Home Away From Home - Training: Working with refugees, migrants and asylum seekers in your local community

Training Course
23 - 29 July 2018 | Croatia

Erasmus+ training for young volunteers and professionals wishing to support the integration of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants in their local community.

Background
The Erasmus+ project Home Away From Home addresses the challenges related to the integration of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants into European communities. The overall aim of the project is to identify, analyse and promote innovative, community based approaches to integration of new citizens in Europe.

The project is a strategic partnership between four civil society organisations in Austria, Belgium, Croatia and Germany and one university in the United Kingdom.

Over the past few years, feelings within the EU towards migration have become increasingly negative. The challenge of facilitating the inclusion of a growing number of migrants, asylum seekers and refugees and enhance their participation in the new societies has been increasingly gaining importance in many host countries.

In order to address these challenges the project aims to
1. Document and disseminate examples of effective and innovative community integration approaches initiated by youth or in which youth play a major role
2. Raise the capacities of young volunteers and professionals for supporting the integration of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants

Training

25 young people will be trained as multipliers to identify, innovate and generate actions for the integrations of refugees, asylum seekers and/or migrants. The composition of the program will in part be informed by the input of the participants themselves.
Key themes:
- political overview of the migration crises
- position of refugees/asylum seekers/migrants in Europe and legal aspects of integration
- community level youth engagement
- identification of challenges
- how to involve newcomers in youth organisation
- how to combat discrimination
- relationship building
- problem and stakeholder analysis
- action planning to set up a good practice (based on the collection of good examples we gathered during the research)
- networking
- dissemination (both online and offline)
- workshop management
- get to know other or new approaches/good practices
- methods of non-formal education
- … input by participants

Through blended mobility activities, the training will be fine-tuned to the needs and problems of your community. This means that the training is much more than a 7-days residence. By different virtual tools you can support your peers in their work, create joint actions and activities … and this before, during and after the training.

Participants profile
- 25 participants, 5 from each of the following countries: Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Germany, United Kingdom
- Legal residency in one of the countries mentioned above
- Aged between 18 and 30 years at the start of training
- Working proficiency in English
- Young people (volunteer or professional) who are either already working to support young refugees, asylum seekers and/or migrants or who wish to become more involved
- Available during the whole training
  - Training takes place from 23 - 29 July (travel days, 22nd and 30th of July)
  - With preparation before and follow-up after the training
  - Contribution to the multiplier event in your own country
    - integration success stories (Croatia, 15-05-2019*)
    - innovative community building (Germany, 29-05-2019*)
    - empowering youth for integration (Austria, 12-06-2019*)
    - working together in diversity (Belgium, 26-06-2019*)
    - home away from home (United Kingdom, 3-07-2019*)

* The mentioned dates are tentative.
Costs
There is no participation fee.
All costs related to food and accommodation will be covered by the project.
The travel costs will be reimbursed up to the following maximum amount per person: 275 EUR for participants that travelled between 100 and 1999 km.

Training overview
This training course is
- for 25 participants
- from Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Germany, United Kingdom
- And recommended for young people who are either already working to support young refugees, asylum seekers and/or migrants or who wish to become more involved
- Working language: English

Organizers
Home Away From Home
- The World of NGOs (Austria)
- Tumult vzw (Belgium)
- Centar za mir, nenasilje i ljudska prava – Osijek (Croatia)
- Forum Ziviler Friedensdienst e.V. (Germany)
- The University of Westminster (United Kingdom)

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Ready for application?
Apply now by completing this application form you find here latest by 31st of March 2018. We’ll inform you latest by the end of April about the selection results.
We aim at composing a diverse group of participants, with different backgrounds, points of interests and levels of experience.