

## CALL FOR PARTNERS for a youth exchange in the field of youth

Title of the project: **Open your field**

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### Project idea

The Youth Exchange proposal focuses on the processes of interaction between the rural space and the equality (feminism, LGBTIQ+, etc), and it is planned to take place at the end of July 2024 in Vilafranca del Penedès. The project will gather 33 young people (aged 18-30 y.o.) and 7 group leaders.

The main theme of the project lies in the exchange and learning between different young people from different countries about how, in each case, rural environment influences the equality and vice versa, as equality can alter hegemonic dynamics in this environment. In this way, the young participants share their experiences and learn different strategies to improve the equality through rural environment activities and actions.

The different processes of acting politically in the public sphere, focusing on the interaction with people on the street and the contact with physical and invisible barriers, as well as the limits and opportunities this offers for equality in the public space will be some of the axes of work that the young people will be able to deal through intercultural exchange.

In this way, the project also offers the opportunity to learn, grow and share realities with other countries, and to stimulate volunteerism among young people and intercultural learning. Then, the learning axes are related to the awareness work that local agents carry out at municipal level, to promote intercultural learning and cultural diversity as an opportunity and promote the active participation of young people in the community.

In particular, during the days in Vilafranca del Penedès, there will be activities with other young people, open to the local community that can give visibility to the project and promote the participation of young people in this type of activity.

Consequently, we will work to include young people in proposing solutions to provide an answer to the interrelation of equality and rural environment, train young people in the promotion of their ideas in social initiatives that are implemented since they are ready to assume responsibility and establish an international dialogue, not only among the participants, but also among the local community, that will be invited to the activities.

### Objectives

The youth exchange objectives are:

- To reflect on the interaction between equality and rural environment.
- To rethink cultural diversity and carry out intercultural learning.
- To analyse rural environment from an equality perspective.
- To make proposals for intervention to raise or promote equality in rural environment.
- To identify needs in the local and international environment.
- To promote equality reflection and the breaking of stereotypes.
- To promote the active participation of young people in social life and the local community.
- To guide participants to discover their personal attitudes and how to follow their studies.
- To inform young people about the opportunities around and throughout Europe.

<b>Activities</b>
<b>Advance Preparatory Meeting (APV)</b>
<p>It is planned that each partner involves <b>1 group leader</b> (no limit age), who will also participate during the youth exchange. It will take place within the first 15 days of May.</p>
<b>Youth exchange</b>
<p>The youth exchange will take place <b>from 22nd to the 28th of July, 2024</b> (Sunday the 21st July and Monday the 29th of July, 2024, as travelling days). The venue for the YE will take place in the municipality of <b>Vilafranca del Penedès</b>, a municipality ~50km far from Barcelona (it takes a bit more than 1 hour by train from Barcelona city centre).</p> <p>The project will gather 40 participants from 6 countries: 33 young people (aged 18-30 y.o.) and 7 group leaders during the 7 days of the project. Each country will participate with <b>1 group leader</b> (not limit age) + <b>5 young people (18-30 y.o., being 2-3 of them with fewer opportunities)</b>, while the Spanish team will be formed with 8 youth people (18-30 y.o.) and 2 group leaders.</p>
<b>Activities</b>
<p>TACC will use different ways to encourage the participation of all young people, such as dynamics, video forums and to promote intercultural learning, participants from each country will prepare material to describe their context and general information related to the project topics.</p> <p>TACC will carry out activities in the municipality and its rural environment, and there will be also open activities in which the local population who do not participate directly in the project can participate.</p> <p>The proposed activities are framed within non-formal education, emphasizing the different ways of learning and, through the Youthpass and the writing of a diary, there will be a process of awareness, to reflect and document the learning and the skills acquired in the different phases of learning.</p> <p>During these phases, we will work to contribute to the personal development of young people, promote tolerance and reduce prejudice. Through this project, young people will have the opportunity to organise themselves, take responsibility and improve their skills to solve problems independently.</p> <p>The thematic contents that are worked on specifically in this youth exchange, related to the interaction between feminism and public space, are: feminism as political action, feminist architecture, public space as a safe space, empowerment, cultural exchange, among others.</p>
<b>Timeline of the project</b>
<p>The project will take place <b>from Monday the 22nd of July to Sunday the 28th of July 2024</b> (Su 21/07/2024 and Mo 29/07/2024, as travelling days).</p>