

Green Games Kosovo – a training course on environmental education with an experiential approach

08 – 16. October 2012, Rugova Valley (Peja), Kosovo



Do you work with young people in- or outdoors?

Do you want to address environmental topics by using an appreciative approach to nature rather than frightening your participants with possible environmental catastrophes?

Do you want to know more about learning through games, which can be used to work on environmental topics with young people?

Do you want to gain experience on what it is like to work on common topics in an international group in a nice surrounding and a great atmosphere?

Then register for the Green Games Kosovo training course!

What are the Green Games?

The Green Games are a training course offered within the IYNF network, and organised by Environmentally Responsible Action (ERA) group in cooperation with international partners. The training course takes place in Rugova valley, Kosovo in the bordering region to Albania and Montenegro, 08-16. October 2012. It is designed for youth leaders, youth workers and youth trainers to learn and develop **non formal and experiential education methods connected with environmental themes**. During this training the participants will experience an ongoing process of discussion, sharing and experiencing the potential of these methods.

Practically this means:

- working with a positive approach towards environmental issues
- getting to know Naturefriends from other countries and work with them on common projects
- learning new skills, methods – and especially a lot of games.

Who can join?

Everyone that is:

- directly or indirectly working with young people
- pro active and both wants to learn and share their knowledge
- interested in non formal and experiential education methods - especially in learning through games - connected with environmental topics
- between 18 and 30 years old, with exceptions possible on both sides
- able to understand and speak English

The team together with its partner organisations will select the participants based on the criteria mentioned above and taking into consideration geographical, gender and experiential balance among participants.

Why do we organise the Green Games Kosovo?

We want to connect and inspire active volunteers in the Naturefriends network from Central Europe and the Balkan region to combine experiential and non-formal education methods to develop a relationship with nature and environment in their youth work. We provide the participants with tools and methods for attractive and effective ways of training on environmental issues. During the training courses the participants experience, exchange and develop new methods for environmental education that can be used in activities with e.g. local youth groups. The participants can bring this fresh knowledge and skills to their own organisation to motivate their respective target group.

What are the next steps?

If you are interested to participate in the Green Games Kosovo Training Course you have to fill the online application form, which you find [here](#) or <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dE9ldGI5Q21IQXRrWms3UjZhQTZSUGc6MQ#qid=0>

Deadline for applications is 30. August 2012 11:59 pm.

Until 3rd September you will receive the selection results from the project team.

What does it cost me?

This project is funded through the Youth in Action Programme, which means that you will have to cover **30% of your travel costs** (board and lodging is covered by the organizers). There are also maximum travel costs per country. That means that you will be asked to book your travel swiftly after you have been accepted to the Green Games Kosovo Training Course, to keep your travel costs as low as possible. The travel costs will be reimbursed after receiving all original tickets.

The **participation fee** for South eastern European participants (Kosovo, Montenegro, Albania and Macedonia) is 20 euro, and for European Union participants (Germany, Austria, Poland and Slovakia) is 50 euro. Participation fee needs to be paid on the 1st day of the program.

Do you have any further questions? About the content of the Training or the practicalities related to travelling to Kosovo? Than don't hesitate to contact your project team through

info@eradirect.org

Looking forward to hear from you and hopefully see you in the beautiful Rugova Region in Kosovo this autumn!

Your Green Games Team –

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Changes in Programme possible

08. Oct	09. Oct	10. Oct	11. Oct	12. Oct	13. Oct	14. Oct	15. Oct	16. Oct
Arrival of participants	Team-building & Self-experience	Nature as a resource: & Games in & with nature	Input Experiential Learning & Thematic Environmental Games	Presentation: Youth in Action & IYNF Networking First project brain-storming	Participants running own Green Games methods & Evaluation and feedback	Open Space Technology & Action Planning	Youthpass	Departure of participants
				Participants Creating own Green Games methods			Transfer back to Peja & Evaluation & Farewell	

