



Erasmus+



YOUTH EXCHANGE

"BUILDING PEACE THROUGH INCLUSION"

12th-20th, March 2018

Pontevedra (Spain)



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ABOUT THE PROJECT

The **migrant crisis** that Europe has experienced since 2015 has triggered a general rise of **racism, xenophobia and violence** across many European countries and has shown the difficulties that our governments face when trying to find appropriate ways to relieve it.

At the same time, youngsters can have a strong impact on our societies and their development, as they act as **role-models and multipliers** in their local communities in order to raise awareness in our societies and help people understand the nature of the current issues.

In this context, **Peace Education** represents an essential tool for promoting an environment of mutual understanding through dialogue and respect for diversity. Following this path, during the Erasmus+ Youth Exchange **"Building Peace Through Inclusion"**, we will provide participants with practical tools to promote the **Culture of Peace**, prevent violent attitudes in their societies and foster the social integration of migrants, refugees and asylum seeker through non-formal education methods and intercultural exchange.

"Building Peace Through Inclusion" will be an international **Erasmus+ Youth Exchange** organized by **Ticket2Europe**. The main activity of the project will take place in the province of **Pontevedra (Spain)** during the period **12th-20th March, 2018**, including **32 participants** from 5 different countries (**Spain, Hungary, Germany, Turkey and Greece**).

PARTNERS



01 AIM AND OBJECTIVES

Participants will be encouraged to reflect and discuss the social realities in their countries and to cooperate in the creation of solutions to be implemented in the heart of their local communities in order to tackle the issue of intolerance towards immigrants and/or refugees while being in an intercultural environment and exchanging cultural experiences.

THE AIM OF THE PROJECT IS TO PROVIDE YOUNGSTERS WITH KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND NEW APPROACHES TO SOCIAL ACTION IN ORDER TO ENABLE THEM TO RAISE AWARENESS IN THEIR SOCIAL CONTEXT AND PROMOTE THE DECONSTRUCTION OF RACIST AND XENOPHOBIC ATTITUDES THAT COMPLICATE SOCIAL INCLUSION AND PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE IN OUR COUNTRIES.

In order to achieve this aim, we established the following **objectives**:

- **To provide** participants with **theoretical and practical knowledge regarding violence and its dimensions** through the analysis of the European refugee crisis and its consequences.
- **To create** the space to **design activities and other initiatives aiming at promoting social inclusion** of migrant people and fostering inclusive values and attitudes in the society.
- **To develop** a set of **materials/resources** that can be applied in the context of non-formal education in order to **foster reflection and fight prejudice** towards migrants, refugees and/or asylum seekers.
- **To establish new partnerships** with local organizations working with migrant people in order to foster a deeper understanding of the issue of social exclusion and to implement a social event on the spot.

02 PARTICIPANT'S PROFILE

This youth exchange is targeted at **youngsters** between the ages of **18-25 years old** (except for the group leader of each national group, for whom there is **no age limit**) who are familiar with the topic of migration and who are **deeply interested in triggering social change in their communities** regarding social inclusion of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers.

Motivation and willingness to implement future activities/events with the sending organization will be one of the key factors for selection. Participants are expected to have a **good level of English** that will allow smooth communication and be willing and committed to **actively participate in ALL sessions** (about 8 hours per day).

Besides, participants should commit to **keep to the deadlines**, carry out the **preparatory tasks** asked for by the organizers and be willing to **follow-up on the youth exchange**, ideally in co-operation with their sending organisation.

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH COUNTRY:

Spain (5+3)
Greece (5+1)
Hungary (5+1)
Germany (5+1)
Turkey (5+1)

GROUP LEADER PROFILE

We would like to develop and carry out a dynamic youth exchange in which **Group Leaders will be actively involved** in the design and implementation of the content part. For this, Group leaders will be chosen according to their **previous experience in international activities and/or involvement with their sending organizations.**

03 TRAVELLING TO THE PROJECT

"**Building Peace Through Inclusion**" will be implemented in Pontevedra, one of the four provinces of the Autonomous Region of **Galicia**, in northwestern Spain. Galicia's landscape is mostly dominated by forest and mountains and it is well-known among national and international visitors by its seafood, nature and coastline sites.



In Galicia there are **3 airports** to which you can directly travel (**Santiago, A Coruña** and **Vigo**) to then catch a regional train/bus to Pontevedra. However, these airports are not very big and you might struggle to find good deals for international flights, so we recommend you to fly either to **Madrid** or **Porto**:

- **Arriving to Madrid:** you can fly to Madrid-Barajas Airport and then travel by **train** (<http://www.renfe.com/>) **or by bus** (<http://www.avanzabus.com>).
- **Arriving to Porto:** being only 170 km away, Porto airport (Francisco Sá Carneiro) will probably be the best option regarding duration of the trip and price. From this airport you can arrive in Pontevedra with two bus companies:
 - **Autna** covers the route Porto-Vigo several times a day and some of the buses go on to Pontevedra.
 - **ALSA** connects as well Porto with Santiago de Compostela and this route has a stop in Pontevedra, although these buses do not run so frequently.

Arrival: You are expected to arrive to Pontevedra **by 18:00 h on 12th of March**. We will arrange pick-ups according to your arrival so it is very important that participants, group leaders or project coordinators **send us all travel confirmations** to olalla.gonzalez@ticket2europe.eu.

04 TICKETS AND REIMBURSEMENT

During the project week, accommodation, food and all the other project-related expenses will be **covered by the Erasmus+ programme**. Reimbursement of travel costs will be made during the youth exchange **via bank transfer to the sending organization** upon presentation of **all original tickets (including return tickets), receipts, invoices and/or boarding passes**.

When buying tickets, bear in mind that there is a **fixed maximum amount reimbursable for your individual trip costs**. The sum, set by the European distance calculator, covers the **travel costs from your home city to the venue and back**. Travel costs exceeding the **maximum reimbursable amount** will be covered by participants themselves.

GREECE 360 euros/person

HUNGARY 360 euros/person

TURKEY 530 euros/person

GERMANY 360 euros/person

REMEMBER!

Arrange all your travel in advance based on **economy class tickets** and plan the cheapest route possible.

Taxi rides can only be reimbursed when **public transport doesn't operate**.

If you have any doubt about your travelling plans, **please contact the coordinator before booking tickets**.

Participants can travel **maximum 1 day before and 1 day after** the start and end of the project.

NOTE: PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING THE ORIGINAL TICKETS AND INVOICES WITH YOU. WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO REIMBURSE YOU WITHOUT THEM. FAILURE TO PARTICIPATING IN THE CONTENT SESSIONS OR INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR MIGHT RESOLVE IN REIMBURSEMENT NOT BEING GIVEN TO THE PARTICIPANT OR EVEN WITHDRAWAL FROM THE COURSE WITH A NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE SENDING ORGANIZATION.

05 PRACTICALITIES



TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is **mandatory to have a valid travel and medical insurance** (i.e. **European Health Insurance Card**) during your travel. The host organization **will not cover** any personal health costs

If you need help with this, please contact your sending organisation.



MULTICULTI NIGHT

We'll have the opportunity to discover one another's cultures and national delicacies during **multiculti night**.

For this, you can bring **traditional snacks or drinks** from your country, as well as **songs, dances and stories to share**. Be ready to present them!:)



PARTICIPATION FEE

There will be a **20 EUR participation fee** to be brought in cash at the beginning of the project.

The money will be spent on the benefit of the activity to provide extra materials, activities and more fun times.



VISA

Turkish participants are entitled to receive **30 euros/person** in terms of expenses for obtaining a Schengen visa.

The rest of the participant countries residents do **NOT** require visa for Spain, so there is no need for you to take any measures.

Just make sure you take your international passport with you while travelling!:)

06 CHECKLIST

- ✓ Brief presentation of your organization and your country/culture.
- ✓ Traditional snacks/drinks for multiculti night.
- ✓ Bring your passion items (guitar, dancing monkeys, knitting set).
- ✓ Book transportation according to the budget and send the information.
- ✓ Send your travel confirmation and tickets to olalla.gonzalez@ticket2europe.eu.
- ✓ Join the official Facebook group of the project **HERE**.



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*NOTE: Information about the final venue and accomodation during the youth exchange will be provided at the earliest to all project coordinators, group leaders and participants from each partner organization through the established communication channels (email and official Facebook group).

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU IN GALICIA!



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