

” Social Dipomacy - Power of Youth”

SEMINAR: 10 – 18 May 2017

near Berlin, Germany

Dear partners and participants,

We are glad to welcome you to the Seminar ” Social Dipomacy - Power of Youth ” and we are looking forward to meet you in Germany very soon. Please, read all the provided information carefully and don’t hesitate to contact us with anything related to your participation in the project.



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About the project

In the current situation of raising youth mobility, the important role of Internet and social networks in the international communication among young people it's very important to act as an "social diplomat" to build friendly relationship between young people from different countries in spite of political situations and decisions on the governmental level. Young people through international projects with volunteering and humanitarian purposes bring peace and build peace in the international reality. Some researchers of social diplomacy phenomenon call it "soft power" in the international relationships and underline the importance of young people in this field. During this training we want to realize the role and place of youth organizations in the "soft power" phenomenon.

Objectives

The main aim of the project is to encourage young people involved in the international youth work and volunteering to develop projects in the field of social diplomacy and peace building through raising their awareness about social diplomacy approach towards the international youth work.

In order to achieve this aim we are going to implement following objectives:

1. To raise awareness about social diplomacy itself: definition, actors, publics, means and goals.
2. To reflect about the role of international voluntary youth organizations in social diplomacy and peace building process.
3. To provide participants with the set of necessary competences and skills related to the topic of social diplomacy and peace building: non-violent communication, conflict transformation, work and leadership in multicultural groups, effective communication skills in the international reality, stereotypes and prejudices.
4. To share the best practices of youth organizations in social diplomacy and peace building.

Participants

We invite such type of youth workers, who believe in the necessity of youth work in peace building process, who believe in the essential of non – formal education, who have experiences to share and explore different methods and tools, who are able to plan a non – formal learning process within a youth activity

Important is that all the partners and their participants have different level of knowledge, awareness, experience and understanding of terms Social Diplomacy and peace building process, so it will be very interesting and useful to hear young people with different opinions and experiences.

We expect to receive from our partner organizations the participants with following profile:

- Youth workers from 18 years old who are involved in daily activity of partner organizations and are interested in the topic of social diplomacy and peace.
- Participants who wish to develop a multiplier effect after the training.
- Participants who are ready and wish to develop cooperation in the field of peace building projects.
- Participants who are able to attend training in English.
- Participants who have skills in project management and implementing international youth projects.
- Participant who have experience in working with international groups
- have already “some” experience with working with young people;
- have previous experience in intercultural activities and/or are familiar with concept of intercultural learning;
- are at least 18 years old;
- are motivated to take part in after seminar phase (evaluation, self assessment, etc.).

Finances

The seminar/training course is implemented by support of the European Commission programme ERASMUS+ and the German National Agency. Travel Expenses (according to Erasmus+ guidelines), accommodation, food and planned activities will be covered by the project budget.

We will reimburse travel costs as listed below on the basis of the *cheapest* possibilities, e.g. second class railway tickets, APEX-flights etc. by bank transfer after the training and the receipt of all ORIGINAL tickets, bills, invoices, receipts, boarding tags/cards etc. Following the guide lines of the Erasmus + programme the travel back must be realised by the participants on direct way within maximum 2 days. In case of longer stays or indirect travelling (holiday travel etc.) there is no chance of reimbursement of travel costs. Missing tickets will not be reimbursed. Please, keep the original tickets in order to get money back.

REIMBURSEMENT WILL BE AFTER PROJECT ENDED AND WHEN WE RECEIVE REST OF MONEY FROM NATIONAL AGENCY. IT CAN TAKE WHOLE YEAR.

Maximum travel costs for each participant is from home town to activity place (Berlin, Germany) and back:

Country	Number of persons	Costs per person
Germany	6	0.00
Serbia	5	275.00
Turkey	3	360.00
Latvia	3	275.00
Spain	3	275.00
Kosovo	3	275.00
UK	3	275.00
Italy	3	275.00
Romania	3	275.00
Hungary	3	275.00

IMPORTANT: PLEASE KEEP ALL YOUR ORIGINAL TRAVEL INVOICES AND BOARDING PASSES.

Accommodation

90% the project will be held at Schwanenwerder Gästehaus (Rico Thielsch, Inselstraße 20-22, 14 129 Berlin, Germany). In case of change we will inform you

For more info check: <http://www.schwanenwerder.gfbm.de/>

Rooms are from single to six beds. Some rooms have bathrooms and some do not. For 5 and 6 people do not, there are bathrooms that are shared.

It is necessary that participants bring their own towels

Accommodation includes all the meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner every day.

People from the same country can not be in the same room.

During the workshops there is 2 coffee break; during this break we will provide nes coffee and tea, also some kind of jus and sweets. This is for free for participants.

How to get there:

When we are 100% sure where it will be accommodation, we will send you instructions on how to get to places

Food

The provided food (3 meals a day) may differ from the food you are used to from home. However, we will try our best to accommodate your needs and dietary requirements. Please make sure, you indicate any special needs in the application form!

What to bring

Insurance - Travel Insurance

- **About your NGO** - During seminar will be a informal opportunities to present your NGOs' work. We fully encourage you to bring as much – relevant – materials as possible. Very useful is:

- To bring information in English language about your organization
- To bring other relevant information about your previous international projects you have organized
- To bring pictures, posters, leaflets and booklets of your NGO related to independent living

- To bring necessary things for representing your country, because we will have **intercultural evenings** and this mean that you will have your own space (around 15 min) to present your traditions, cultures or whatever you think represent your country to whole group. Try to make something interactive for people, make them participate, try to show culture but please, don't play long videos from Youtube because this is something we can do at home, we would like to really experience your country in live ;-)

- And for sure, don't forget to bring food & drinks from your countries!!

-Good Mood

Some tehnical suggestion

- if you have a home, bring with you a plug with more sockets.

If you have any questions concerning your participation or need additional information please feel free to contact us anytime !!!

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SEE YOU SOON