

Extremism and Intercultural Dialogue

PLACE AND DATE: (1-8 September 2016) to Drammen, Norway.

PARTICIPANTS: 46 young people

AGE: 18-30

COUNTRY: Partner countries will be from Norway, Sweden, Italy, Slovakia, Czech Rep., Greece, Spain, Estonia, Hungary and Turkey.

LANGUAGE: The working language will be English. Good English skills must be.

SUMMARY OF PROJECT

The training course will take place in Drammen, Norway between 1-8 September 2016 and will involve youth workers, young leaders and multipliers from the EU/EFTA(Norway, Sweden, Italy, Slovakia, Czech Rep., Greece, Spain, Estonia, Hungary) and non-EU countries(Turkey). During working days of the Training Course, we will look deeper into the problems of discrimination, extremism, nationalism, intolerance and intercultural misunderstandings. Why do we discriminate? How is it possible that almost everyone agrees that discrimination isn't good and that we should stop it, but it still exist? And what are the possible solutions to stop people decimating each other? Apart from looking to discrimination in general, we will also address the specific discrimination problems in the different countries where the participants come from. Which groups are discriminated in your country? Why? Are there any ideas how to stop that? What can we learn from the problems and solutions from other countries? And more importantly: how we can bring these solutions into practice when we have returned back home?

Within the Europe there is a great variety of cultures, languages and religions. But this does not stop at the borders of the EU or Norway/Turkey. We are surrounded by a number of counties who might not be members of the Union, but who have a strong connections with it through culture, language, religion and shared historical events. In 2004, the European Commission came with the initiative to create the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP), which should function as an instrument for foreign relations for the EU to work on their relationships with the country on the south and east side of its territories. It is our belief that it is also quite important to have a cultural and social connection with the neighbours around the EU and this will contribute to more understanding. Thanks to the meeting young people and active youth workers can learn about the ways of living in other countries, different ways of thinking. In this way we can overcome differences and fight together against prejudice and xenophobia. That is why we would like to involve both EU/EFTA Members states and Turkey.

In all participating countries, xenophobia and discrimination form a big problem. Especially economic crisis contributes to this situation, when foreigners are blamed for stilling jobs. However, it doesn't matter if you come from the EU/EFTA or Turkey, what language you speak or which religion you follow, there is discrimination everywhere. This project aims at finding

ways to combat it, by sharing experiences and by learning new tools. Our working methodology will be based on non-formal education. The Theatre of the Oppressed from Augusto Boal and the concept of the Human Library will be also used. Both tools could be implemented at home and this training course will teach the basics of it.

With this Training Course we aim to empower youth workers and youth leaders with skills, knowledge and attitudes to play an active role towards an intercultural society. Our objectives are the following:

- To analyse today's multicultural society in different countries;
- To gain knowledge on key concepts, such as stereotypes, prejudices and discrimination, extremism, intolerance;
- To understand the causes of extremism and where it develops;
- To analyse the European values and how they can be used in contrasting those phenomena.
- To discover the right attitudes towards an intercultural society;
- To promote 'theatre of the oppressed' and 'the human library' as a tool;
- To promote active citizenship, international dialogue and non-formal education.
- To overview the European programs and create new projects related to the topic.

ACTIVITIES AND METHODS

Through exercises, discussions, presentation of examples of good practices, youth policies in the field of combating discrimination and promoting multiculturalism, we want to encourage peer learning and inspire youth workers to discuss follow-up and take action in their own countries following the Training Course. Moreover, during the TC special attention will be paid to developing skills and competencies of the participants that are needed when working with young people, especially people with fewer opportunities and empowering them to make real change in their local communities and societies.

Who can participate in the training course?

We intend also to involve young people with fewer opportunities, especially facing social and financial obstacles. Those youth workers will be encouraged to apply who already have some experience in non-formal education, but they want to implement educational activities themselves now. They followed one or more training courses in the past and are interested in setting up educational activities, or want to gain new ideas and skills. In the first place they want to go more in-depth with a specific subject in a way that fits their educational level. We

will try to keep the regional balance of participants making sure there is equal number of participants coming from the east and west of Europe. In this way we want to create a mix, which will give us the opportunity to talk about this subject from as many perspectives as possible.

Age range: 18-30

PARTNERS

The project will host 47 participants from the following 10 organisations.

TRAVEL COSTS

According to new Erasmus Plus rules, the reimbursement of travel costs will be calculated used a specific program called Distance Calculator:

| Country of Origin | Country of Destination | Distance Band | No. of Participants | Travel Grant per Participant |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Norway | Norway | 0 - 99 km | 7 | 0.00 |
| Czech Republic | Norway | 500 - 1999 km | 4 | 275.00 |
| Spain | Norway | 2000 - 2999 km | 4 | 360.00 |
| Estonia | Norway | 500 - 1999 km | 4 | 275.00 |
| Greece | Norway | 2000 - 2999 km | 4 | 360.00 |
| Italy | Norway | 2000 - 2999 km | 4 | 360.00 |
| Turkey | Norway | 3000 - 3999 km | 7 | 530.00 |
| Slovakia | Norway | 500 - 1999 km | 4 | 275.00 |
| Hungary | Norway | 500 - 1999 km | 4 | 275.00 |
| Sweden | Norway | 100 - 499 km | 4 | 180.00 |

After sending their tickets and boarding cards, participants will receive the reimbursement of their travel costs. Travel (flights, other means of transport) expenses are compensated (up to 100%), based on the actual expenses incurred and the distance from your location of residence to the location of the project (Drammen, Norway). These distances must be calculated using the distance calculator supported by the European Commission. We don't send money to each participants. We send only money to sender organization and sender organization will pay to

participants. It may be that money from European Commission will be late; in that case, as mentioned, you will get your reimbursement after the course by bank transfer (be ready for that).

Accommodation, living and other project-related expenses: 100% funded by the EU. This includes everything except for travel costs.

Please note any extra days you wish to stay will be your own responsibility and you food etc. Visa costs will be covered by participants.

Participation fee

Participants fee; 50, Euro for each participant; Project participation fee of 50 Euros per participant, which will be deducted from the total amount reimbursed.

The Venue

Drammen is a city in Buskerud County, Norway. The port and river city of Drammen is centrally located in the eastern and most populated part of Norway. Drammen is the capital of Buskerud County.

There are more than 63 000 inhabitants in the municipality, but the city is the regional capital of an area with more than 150,000 inhabitants. Drammen and the surrounding communities are growing more than ever before. The city makes good use of the river and inland waterway called Drammensfjord, both for recreation, activities and housing. No city in the country has received as many awards for environmental and urban development as Drammen: 6 national and 2 international prizes since 2003.

Note: Organisers will not provide any accommodation for additional stay in Drammen. If participants plan to arrive a few days earlier or depart a few days later they are kindly requested to inform us and we will be glad to offer assistance with booking a hotel.

Ambassadeur Hotel

Address: Strømsø Torg 7, 3044 Drammen, Norway
Phone: +47 31 01 21 00

<http://ambassadeurhotel.no/?lang=en>

How to reach Drammen

Drammen has no airport. You can take bus or train from Oslo Gardermoen Airport, Moss Rygge Airport or Sandefjord Torp Airport. You can find bus and train from those airports to our city. We don't pick up someone from airport. We can only pick you up from Drammen Train station (Drammen Jernbanestasjon) or Drammen Bus Station. Or if you want you can come to project venue.

Arrival

Send us your arrival please and we can pick you up from train station. If you don't send us any information, we will think that you want to come to Drammen camping by yourself.

What to bring

Since there is going to be an international evening, we will ask you to bring something traditional, famous or delicious from home - that you would like to represent your country with, and share with the others, it can be any kinds of food, drink...

Drammen has traditionally had a humid continental climate, but in recent years it has resembled a borderline oceanic climate with influence from the surrounding waters of Drammen fjord and the inflow from the Atlantic Ocean. It retains its large differences between seasons and is moderately influenced by both marine and land airflows.

Accommodation

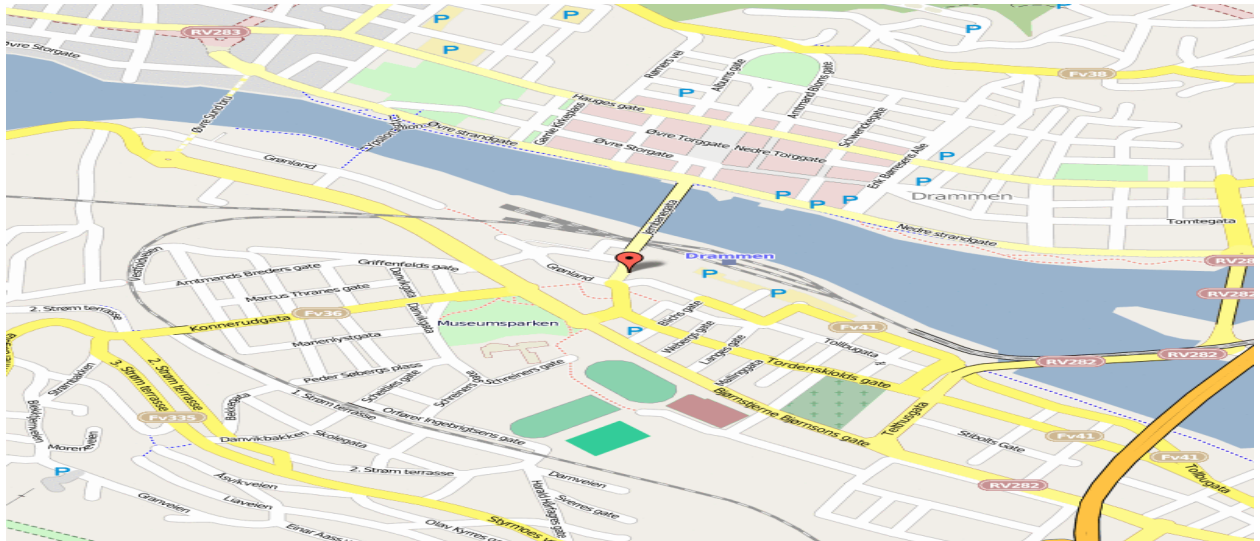
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Catering will be organized, 3 meals per day, plus coffee and snacks.



HEALTH INSURANCE:

Health insurance is not provided and will not be reimbursed by the organisers. All participants are strongly advised to purchase private travel insurance, as costs of private health care in Norway are quite high if you don't have.

PREPARATION

The organizers will not provide the participants with any kind of insurance! Therefore, we strongly recommend every participant to acquire travel insurance at their own expense for the whole duration of the course. Also, please have a valid EU healthcare insurance card (if applicable).

Each of the participating countries should (for the mobility of youth workers):

- ✓ Bring all your **travel documents** as presented above.
- ✓ Prepare a **presentation about the sending organization** (initiatives they have previously participated in, non-formal learning methods used, etc.). We want to get to know each other, to find out how people work with youth in other countries, and maybe to cooperate in the future.
- ✓ Prepare a **presentation on diversity** in their country.
- ✓ Find **interesting videos / games / exercises / educational activities on diversity**.
- ✓ Prepare **energisers** that could be done in the morning.
- ✓ Prepare for your **country's cultural evening**. Please, try to be fun and creative for this!:) No one likes regular .ppt presentations! Any kind of activities are welcome (e.g. video presentations, dances, songs, games, quizzes, posters, flyers etc.). Don't forget to **bring your national drinks, dishes or snacks** to share with others. Also, please **prepare a mini (and, of course, fun) language course** for the others. We count on you to make these evenings as interactive and fun as possible.
- ✓ check the weather forecast before arrival and **bring adequate clothes**. Please also **bring clothing and shoes that can be used for strenuous activities** (such as dancing).
- ✓ **Bring good spirit, joy and happiness!!!**

Wherever possible, take your laptops, digital cameras, smart phones and tablets – we will be doing some multimedia work that requires mobile equipment!

BASIC RULES

All the participants will be expected to be present and active in all the activities, unless being ill. Unauthorized absence from the activities and workshops won't be tolerated.

Smoking is prohibited everywhere inside buildings, thus all the smokers will have to go outside or to specially designated areas for a cigarette.

Stress, nerves and bad mood is prohibited everywhere.

Bring your best mood and big smile with you and keep it through the course!

Prepare for fun! Those who fail to do that will be expelled from the training course.

See you all in Drammen, Norway