campaign on Facebook for youth age between 15-30 during the youth exchange of the project and beyond. This campaign, participants will plan, organize and launch during the exchange.

What we ask from you as partners for the 3 main activities:

- Spreading the call for finding the fitting candidates for the exchange
- Cooperate with us in the selection of participants
- Preparation of Participants :

Preparing your national team for the project: participants and group leader, by organizing personal preparatory meetings with them, for supporting the participants in their preparation for the exchange in all aspects and empowering their involvement and active participation throughout the whole project.

We consider important the preparation period for coming to the exchange. We see that is an asset for increasing their self-motivation and active participation for all

the duration of the project.

Therefore, you are accountable to support your group in their learning goals and needs for the whole project, clarifying questions and information about the youth pass, clarifying questions about the project (preparation – exchange – follow-up), the method and approach and supporting them with their traveling arrangements.

- Practical arrangements of the safe travel and insurances of the participants organised and paid by the participants or the sending organisation.



Follow -up Period :



To have an evaluation meeting with participants and group leader who took part in the exchange in order to evaluate on their learning outcomes from the exchange, the experience they created for themselves and what will be their future actions.



During the evaluation meeting, to identify, support and empower them on keeping their agreement for the campaign and other follow-up activities they want to implement back in their countries.

(During the exchange participants will plan their own way on how to keep their campaign running and create national home-planning for activities to implement back home)



Disseminate and exploit the project results with stakeholders and target groups connected to your organization. Furthermore, for the visibility of the project, to exploit results in your social media accounts, promoting also the campaign or any additional campaigning activity your national team might create.



For Dissemination and visibility of the project to provide participants with organizational support in continue carrying out the campaign which they will launch during the exchange. Support in preparing follow-up activities (workshops, seminars etc), raising awareness actions (free hugs, flash mobs, interviewing locals etc) or other events in your local community, writing articles, testimonials or creating new projects implementing media.

What is important and needed is the documentation of the activity or event that they will organize together with you, pictures, videos, numbers of people attended etc. We consider your follow-up actions together with the participants as a fundamental part of the dissemination and results of the project.

Timeline of Action:

APV

(Advanced Planning Visit):

 $9^{th} - 10^{th}$ of May 2016

Preparation Time 25^{th} of April – 7^{th} of May 2016 of Group Leaders

8th of May 2016 Arrival Day: After 17:00

Start with Dinner all together at 1900

9th of May 2016 Start of the APV:

Time: at 10:00

10th of May 2016 End of the APV:

Time: 19:00

11th of May 2016 Departure Day:

Time: before 10:00

Follow-Up 12th of May – 27th of May 2016 of the APV:

Travel Reimbursement for the Group Leader:

COUNTRY	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
Greece	270 €
Italy	170 €
Lithuania	170 €
Bulgaria	170 €
Spain	170 €
Latvia	170 €
Portugal	170 €
Netherlands	0€

The amount of money to be reimbursed for each country is fixed according to the official Erasmus + Programme distance calculator. We will reimburse the money in cash once you are here in the Foundation.

1 representative Group Leader per each partner country. Preferably a person who:

- ✓ Will also be available to join the main activity in July.
- → Has a background in working with young LGBTQIA+ people in your organisation or local community.
- Is active in the youth field of LGBTQIA+ community and topic and want to ✓ increase their competencies for when working with young LGBTQIA+ people, informal education and using media, social media.

There is no age limit for the group leader. This APV meeting will be a Team Preparation.

Our main goals in this meeting are:

- ✓ To exchange good practices, informal educational and awareness-raising tools connected to the LGBTQIA+ education and topic.
- ✓ To identify the needs and background of participants
- ✓ To build and strengthen our plan of action for the whole project.
- To increase our networking between partner organizations and identify the current LGBTQIA+ rights situation in each partner country

During the preparation time before the APV, we will communicate with the group leaders and inform them about the preparation period and other practicals. Each group leader shall come prepared in the meeting to share their best practices in the field of informal educational tools, awareness-raising tools and campaigning.

Youth Exchange 5th to 14th of July 2016 (10 working days)

Online Preparation:

May – June (specific dates we will provide in the info letter of participants)

Arrival Day of group leaders: Team Members

3th of July 2016 Time: after 16⁰⁰ We start with Dinner together at 19:00

Arrival Day of the participants:

4th of July 2016 Time: after 16⁰⁰



5th of July 2016 Time: at 13⁰⁰ End of the Program:

14th of July 2016 Time: at 20⁰⁰



15th of July 2016 Time: before 10⁰⁰ Follow - Up period:

August – October 2016

Target Group of Participants:

Age: 18 – 30 years old

4 participants + 1 group leader per country. In total 40 young people.

We want to involve young people with different sexual orientation who have already established their identity. We want that we have a balanced number of people with different sexual orientation. Participants to be coming from the LGBTQIA+ heterosexual communities and want to explore new ways and actions of promoting the LGBTQIA+ rights in their countries.

These people are:

- Either involved in LGBTQIA+ organizations or are activists in the field or familiar with the topic
- They have a background using media, social media and awareness-raising tools and are interested to expand their learning, skills and practices on the topic by exchanging knowledge and best practices on campaigning with each other.
- They want to increase their personal competencies and increase their self-expression, self-empowerment and enhance their intercultural awareness.

Other criteria:

- ✓ Able to work in simple English
- Highly motivated and willing to actively participate during the whole duration of the project and the exchange itself.

Selection of the participants:

As partner organization you are responsible to select the participants who are fitting the criteria of the project and the target group that we want for the youth exchange.

How we will do it:

We, as the coordinating organization will provide you with an info letter and link to the registration form for participants. The info letter is for the participants to have their information regarding aspects of the exchange.

We will all use one common Registration Form. This Registration Form is ready and it is created in google forms. It's easy to access, practical, fast and effective. It is designed to support you in the process of selecting the suitable candidates and for us to have the big overview of participants who are applying and how they match the criteria of the project and Erasmus+.

We will be collecting all the results and registrations in one form. We will make 7 copies and with each one of you partners, we will have a separate shared google .xlsx file, in which you will be able to review the registrations of people applying from your country.

Every time a new registration comes, we will copy paste it in our shared file with you. You as partner have the choice to put a notice in your mail, for every time the file will be updated.

The proposal is to have a 20 days' period of actively promoting the project and collecting all applications and then 10 days of selection period, including confirmation.

Once, the candidates are selected, we as hosting organization, we will send them their confirmation letter, putting you as cc in the mail. Once participants are confirmed you can proceed on supporting them arranging their travel.

Objectives of the exchange:



To practice on working with social media and multimedia (video and photography). How to use social media to raise-awareness on the topic of sexuality, diversity and LGBTQIA+ rights.



To exchange and practice on how to communicate, send a message across and create social impact in their local communities.



To increase participants in: cultural awareness and social and civic competences, mathematical and digital competences, learning to learn and self-expression competences.



To identify the current LGBTQIA+ rights, challenges and positive actions in each partner country



To identify and exchange how the hate-speech and social exclusion of LGBTQIA+ people is happening in Social Media and media in each partner country and what are ways to combat it.



To launch the online collaborative campaign for raising-awareness on the LGBTQIA+ equal rights.



To exchange good practices on the topic of campaigning or other raising-awareness tools

Working Methods during the YE:

Working methods:

- Reflection groups in order for the participants to reflect on their learning process and goals in a daily basis
- ✓ Inter-cultural learning through working at all times in diverse groups from different cultures and nationalities
- Outdoor part activities in which participants get to meet and interact with the local community of Ommen
- ✓ Media activities, working with video, photography and with Social Media tools
- ✓ Self- expression through story-telling activities
- Exchange of good practices and of their preparatory activities
- Exchange on organizing and launching a campaign. Participants will have their own space and time on working together and launching their campaign.

Our main tool during the whole duration of project will be media (photography and video) and social media.

Working method approach:

Non formal educational setting: learning by involvement and learning by doing.

The focus is set on participants as active learners who are at all times accountable for their own learning: how they are involving themselves and creating their own experience. They learn to play and they play to learn.

Travel Reimbursement for the Participants (including the Group Leader):

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For travelling, according to Erasmus+regulations, there is a fixed amount of money to be reimbursed in cash for each participant, if participating until the end of the exchange. Travelling costs for participants from the Netherlands cannot be reimbursed.

We will reimburse the full amount of money, even if people spend less money on their travelling. Like this, our intention is to empower the participants to be creative upon finding cheap ways of coming to the venue.

Experience has showed to us, that if people book fast or use alternative ways of transportation (bus, car-sharing, own car) and travel in groups they can stay within the fixed amount of costs and cover the fee with the remaining money.

Therefore, we also invite each partner country to suggest to your participants to travel eco-friendly and not necessarily using planes.

Participation fee:

There will be a participation fee of 50€ only for the participating mobilities in the youth exchange. Participants shall give the fee upon their registration time before the start of the exchange. Group leaders being part of the team, are not going to pay.

Practical Information:

Both the APV and the Exchange will take place in the little town of Ommen, the Netherlands.

During the APV, group leaders will be hosted in our group accommodation of Zeesse Building. Hosting and catering will be provided by the foundation.

During the exchange participants and group leaders will be hosted in our group accommodation of Olde Vechte Foundation. Hosting and catering will be provided by the foundation. The accommodation is located within a walking distance from the city center of Ommen.

Note that Olde Vechte is a group accommodation, which means we take care of the house by ourselves (including some of the practical aspects and light house hold duties).

More information about the accommodations: http://www.oldevechte.nl/en/olde-vechte-group-accommodation/

Follow - Up Period: August - October 2016

Dissemination Part from OV side:

- Sharing and spreading the actions and results of the project, especially the campaign that participants will create, in our social media accounts and specially the: Facebook page of Active Rainbow (previous project & online platform) and Olde Vechte Foundation.
- Participants will produce during the exchange their own videos. Additionally, we will create a documentary video, showing visual material of the exchange.
- Participants themselves during the exchange will create a toolkit/media guide on working with media, social media and campaigning connected to LGBTQIA+ topic.
- We will also encourage them to write articles and testimonials, which can either include in their toolkit already or simply upload online.

Evaluation Part from OV side:

- During the exchange itself participants will have the chance to evaluate their every day learning through the reflection groups.
- We will use one common Evaluation Form for all participants which we will provide to them during or after the end of Follow-Up period.
- We will also provide to participants with access to their youth passes, so they fill them in. We will send them to you as sending organization to distribute them furthermore to them.

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Looking forward sharing colors with you!

Warm Regards,