

MAKING THE DIFFERENCE

Partnership Building Activity

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS FOR YOUTH EXCHANGES WITH A FOCUS ON NORTH – SOUTH PARTNERSHIPS

25th – 29th of November 2013, Vila da Marmeleira, Portugal

	Monday 25/11	Tuesday 26/11	Wednesday 27/11	Thursday 28/11	Friday 29/11
9h30	Arrival participants	Get to know each other	(late breakfast buffet)	Partnerships: how and why	Project building
10h40		Break		Break	
11h10		Get to know each other	Debriefing international evening Erasmus+: the follow up of YiA as a programme AND a tool!	Partner building: creating groups of common interest around themes & topics, based on needs and expectations	Project building: action plans
12h30		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
14h00		Team challenge: 'Spacial village challenge'	Youth exchange and local impact/involvement: how can this go together	The timeline of a project	Presentations of results in plenary: feedback phase
15h30		Break	Free time in city Santarem	Break	Break
16h00		The role of your organisation in society: local and global		Project building with ongoing coaching of the groups	Unfinished business Final evaluation
17h20		Welcome practicalities			
18h30	Dinner	International dinner with local families	Dinner in Santarem: restaurant Quinzena	Dinner	Community dinner
20h00	International organisation fair	International evening in the village	Free time in the city	Free time in village with optional public event: Salsa & Sangria night	Good bye evening (public event)

INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION FAIR: please bring along information on your organisation, previous projects (if any), visual materials etc. in order to be able to make a clear presentation of your organisation.

INTERNATIONAL EVENING IN THE VILLAGE: participants will be divided in smaller groups and hosted for a Portuguese dinner in a local family). After the dinner, all participants and involved families will join together for the discovery of (the snacks and drinks from) the present countries in the PBA.

PROJECT BUILDING: smaller groups start the concrete work on building a project(s), interspersed with short lectures and mini workshops on different topics.



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WHY A PARTNERSHIP BUILDING ACTIVITY ... FOCUSING ON YOUTH EXCHANGES!?

We hear it often ...youth exchanges change young people's life! And yes ... they do indeed. It is not only a great and fun project, but if done well ... especially rich in learning for all those involved!

Youth exchanges have played a very important role in the past years and remain a cornerstone in the mobility programmes of the European Commission for the coming years. The launching of the new Programme Erasmus + also underlines the importance of such Youth Exchanges as a powerful tool for young people to empower themselves and to grow towards active citizens of their own community up to European and global level.

The National Agency of Norway and Portugal for the Youth in Action programme launch therefore this Partnership Building Activity (=PBA), with a clear focus on increasing the cooperation between NGO's and groups from Northern and Southern Europe. **"MAKING THE DIFFERENCE"** aims therefore also to connect the young people from both corners of Europe.

This PBA will take place in a rural village in the centre of Portugal: 'Vila da Marmeleira' with 460 habitants. Over the past 2 years, different international activities (including YiA) have been introduced in this community, offering a win-win situation for all involved with local development/change through their involvement in the activities and a deep intercultural experience for the participants. This village seems to us a good setting to organize this Partnership Building Activity **"MAKING THE DIFFERENCE"**, where **NORTH MEETS SOUTH**.

TARGET GROUP

- ➔ Max 25 participants from **CROATIA, CYPRUS, MALTA, NORWAY, PORTUGAL AND SPAIN**
- ➔ Being able to use English as working language
- ➔ Having a true and real interest in establishing partnerships
- ➔ Youth workers and youth leaders who can represent their youth group's interest
- ➔ This Partnership Building Activity is also open for youth workers and leaders who wish to start with youth exchanges in their organization or group.



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OBJECTIVES

- To create an opportunity to find good and reliable partners to make youth exchanges with
- To understand what is needed to plan a youth exchange of good quality.
- To create a solid networks of contacts and partnerships
- To equip the youth workers with insight in their role as coach and support.
- To experience the possibilities of local involvement.
- To understand the impact and social change a youth exchange can have within the local community.

DURATION

Participants are expected to be part of the full duration of the Partnership Building Activity. All board and lodging is foreseen from Monday 25th of November dinner time, till after breakfast on Saturday 30th of November 2013.

TRAINERS TEAM

The PBA “Making the Difference” will be facilitated by the pedagogical team of the Rural Centre of Non Formal Education. For any additional information, don’t hesitate to contact:

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