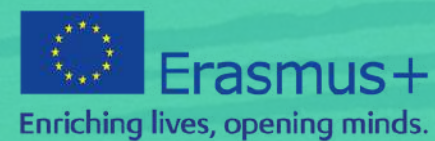


ARTIST PLAYGROUND

YOUTH WORKER MOBILITY ERASMUS+

ANTWERP, BELGIUM

7-12 JULY 2025



MOVING
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WHAT IS THIS YOUTH WORKER MOBILITY ABOUT?

Artist Playground is more than a youth worker mobility—it's a space for imagination, connection, and transformation.

From **July 7–12, 2025**, in the vibrant city of **Antwerp, Belgium**, young artists from across Europe will come together to **explore how creativity** can reshape the world around us.

Through **dance, music, theater, and visual arts**, we'll experiment with turning public spaces into places of joy, belonging, and play. You'll collaborate, reflect, and create—bringing life to the city while learning how art can build more inclusive, child-friendly communities.

If you believe that creativity **can spark change**, this is **your playground**.





WHY WE'RE GATHERING

This youth exchange isn't just about making art—it's about learning to use creativity as a force for connection, inclusion, and change. These are the goals that guide our journey together.

INTERCULTURAL EXCHANGE

By bringing together young people from different countries, we create a space for meaningful cultural exchange, mutual understanding, and new partnerships that go beyond borders.

ART & PUBLIC SPACE

Participants will learn how creative expression can turn everyday places into engaging, inclusive environments that reflect the voices and needs of local communities – especially children.

CREATIVE SKILLS

Through hands-on workshops and collaborative creation, participants will strengthen their ability to listen, express, and lead with clarity and care—skills essential in both art and life.

ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP

We will exchange experience, thoughts and skills in how you can use art education to increase active citizenship and equality in public space.

SELF-EXPRESSION

We will learn methods to connect with children playing in public space to reach out tools of expression and creation through arts. To give each child the opportunity to find their artistic voice.

CREATIVE CONNECTIONS

We'll connect with different people from different organisations and with different experiences so we can have bigger networks to collaborate and exchange further through Erasmus+.

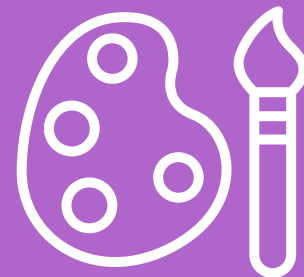
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DAY	PLACE	ACTIVITIES
06.07 (SUNDAY)	<u>IBIS Centraal Station Hostel</u> (Lange Kievitstraat 145, 2018 Antwerpen)	Travel day — Arrival of participants, Check-in at the hostel
07.07 (MONDAY)	<u>Noordpoort</u>	Getting to know each other Teambuilding and networking Workshops Artistic Play: combining art with games Experiencing, analyzing, creating
08.07 (TUESDAY)		First aid: how to deal with accidents when workin in public space Discovering good public playgrounds in Antwerp: we'll be visiting and observe different places where we can do interventions later in the week.
09.07 (WEDNESDAY)		Workshop: how to create brave spaces in public space? In every community, identities sometimes crash in public spaces: boys vs girls, native vs immigrant, based on skin color... With forumtheater, we'll train our skills as youth workers into shaping a brave space in public. In the afternoon, we'll work on using theatre of the oppressed in public spaces.

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11.07 (FRIDAY)		Creation day: in groups, you'll be inventing different activities in the morning, to put out in different public spaces in Antwerp in the afternoon
12.07 (SATURDAY)		Reflection day: why did activities work? Not work? Which ones do we want to share in a publication with other youth workers and artists? What skills and other gains did you learn during this training? Youth Pass
13.07 (SUNDAY)	<u>IBIS Centraal Station Hostel</u> (Lange Kievitstraat 145, 2018 Antwerpen)	Travel day — Packing & check-out, Departure of participants

WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?



voluntary and
professional
youth workers
and artists
between **16 and
30 years old**



with a
**background or
strong interest in
the (performing)
arts**



be comfortable
communicating
in **English (B1
level or above)**



open to **learning,
sharing, and reflecting**
in an **intercultural
environment**



motivated to join a
collaborative,
**creative group
process**

100% attendance of every participant is expected from **07/07** to and including **12/07**.

It is **not possible** to arrive **later**, to leave **earlier** or to **skip any days or workshops**.

Accommodation is arranged and paid for (as well as all the meals during the project days).

We expect **everyone to spend their night(s) at the accommodation** (unless you live in Antwerp).

WHAT ARE OUR EXPETATIONS?

BEFORE THE TRAINING:

- Read all provided information carefully
- Fill out the required form and submit your CV on time
- Organize your travel arrangements in advance, based on the agreed travel conditions
- Attend a pre-departure online meeting to connect with the group and clarify logistics

DURING THE TRAINING:

- Be present and actively engaged in all sessions from start to finish
- Participate with openness in creative workshops, group discussions, and collaborative tasks
- Respect the group, facilitators, spaces, and different perspectives

AFTER THE TRAINING:

- Share your experience in your community or online
- Send any needed travel documents for reimbursement
- Complete the final evaluation form





WHO IS ORGANIZING THIS EXCHANGE?

Artist Playground is initiated and hosted by **Moving Ground**, a multidisciplinary arts organization based in **Antwerp, Belgium**. We work at the intersection of community, creativity, and public space, with a strong focus on youth participation, inclusive practices, and the transformative power of the arts.

Moving Ground creates platforms where people of **different backgrounds, ages, and abilities can come together** to co-create and reimagine how we live and move in shared spaces. Through performance, visual arts, storytelling, and movement-based practices, **we facilitate encounters that inspire reflection, connection, and social change.**

Our youth projects are designed to be collaborative, experiential, and rooted in real-life community contexts.

The training will be given by our founder Evelyne Van Hecke and our professional youth worker Eva Aerts.

Artist Playground continues this mission by offering a **space for young artists to meet, learn from each other**, and **explore how art can be a tool for inclusion** and active citizenship.

This project is co-funded by the **Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union**, with the support of local and international partners who share our commitment to creative youth engagement and cross-cultural dialogue.

HOW TO APPLY?

To apply for **Artist Playground**, please complete the online application form linked below and upload your CV directly within the form.

Application Form

Deadline: May 25, 2025

The participants will be selected until the **June 1st** and the organization will contact you. If you have some questions, you can contact us via email or phone number.

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