

Project Summary “Involving Marginalized Youth in International Projects”

The training course "Involving marginalised youth in international projects" will be hosted by Gemeinnützige PARITÄTISCHE INTEGRAL GmbH in Wolmirstedt, Germany from 13 March until 17 March 2017. Its topic is involving marginalised youth in international youth projects. In the previous youth projects it was already often discussed among group leaders that some young people quickly felt tired, ignored and excluded. In this situation they lose a lot of power, which they lack in order to plan and fulfill a happy, eventful and forward looking life. Experience in format of international youth project could help these young people to escape from this "marginalised" case and could cause a boost in personality development. This issue will be given much attention in our project and it will be discussed how we can help young people and how remedy can be found. Another important reasons for the project is the qualification of youth workers. The aim of experience exchange is to develop common methodological materials, that, for example, would consider simple language and address marginalised young people.

The training course aims at enabling and supporting youth workers and youth leaders to exchange their view on this topic and learn how to involve marginalised youth in projects. At the end of the training course the participants will know what groups of marginalised youth exist, will gain knowledge about the strategies of work with youth with fewer opportunities, acquire skills and competencies to develop projects and activities to empower youth to participate, know how to identify problems in their communities and how to find solution for this problems, develop a greater understanding of the social and educational needs in the partner countries, learn about needs of disadvantaged youngsters abroad and get a better image of the situation in their own country. In this project will be included 41 participants from 10 countries: Germany, Greece, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Hungary, Turkey, Albania, Ukraine and Armenia.

Mainly we will do workshops, presentations, and discussions. We hope that the project will highlight the benefits of inclusive work approaches within the local organizations taking part in the training. During the actual exchange, we hope that participants will have positive work experiences that will influence their views on youth work and their future involvement in European projects, either as full time employees or as volunteers. The project may also lead to future contact between both organisations, as a bilateral exchange or a multilateral project. The project has the potential to contribute to good practice in youth work and international exchanges, by means of efficient planning and professional delivery of workshops and activities. On the long term, the effects of the project will contribute to a better world, from the perspective of inclusion, equal opportunities, equity, non-discrimination, tolerance and even democracy and global awareness. However, these trends and evolutions are to be observed on the long term, as the teenagers of these days become the “next generation” and as they enter higher education and/ or the job market.

We aim at creating an impact on several levels:

- The participants themselves will improve their knowledge about inclusion, non-discrimination and creating equal opportunities for young people with diverse needs. They will improve knowledge about EU and EU values and a feeling of belonging to EU and a sense of personal and collective responsibility to attain headline targets of Europe 2020 strategy.
- On the level of the participant organizations, the desired impact will be achieved via the so-called “multiplier effect”. While each partner will send 3 participants to this training course, they have numerous youth workers inside their organization and they are supposed to get acquainted with the information their colleagues received during the exchange.
- From the perspective of the marginalized young people (who are the indirect beneficiaries of the project), the desired impact is visible and is supposed to produce effect on the long term. The expected impact of the project includes providing young people from different social,

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religious and urban/rural backgrounds with personal development opportunities that will have prolonged benefits in relation to employability, productive citizenship and social leadership. Through this programme, disadvantaged teenagers will have a better chance of becoming aware of the European Union and of European-sponsored projects that may be of interest or of benefit to them, such as Youth Initiatives, EVS, local facilities, EU grants etc.

Financial conditions:

Food and lodging is provided. Travel budget for Armenia is 360 Eur.