

Partners for 4.3 Action YiA – KA 1 / 2 Mobility Youth Worker project Erasmus+

Dear NGOs, potential partners:

WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

From Colectivo GENTES in Jaén (Spain) we are looking for partners to develop an action 4.3 from the last Youth in Action program, actually a Key Action 1 about Mobility of Youth Worker project from Erasmus+ program (up to 2 months) or preferably, a Key Action 2, Strategic Partnership in the field of Education, Training and Youth (between 4 months up to 8 months). We will apply in 17th March or 30th April to start the activity in July/August 2014.

The aim is to develop the training-project in youth work and Youth organizations, particularly regarding exchanging experiences, expertise and good practice, as well as activities which may lead to long-lasting quality projects, partnerships and networks.

WHO ARE WE? & WHAT COLECTIVO GENTES IS?

The Social and Cultural Association called "**GENTES**" (PIC: 948617418) was founded in Jaén in May 2003, as a non-profit organization, aimed to promote Implicative and participatory Methodologies as well as Social Volunteering and Civic Participation. In addition, it was our goal to promote better procedures to active participation at individual, group and community levels of participation in the organization. This is possible through a dynamic and systematized teamwork, which improves the socio-cultural reality of the province of Jaén. GENTES is also a non-formal education training school, focused on animation, youth learning process, development of heritage and sharing knowledge.

GENTES has experience developing YiA Programme projects, especially in the action 1.1 Youth Exchanges. As a member of the Provincial Volunteer Network LIENZOS, we have designed and mentored projects in action 2, European Voluntary Service. Our experience in EVS has focused on the education and training of our technicians regarding the EVS programme and the JAMO (Jeunes Avec Moins Opportunités en Mobilité) project. Our experience has also focused on the support and the management of hosting and sending projects for some entities which take part on it as well. Currently, we are developing YiA Programme projects and leading the European Volunteer Centre (CEV).

We are consultants for local authorities in youth participation and teaching methodologies. We have more than nine years of experience taking part in the territorial youth policy: Andalusian Plan Gyga, Young Code, and the brand-new Provincial Plan for Youth 2012-2014.

Recently we have created the Leisure and Freetime "Gentes" School, in which we teach non formal education in animation and social participation through smile-therapy and training in emotions as well as the exchange of life experiences. All this it s performed in collaboration with local and regional authorities and other non governmental institutions like Labour Unions, associations and civil organizations.

Our social and youth practice work has included the following:

- Taking part in associations, platforms and social development projects.
- Participating in training and teaching processes, from formal to non-formal education, for active civic participation building common spaces.

In "Gentes" we are improving processes of non-formal education and training for social rights and educational competencies. In order to obtain our aims, we understand the access to the education and civil participation as a right. Throughout our trajectory, we are improving our competences in this field organizing intercultural training exchanges, learning other ways to develop strategies, creating and taking part in networks. Our organization collaborates with local and regional authorities to perform and organize activities to promot active youth participation, thus developing the Strategic Regional Youth Planning in the province of Jaén. In regards to the EVS experience, we are expecting to improve our competencies to work in the Human Rights framework with young people, as well as engaging young people within the youth policy fields of their territory.

GENTES usually leads projects with young people of our territory. Those are the medium term projects to work in several fields related to young life, such as environmental affairs, independence life, culture and free time, youth leadership, communications and new technologies, overland life, living abroad, the past- the present and the future, removing linguistics barriers, employment, etc. We will perform it with implicative methodologies and applying a common method based on non-formal education, exchange experiences, meetings with expert local actors and laugh-therapy. These projects are developed in small groups who work in teamwork, showing the results obtained in public places and sharing them with the community.

WHAT CAN WE OFFER?

The project will be focused on activities that strengthen the cooperation among our organizations with a view to establishing exchanges of practices. As well as:

- Activities that promote the development, testing and/or implementation of innovative practices in the field of education, training and youth;
- Activities that facilitate the recognition and validation of knowledge, skills and competencies acquired through formal, non-formal and informal learning;
- Activities of cooperation between regional authorities to promote the development of education, training and youth systems and their integration in actions of local and regional development;
- Transnational initiatives fostering entrepreneurial mind-sets and skills, to encourage active citizenship and entrepreneurship (including social entrepreneurship).

We offer an expert person in active youth participation, trainings, and youth work called Mr. Felipe Manzano, you can see his CV attached. Aside from this, we offer all GENTES staff. We will support this project and all the issues, challenges, and new proposals to work in network all together during the project and in the future.

Our applicant and Youth Worker: Mr. Felipe Manzano

Mr. Felipe Manzano, 33 years old, from Spain, is a staff member of Colectivo GENTES, who works in the youth field, learning process, and Erasmus+ projects (youth exchanges, EVS, action trainings, etc). He is social and youth worker. In the organization he works as a volunteer in the role of Secretary and Director of the Youth Animation and Free Time School.

Mr. Felipe Manzano has worked as a mentor for young people leading exchange projects and others YIA Projects like EVS, Youth Policy Commissions, Youth Exchanges, etc. During 5 years he worked for the Andalusian Youth Institute (the public body) as Youth Worker at local level to help local authorities to develop active youth participation within young people. He is a staff member of GENTES as Secretary and he is the mentor and coordinator for all activities related to the Erasmus + Program. He has the YouthPass competences and skills to lead and evaluate youth activities and projects. He has a good language communication level with partners to facilitate the working process.

The personal goals for Felipe as a Youth Worker are improving his personal competences and his organizational capacities. He is looking for hosting organizations partners to develop a project for him in the new Key Action 1 or 2 of ERASMUS+ program, for Youth Workers mobility, with the aim

of shadowing period abroad in an active organization in the field of youth, learning other ways working with young people, promoting European youth programs, improving competences language skills, building networks for future projects, etc...

The proposal would be he stay in an organization for a minimum of two months, according with the KA 1 of Erasmus + Program, but if it is possible and you are interested, we can study other options for a longer hosting period, for instance, from 4 to 8 months.

Felipe's competences and activities in GENTES:

- a) Designing and developing training plans and specific training activities.
- b) Promoting animation processes, training, employment, organization and management processes at an individual, group and community level.
- c) Taking part of the goal of promoting activities for groups with special needs.
- d) Enhancing and helping the organization of associations.
- e) Activating programs and actions in the defence, interpretation and promotion of the urban environment, natural heritage and landscapes.
- f) Developing projects to improve a model of healthy living, based on a balance among consumption habits, physical activity, and a daily relationship with the immediate environment.
- g) Promoting programs to support the implementation of sustainable development experiences, as an alternative model for economic, social and cultural.
- h) Put in practise measures to promote equal opportunities, access to information technology as well as communication and social volunteering.
- i) Promoting and recovering the culture of the territory in a globalised society.
- j) Organizing networks and shared social spaces.
- k) Helping to advice on strategic planning, leadership and management for associations, institutions and organizations.
- l) Training and promoting processes for Volunteering and social awareness
- m) Developing projects for consumer education, participation, environmental education and training habits.
- n) Organizing and animating events, interchanges, groups and civic spaces.
- m) Collaborating with organizations, associations, institutions and administrations for the social-dynamic and associative impulse.

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