



Contact Making Event – Vossem - Tervuren Belgium, 2 - 7 November 2015

Every youth exchange has a huge potential towards learning opportunities for young people and promote active participation. Are you interested in focusing on quality aspects and deepening this out in your next youth exchange? This Contact Making Event will provide you with support for partner finding, the project idea development and project implementation. Besides this, several training elements focus on competence building of each participant within the non-formal educational setting created, with a particular attention towards working around themes, programme building and visibility in the local community.

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. The first **The REAL DEAL** took place in Finland in September 2012. Due to the successful outcomes, this event was repeated several times over the past years.

“The REAL DEAL” will take place in a (rural) village in the centre of Belgium, Vossem – Tervuren. Combining the experiences over the past years with the ‘Rural Centre of Non Formal Education’ (in Vila da Marmeleira – Portugal) where international events are fully in betted in the local community, this Belgian village seems to us an excellent setting to organize **The REAL DEAL**, 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, experiencing first hand such a local involvement.



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AIMS & OBJECTIVES

To build up partnerships for future youth exchanges

- To provide a platform for developing international youth exchanges in a strong partnership
- To explore, exchange and discuss different ways how a youth exchange can contribute to empowerment of young people, within the different phases of the youth exchange.
- Share and explore ideas, experience and areas of common interest in the intercultural settings.
- To explore and experience local impact and involvement
- Explore different quality aspects and features within a youth exchange

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.**

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 Portuguese, Dutch and French when necessary, but there is no permanent translation.

TRAINERS TEAM FOR “THE REAL DEAL”



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Jo Claey (PT): <http://www.salto-youth.net/find-a-trainer/8.html>

... and the local population of the village, besides the NA officers.



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INTERCULTURAL WEEK...?:

This project is strongly in bedded in the village Vossem! Besides experiencing ourselves the 'daily life' in the village, also the habitants of Vossem will get several opportunities to meet us! The final evening is therefore also a public 'international evening', where you can share your (traditional) snacks and drinks with the local population ☺

PROJECT BUILDING: smaller groups start the concrete work on building a project(s), interspersed with short lectures and mini workshops on different topics (IC dangers, NFE-FE, participative methods for young people ...)

INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION FAIR: please bring along information on your organisation, previous projects (if any), visual materials etc. in order to be able to present your organisation to other interested (and possible) future partners.

PARTNERSHIP BUILDING ACTIVITY: "THE REAL DEAL"

CREATING STRONG PARTNERSHIPS FOR FUTURE QUALITATIVE YOUTH EXCHANGES

VOSSEM/TERVUREN - BELGIUM

	Monday 2 nd of November 2015	Tuesday 3 rd of November 2015	Wednesday 4 th of November 2015	Thursday 5 th of November 2015	Friday 6 th of November 2015
9h31	Arrival participants: encounter at 17h00 in Hotel lobby Tervuren	Get to know each other Programme, objectives and practicalities	Good practice!? The start of 'Appreciative Inquiry'	Partnerships: how and why	Project building
10h42		Break	Break	Break	Break
11h23		Organisations and young people's interests	Input sessions on qualitative aspects	Partner building: creating groups of common interest around themes, needs/expectations	Project building: action plans
12h34		Lunch (+ village activity)	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
14h05		Erasmus+: YiA: the challenging quiz of Keyaction 1: youth exchanges & Youthpass	The 'Dreaming phase'	Project building	Presentations of results
15h36	Welcome practicalities	Break	Break	Input sessions on qualitative aspects	Break
16h17		Sharing own good & less good practices	Debriefing 'Appreciative inquiry'	NA support	Final evaluation
17h28			Reflection and midterm evaluation		Preparation of final public event
18h39	Dinner	Dinner in youthclub Den Troemel	Dinner in local families	Dinner	Open buffet
20h00	Getting to know the place & the people	Evening dynamics (public event)	Still in local families ...	Free evening	International evening (public event)

THE FLOW:

The programme shows different steps which are taken in order to reach the set objectives.

- Getting to know each other and the organisational backgrounds
- Understanding E+: YiA and its values
- Exploring quality aspects within youth exchanges
- Creating partnerships
- Developing project ideas and concrete action plans

EXCITING TRANSPORT!

Between the place where we sleep (Tervuren) and the village where we will work/eat etc, there is a distance of 4 km. Besides a minivan, there will be bicycles available for the ones who wish to do this trajectory on 2 wheels ... a great trip through the Royal Parks of Tervuren!

PREVIOUS ... :

In the previous weeks to The REAL DEAL, a Facebook group will be created (besides group emails) to create the possibility to get to know each other beforehand, an exciting preparation phase to the actual event!

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