

“ACT FOR WHAT YOU BELIEVE”
TRAINING COURSE IN THEATRE OF THE OPPRESSED
7TH-14TH OCTOBER 2021 (VELIKI GAJ, SERBIA)

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Background of the project

Theatre of the Oppressed is a collective rehearsal for reality. The main idea of this methodology is to make people experience and understand how a change of an attitude, behaviour or thinking pattern can have a powerful significant effect on their life as well as lives of people around them.

Theatre of the Oppressed methods are highly adaptable to the needs of different communities, with a large capacity to cover all kind of the social issues: human rights problems, power abuse and oppression in different ways, lack of activism, discrimination, exclusion, poverty, marginalization, xenophobia, etc. and through a creative approach provides a space for people to reflect, find solutions to these topics and transfer the solutions in their lives.

The main goal of the project is to increase the capacity of youth work sector to raise the participation and involvement of young people in social processes and change.

More specific Objectives of the project are:

- To introduce innovative methodologies in youth work field, to address human rights violations, intolerance, radicalisation of young people, exclusion, etc.
- To raise the capacity of partners to operate at European level and in International mobility projects which address the needs of young people in vulnerable situations;
- To stimulate the exchange of best practices in youth work field, in using theatre for social change in sensitive topics in our society
- To increase the quality of the youth organization projects
- To stimulate professional development for youth workers active in human rights area
- To increase the level of active participation among the direct and indirect beneficiaries
- To contribute to the development of employment skills among direct and indirect beneficiaries

Profile of the participants

- Be youth workers, leader's coordinators, facilitators and trainers from active NGOs that have mission and objectives that are related to human rights, inclusion and empowerment of young people;
- To be over 18 years old;
- **Interest in Theatre of the Oppressed** or theatre as a tool for social change (*it doesn't mean previous experience – please read the notes below*);
- Motivated to act as multiplier in this field;
- **Have good command of English language;**
- **The participants should be resident of one of following countries:** Bulgaria, France, Germany, North Macedonia, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Turkey.

***NOTE:** applications from people residents in other countries than the one mentioned before (*regardless if they are nationals of the countries mentioned before*) **will not be accepted;**

***NOTE:** This training program is designed for youth workers which are **NEW** to the field of using theatre as a tool for social change! *People with previous*

experience in theatre of the oppressed field are welcomed BUT they need to be aware that this training is not for advanced practitioners and also that the way methodology is used by our experts might be different than the way they use it. If you are experienced and you are not sure if this program suits you, write to us!

Costs:

This project is funded by Erasmus + (KA1) of European Commission. According to its financial rules some costs are fully covered, some not, like following:

- **100 % costs of board and logging** will be fully covered;
- **Travel will be fully covered** (from the country of residence – which has to be on the list mentioned before-no exceptions allowed) up to certain limits (based on the distance) band and the equivalent in financial support – more details will be included in the info pack) upon the receipt of all original tickets and invoices.
- There is no budget line intended to cover COVID-19 tests and travel insurance; however, part of the travel costs may be used to cover only the necessary COVID-19 testing and travel insurance
- **The transport will be reimbursed** at the end of the training or after the training, after receiving the documents in original (depending on the documentation provided on the spot and the accounting rules of each country)

**If for the participation in the training, additional requirements are necessary (e.g. PCR tests, etc.) updated financial information will be made available to the potential or selected participants.*

Feel free to ask any additional questions. If you are not sure if this training is suitable for your learning and professional needs before deciding to apply.

For more information please send us an email to: s.aleksa@yahoo.com , but make sure you have read all the information presented in the call before addressing a question.