



“Dream catchers”

Long term training course proposing to promote inclusion, tolerance and mutual understanding / fight generalization, racism and stereotypes and to contribute to the integration of migrants and refugees.

22 – 30 April 2020, Arcus, Romania

Themes of the training course:

Migration has recently become a phenomenon of crucial importance for Europe, being it currently shaping its whole history. In fact, more than a million migrants and refugees crossed into Europe in 2015, sparking a crisis as countries struggled to cope with the influx and with integration issues.

By now, “the EU response to the refugee crisis has been chaotic and divisive, characterized by squabbling over sharing responsibility, cascading border closures and finger-pointing. (...) And recent events in Paris and Brussels have interjected fear of terrorism into the mix.” (J. Sunderland, Associate Director, Europe and Central Asia Division - Human Rights Watch)

Historically, however, the EU has a long record of migrations and European societies have been dealing with increasing diversity for years, in such a way that we may all consider ourselves as “migrants”.

Yet, with the last year trends in migration flows, opinion and political debates all over Europe have been increasingly shaped by concerns about cultural identity, social cohesion, security, access to public services, crime and employment, always largely focusing on the (im)migrant population as a stereotyped and generalized “whole”. To make things worse, the European Union does not require any particular integration approach in its. The EU Common Basic Principles (2004) define integration as “a dynamic, two-way process of mutual accommodation by all immigrants and residents of Member States”. But actual national and regional policies have too often tended toward coercive integration (such as discriminatory measures such as religious-dress bans in France, Belgium and parts of Italy and Spain).

As J. Sunderland underlines, “many of those who have risked their lives to reach Europe this year will have strong motivation to do what they can to rebuild their lives in their new homes. But integration policies that require people to shed fundamental aspects of their identity are unlikely to succeed. Sustainable integration should aim at giving migrants a real stake in their new home, encouraging participation rather than exclusion, while requiring full adherence to laws and respect for the rights of others.” This perspective is included not only in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, but also in the European Charter of Fundamental Rights. In this sense, guided by its principles and values, we believe that the starting point of any sustainable integration policy should be the respect for migrants and refugees as individuals, with their own stories, dreams and competences. We feel that youth organizations and European youth can have a great role in addressing this gap. By meeting the young refugees/migrants and collecting their stories (needs, dreams, fears, personal stories, journeys, expectations, goals, hopes, competences, skills, contributions), they can provide the host population with accurate and fair information about who refugees are and what are the benefits of welcoming them in the local community, promoting therefore an inclusive and tolerant society, able to recognize and value personal talents and to empower and integrate them.

The overall aim of the long-term training course is to develop and promote a new positive narrative of inclusion through creative and innovative youth work activities. To train youth workers and youth leaders giving the chance to young Europeans and young refugees and migrants to meet and share and explore their stories in order to match them with the needs of the communities they live in.

Learning objectives of the long-term training course are:

- To contribute to migrants and refugee's integration;
- To promote intercultural dialogue and learning;
- To promote inclusion, tolerance and mutual understanding / fight generalization, racism and stereotypes;
- To promote a change of perception towards migration and refugees;
- To analyze the migrants' background, the migration flows and reasons behind it;
- To avoid generalization and promote "real life encounters" / to meet refugees and collect their stories;
- To raise awareness on the feelings, hopes, needs, fears, dreams, expectations, competences and skills of migrants/refugees and on their positive contribution to local communities;
- To develop strategies to match community needs and migrants' stories.

Phase III: 2nd Training course in 22-30 April 2020, Arcus, Romania

Its main aim is to step into the refugees' shoes for a week, through different simulations/role plays. Participants will have the chance to better understand the stories they collected and how to match them with the needs and features of the local communities they live in. Through this activity, they will have the chance to work on "everyday integration" processes based on the individual and personal stories of the refugees and migrants they met and to develop specific strategies to foster the concept of "community match" in their local realities. For this purpose, during the activity participants will also work on a social campaign and will collect all the stories and experiences gathered through the project in order to produce a small handbook/publication with "Dreams of inclusion" (i.e. the stories shared by refugees will be reshaped as modern tales with different possible "finales" according to different matches within the local communities, so catching the dreams and put it into real) and with tools and tips to foster the concept of "community match" within youth organizations.

Phase IV: Community matching from April 2020

Partners and participants will implement the follow up plans developed during TC2 - the plans will include strategies aimed at disseminating the publication and at implementing "The dreams behind" social campaign in order to promote a new positive narrative of inclusion and to foster the concept of "community matching".

The methodology of the training course:

The project will be based on the methodology of non – formal education with special focus on experiential learning. The training course will be built on the experiences of the participants and the needs of the partner organisations. Trainers will be experienced ones who will make the programme flow based on the learning process and outcomes of participants. In this process activities are organized according to the needs of participants, sharing experiences in a context of mutual trust and respect. Flexibility and variety of methods is very important to ensure that all the members will be fully included in the learning process. We will use elements of storytelling, experiential learning and peer-to-peer education. Youthpass will be presented and provide space and time for participants for the self – assessment and create appropriate dialogue space in order to get and give feedback for their own and each others' learning process. The planned methods: individual work, pair work, small mixed and national group work, theory putting into practice, real life practice, montage, role play, etc.

As expected results, we foresee to realize a final publication/book in which thoughts, reflections stories of migrations developed as "dreams" will be presented. The book/publication will also promote the concept of "community match", defined as the opportunity to match the dreams, skills and knowledge of the migrants with the needs and opportunities of the community they live in. Moreover, a social campaign aiming at changing the perception and view of local communities towards migrants and refugees will be developed.

Applicant organisation:**Asociatia Clubul Tinerilor din Sfantu Gheorghe – Sepsiszentgyörgyi Ifjúsági Klub**

Clubul Tinerilor din Sfantu Gheorghe (Youth Club of Saint George) is an organisation founded in 2007 and legally registered in 2008. Our main aims are to inform and train youngsters, to promote voluntarism and to realize local and international youth projects. Our NGO is organizing regular handicraft and free time activities for a group of 30 volunteers, most of them youngsters. We have organized also major events like the Youth Festival, a contest for the youth NGO's from our county where more than 100 youngsters competed and shared experiences. Our organization is also involved in green projects in our town, we are working together with 77. Bora Istvan scout team in this field. We have international experience as we have participated in several youth exchanges and trainings under the Youth In Action and Erasmus+ program. We also organized a '3R- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle -youth exchange on ecological issues, a 4.3 training called 'Triple C: Cultures-Communication-Cooperation' and for discussing Roma issues we had a 'Roma World' partnership building seminar and an EUROMA Cafeteria training course in our town. We are accredited for sending and hosting EVS volunteers. We already were the coordinator and host of some EVS projects (Behind the Wall, VIP Voluntarism in Promotion, with all Colours EVS Rainbow, with all Colours EVS Rainbow 2) and we have sent several volunteers abroad (Youth Voice for Society, Mobile Youth Work, The Trainers and Leaders of Future). We have activities, such as EVS Caravan, Human Library, Volunteers Caravan for promoting voluntarism and inform youngsters about the possibilities to go abroad for a youth exchange, training or EVS. We are also organizing volunteer management trainings for the other associations from our region. We have time management, teambuilding, conflict management trainings as well. Every year we are organizing the Volunteers Ball, where we gather together the volunteers and associations from our region to appreciate their voluntary job. The members of our association are young professionals (sociologist, social workers, economists, teachers, psychologist, and youth workers) with several years of experience in the youth field (having been members and leaders of other organizations).

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/hitionkentekozpont>

Partner organizations: Associazione Vele Corsare – Italy, YOPA – Hungary, HYP – Greece, Beat Bazaar– UK, T2EU – Spain, GEDED- Turkey, AMSED – France, The Starry Start of Talents Foundation– Bulgaria, Evolution Trade Union- Latvia

Participants: 4/country

Who can participate in the training course?

- ✓ Youth workers, youth leaders who directly work with young people with different cultural backgrounds e.g. refugees, migrants, foreign kids, young people coming home from other countries, minorities, refugees, Roma young people, etc.
- ✓ Youth workers, youth leaders who have already run at least one international youth project experience, preferably youth exchange, or were already group leaders in youth exchange;
- ✓ Having organisational support to further cooperation;
- ✓ Open to recognise own stereotypes and prejudices and work on these;
- ✓ Willing to adapt intercultural education into their youth work realities based on the needs of their target groups;
- ✓ Ready to take part in the whole project;
- ✓ To be able to communicate English language.

Financial conditions:

The food and accommodation will be provided and paid by the organizers. Travels costs will be counted based on the distance calculator of European Commission and reimbursed by bank transfer after the course (in Euros €) through the sending organizations.

1. Bulgaria – 180 euro/participant
2. Latvia – 275 euro/participant
3. France – 275 euro/participant
4. Turkey – 275 euro/participant
5. Spain - 360 euro/participant
6. UK – 360 euro/participant
7. Greece - 275 euro/participant
8. Italy - 275 euro/participant
9. Hungary – 180 euro/ participant

Preliminary programme of the 2nd training course:

Hours	Day 1 Arrival day	Day2 <i>Getting to know day</i>	Day 3 <i>Day of being in the shoes of refugees</i>	Day 4 Day of community mapping in theory	Day 5 <i>Day of community mapping in practice</i>	Day 6 <i>Day of catching dreams</i>	Day 7 Day of social campaign	Day 8 Day of Networking	Departure day
8.00 – 9.00		breakfast	breakfast	Breakfast	breakfast	breakfast	breakfast	breakfast	
9.30– 13.00 (Including coffee break) Session1 & session 2	Arrival of participants Registration and accommodation	Introduction to the 2 nd training course: where we left, what's ahead Intro of the LTTC Aim and objectives Expectations Youthpass: Personal learning goals	Becoming a refugee – what if it was me?	Changing narratives - presenting and sharing the stories collected in the local activities: similarities and differences	Visit to refugee centre Community mapping in real life	Exploring the concept of community matching Testing the concept of community matching – stories and communities, how do they fit?	Finalise and present the stories as caught dreams	Finalise the social campaign Follow up plans: how to implement the campaign at the local level	Departure of participants
13.00 – 15.00		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
15.00 - 16.30 Session 3		Becoming a refugee – what if it was me?	Working on empathy and understanding	Changing narratives – community mapping	Free afternoon	Dream catchers: modern fairy tales of migration and inclusion	Developing the social campaign “The dreams behind”, fostering a positive narrative about refugees and migrants as individual human beings with their own stories, dreams, competences...	Youthpass time again	
16.30 – 17.00	Coffee break							Coffee break	
17.00 - 18.30 (Including coffee break) Session 4	Ice breakers, refreshments			Mid term evaluation				Evaluation of the LTTC	
18.30- 19.00		Youthpass flower	Youthpass flower	Youthpass flower	Youthpass flower	Youthpass flower	Youthpass flower		
19.00-20.00	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	
20.00-	Welcome evening	Steaming out on the practice period	Refugees' cafeteria	Treasure hunting evening	Karaoke evening	Evening with locals	Games evening	Farewell Evening	

Accommodation

The training course will be hosted in the Education Center in Arcus. It is a small village in the outskirts of Sfântu Gheorghe, with a calm surrounding. 3-4 participants are going to be accommodated in one room with its own bathroom. Food will be arranged in the restaurant of the venue, there will be three meals every day: breakfast, lunch and dinner. The place has its own training room.

About Sfântu Gheorghe

Sfântu Gheorghe is the capital city of Covasna County, Romania. Located in the central part of the country and in the historical region of Transylvania, it lies on the Olt River in a valley between the Baraolt Mountains and Bodoc Mountains.

Sfântu Gheorghe is one of the oldest cities in Transylvania, the settlement first having been documented in 1332. The city takes its name from Saint George, the patron of the local church.

Sfântu Gheorghe is one of the centers for the Székely people in the region known to them as Székelyföld in Hungarian - which means "Székely Land", and it is home to the Székely National Museum.



What to bring with you?



- your passport or ID card
- **All your travel tickets!!! (it's very important to keep all your ticket, receipts and boarding passes, because we can give you back the travel costs only if you have the tickets)**
- **National snacks, drinks, easy food, specialties, local music for the cultural evening**
- presentation of your organization (please bring some introduction materials about your organization or information about it)
- Medicines - if you need them (anti-allergy pills, pain killers, aspirin etc.)
- Laptop, camera – it is not obligatory, but it can be useful

How do you reach Sfantu Gheorghe?

1.Trains

From the Henri Coanda International Airport there are trains and buses to the main train station of Bucharest (Gara de Nord) in every 30 minutes.

From the main train station of Bucharest (Gara de Nord) there are direct trains to Sfantu Gheorghe but there are also some options in which you have to change the train (mostly in Brasov) . For the schedule of the trains you can use this site:

<https://mersultrenurilor.infofer.ro/en-GB/Itineraries?OldCultureName=ro-RO>

The price of the train ticket is between 50-100 RON which is around 15-25 euros. And can be bought at the train station with cash (RON).

From the train station we will pick you up by car and drive you to the hotel.

2. Bus from the airport

There is a bus company with which you can reach Sfantu Gheorghe directly. **Please not that for the bus you have to make reservation at least 24 hours before you need their service.** This can be done on the page of the company <http://www.direct-aeroport.ro/transport.html>. If you need any help please let us know! ☺ The price of the bus ticket is 100 RON which is almost 25 euros, and can be paid on the bus in cash (RON) or during the reservation online.

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From the stations in Sfantu Gheorghe we will arrange your transport to the venue. For this reason, please let us know about your arrivals to Sfantu Gheorghe!

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us on [**youthclubprojects@gmail.com!**](mailto:youthclubprojects@gmail.com)

Greetings,

Zsolt Balogh

Please take note of the following conditions that will apply, if you are selected to take part in the partnership building seminar.

- 1. I commit myself to participate in the whole process, including:*
 - to prepare myself carefully for the partnership building seminar and to do all remote preparation work the team will ask for,*
 - to take part in the full duration of the partnership building seminar*
 - to participate in the whole evaluation process*
- 2. I understand that the information I provided on my special needs does not remove my own personal responsibility for ensuring my own health.*

