

## PARTNERSHIP BUILDING ACTIVITY

18<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2014

VILA DA MARMELEIRA - PORTUGAL

# MAKE THE MOVE!

*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 Bureau International Jeunesse and the National Agency of Portugal for the Erasmus+ Youth in Action programme launch therefore this Partnership Building Activity (=PBA), with a clear focus on increasing the cooperation between NGO's and groups in order to develop quality Youth Exchanges in the frame of the new European Programme Erasmus +.*

## CONTEXT

Over the past years, many youth exchange projects have been developed and run between organisations from different countries. An exciting and challenging intercultural encounter! In order to strengthen the partnerships and especially the quality of these projects, this partnership building activity aims to provide the needed support and training elements for the participants who intend to organise such a youth exchange in the near future. Besides creating the opportunity for participants to create strong partnerships, we also wish to offer a real intercultural experience, as an inspirational example for future youth exchange implementations.

This **"MAKE THE MOVE"** will therefore take place in a rural village in the centre of Portugal, 'Vila da Marmeleira', which has 460 habitants. Over the past 3 years, different international activities (including YiA projects) have been implemented in this community, offering a win-win situation for all involved - local development and change for local people through their involvement in the activities and a deep intercultural experience for the participants. Besides the pedagogical outcomes of the international activities (e.g. training course, seminar, workcamp), the different projects have left their mark on the community. A local impact and international footprint have been left behind.



This village seems to us an ideal setting to organize this PBA *“MAKE THE MOVE”*, focusing on the following aspects:

- Young people as actors in the different steps of a youth exchange, supported and coached by youth workers.
- The local community as the integral supporting structure of a youth exchange .
- The impact and permanent mark on a local community as a result of a youth exchange.

The above features will not only be discussed and analysed, but will also be based upon real practical experience during the Partnership Building Activity.

## AIMS & 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 network 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

## TARGET GROUP

The partner building activity is open for **voluntary and professional youth workers, working directly with young people, and plan to organise a youth exchange within the frame of the Erasmus+ - Youth in Action Programme**. Max 30 participants from **Geographical Europe (Programme countries + Balkans and Eastern Europe and Caucasus)**.

Participants should be **at least 18 years old**.

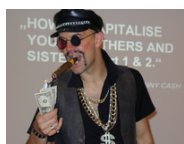
Be aware that this Partner Building Activity will be in English. The team can give extra language support in French, Portuguese, and Dutch when necessary.

Participants are expected to be part of the full duration of the Partnership Building Activity. All board and lodging is foreseen from Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> of March dinner time, till after breakfast on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2014.

## TRAINERS TEAM FOR *“MAKE THE MOVE”*



Bernard Moreau (Belgium)



Jo Claeys (Portugal)

<http://www.salto-youth.net/find-a-trainer/8.html>

## BOARD & LODGING

You will be hosted in smaller houses inside the village, near to the very centre. Each house will have place for approximately 6 to 8 participants, in single and twin rooms. Bed sheets, towels and shampoo are provided.

You'll be living this week as if you were ... full inhabitants of the village!

Breakfast will take place in the very central traditional café on the central square, a daily meeting point for all the habitants. Lunch and dinner are homemade dishes and coffee breaks catered by the local support teams.



The final event will be a public event, being that this PBA is not a closed happening, but is intended to offer as well the participants as the local population a REAL experience of mutual intercultural learning.

## HOW TO TRAVEL

The very best for you would be to travel to **AIRPORT LISBON**.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of March, there will be a bus picking up all the participants at 17h00 at the airport exit and bringing you straight to Vila da Marmeleira.

In case you travel to **AIRPORT PORTO**: we will send you more info later on, but basically you'll need to catch a bus and connecting train to Santarém, the closest town to the village. There we will arrange a pick up by minivan.

*Location of Vila da Marmeleira, between the cities Santarém and Rio Maior. Approximately 80 km north of Lisbon, and about 220km south of Porto.*



**Travelling back:** please do not book your return flight before 10h in the morning on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March.

**And why not ... use that day to visit Lisbon or Porto!?**