

YOUTH EXCHANGE

WORKSHOPPING FOR ENVIRONMENT



CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS
AUGUST 28TH – SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2013
TRENTO AND BRESIMO, ITALY

ABOUT THE PROJECT

This youth exchange will give opportunity for participants from six countries to raise their awareness about environmental issues and develop/improve their skills in usage and construction of non formal education methods. It will be held in Italy, both in city and countryside, allowing to gain from both environments. After reasonable preparation in first days, the main focus will be on constructing several ready-to-use workshops about being more responsible towards environment/nature and effect that our actions leave on it. Participants will be able to repeat these workshops in their own communities or other youth projects, sharing the gained knowledge and skills further.

THREE MAIN STAGES OF PROJECT WILL BE:

Step 1: The preparation – all leaders will meet in APV (Advance Planning Visit) 2nd-4th August and decide upon responsibilities and tasks to be carried out before exchange. Participants will be informed and prepared to be ready for upcoming activities and expected outcomes of the exchange.

Step 2: The Youth exchange itself. Participants will arrive in Italy and after getting to know each other and creating a good atmosphere in team, they will visit several organisations that deal with environmental issues and sites that could be important for deeper understanding of topic. After few days spent in city, all together will leave to countryside and learn about other cultures, their own opinions on environmental issues and also on ways, how should one construct a workshop with non formal education methods in practice. As soon as they will have gotten an insight in most important topics of exchange, they will team up in four groups and have time to create their own, original workshops with detailed descriptions for future use. At the end they will present their work to other participants and test the planned outcomes on one another.

Step 3: Implementation of gained experience. Participants will bring gained knowledge and newly made workshops home to carry them out in local communities. We expect to have several short reports with pictures back from most of delegations in order to collect the experiences and outcomes of particular methods in several environments.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF PROJECT:

Aims: 1) to raise awareness on importance of environmental issues and in our role in processes

2) to give a powerful learning-by-doing experience in field of activity facilitation and tools that could be transferred to daily lives

Objectives: 1) to introduce participants with topic of sustainability and environmental challenges nowadays, as well as different personal experiences of other participants to develop more thorough understanding of these issues

2) to increase their understanding about most important details of workshop creation and facilitation

3) to give the possibility to try out doing a workshop on their own and get reviews on their work right afterwards for consideration in future

4) to prepare four ready-to-use workshops with detailed description for usage in other audiences and countries

PARTNERS

Each team leader will have a certain role of responsibilities, that will be divided during APV. However, there are a few things we will expect from all of leaders, like:

- Finding a gender balanced group of 4 participants accordingly to participant profile, preferably youth with less oportunities
- preparing participants before coming to Italy for the specific activities that will be carried out in exchange
- an overall supervision of participants concerning follow-up activities

PARTICIPANTS

- 18-25 years old
- knowledge of English at least in level of daily communication
- can participate in whole duration of exchange
- interest in work with non formal education methods

PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

FINANCIAL CONDITIONS:

There is no participation fee. All participants will have accommodation and full meal plan provided. Moreover participants will get the travel reimbursement of 70% of real travel expenses.

Only with the proof of all original invoices (train,plane tickets) the reimbursement will be done. Also only the cheapest means of transportation (2nd or Economy class tickets) will be accepted. About the best travel option, please consult your team leader.

Info for leaders: we are planing APV, for this event the travel reimbursement will be done in 100%. Accommodation and food will be provided.

ACCOMODATION AND FOOD:



We will provide accomodation and all meals. The planned accomodation in historic city of Verona is a youth hostel in outskirts of city (to be precised) and on countryside – a renovated house with scenic view in mountains (altitude around 1200m) that will be in use only for participants of this particular exchange at that time. We will be sleeping in rooms of 10, 6 ,4 and 3 people.



There will be possibility to use internet, however getting to closest inhabited place on one's own is complicated and it is important to keep in mind, that participants will be staying there overnight for whole week (we will take care of the most necessary things to be bought, though). Depending on programme we will offer possibility to try outdoor sports, like rafting or trekking. Insight in Castel Basso (on Italian) : <http://www.castelbasso.com/index.php>.