

Erasmus+ Programme - KA1 Youth Exchanges

Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014

## "RainBOW - Raising Integration Beyond sOcial Weaknesses"

### PARTNER INFO SHEET



1)	<b>Name of Leading Organisation and Main Contact for Exchange</b>
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3)	<b>Age Group, Gender and Social Background of Group Members</b>
	<p>AIPD Group Members that will be involved in the RAINBOW project are all aged between 14 and 20 years old. Some of them are men and women with Down syndrome who regularly attend the activities of the Association and who enjoy a high level of autonomy. The other Group Members from AIPD are normal people attending middle and high school. The aim of the project is to create heterogeneous youth groups coming from 3 different countries: all of them want to reflect and focus on the holistic concept of diversity (including different social situations, such as those lived by people with Down Syndrome, young people with social problems and LGBT young people) and on what social integration means for them.</p> <p>Young people should be between 4 and 10 per group, 50% male and 50% female if possible.</p> <p>1 male and 1 female leader for each group should be selected .</p>
4)	<b>Main Aims of Leading Organisation</b>
	<p>The Association has, by statute, the following purpose and specific objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intervene to give to family members of people with Down Syndrome psychological support, extended information and correct, practical support, opportunities for interaction and exchange of information and experience;</li> <li>• Facilitate the necessary and fruitful inclusion of children with Down syndrome in schools of every order and degree;</li> <li>• Promote and organise all the activities aimed at promoting the inclusion of people with Down Syndrome in society and in the world of work and their acceptance at all levels, even with the organization and management of projects for the development of personal autonomy and external courses and vocational trainings;</li> <li>• Promote the creation of structures and services tailored to meet the people with Down Syndrome's needs, including residential needs;</li> <li>• Create a network of consultants consisting of physicians, health care, education</li> </ul>



	<p>and social professionals, who are sensitive to and concerned with the problems of Down Syndrome, in order to achieve a better general care;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spread the knowledge of operational, legislative and social security tools which can benefit all people with Down Syndrome.</li> </ul> <p>The Association has its core activity in the "Course of Education to the Autonomy". Since 1998, it works on education courses and social autonomy; since then, the activities were expanded by involving not only teenagers but also other age groups. There is another project called "Play and learn" aimed at children, dedicated to their first steps into the world. A third project is addressed to young people, the Agency of Leisure, which is a container created to develop and facilitate the management of free time. Finally, with the group of adults with Down Syndrome, the project called "Agency" meets their needs in free time and their interests.</p> <p>Since 2003, AIPD has expanded the concept of autonomy, hitherto seen only from the social point of view. With the renovation of an apartment and the opening of "Our House" , the Association began working during the weekends with young adults with Down syndrome, by managing a home, sharing its space, a path therefore targeted to residential autonomy with the important goal of starting to think about a life outside the family. Within this initiative are then connected other initiatives, always with the goal of encouraging a process of gradual autonomy of people with Down syndrome.</p>
5)	<b>Project title</b>
	<b>RAINBOW - RAising INtegration Beyond sOcial Weaknesses</b>
6)	<b>Project summary</b>
	<p>The RAINBOW project raises from the need of reflecting together on the important issue of social integration for young people experiencing and living different social conditions that can make difficult for them to be fully integrated within peer group and society.</p>

	<p>The RAINBOW project aims at dealing with social and human rights, especially focusing on the lives of people with Down Syndrome, socially excluded young people and LGBT young people, involving them in 3 exchanges through which their social integration and related rights can be promoted .</p> <p>In particular, the focus will be put on what integration and diversity mean for young people coming from different countries and backgrounds.</p> <p>The results will be represented in different videos made by young people in mixed groups and disseminated through internet and social media.</p>
7)	<p><b>a) Preferred Dates and Number of Days for Exchange;</b></p> <p><b>b) Possible Dates for Advance Visit</b></p>
	<p>The project should take place between <b>May 2015 and December 2016</b>. The Advance Planning Visit (APV) should take place approximately in the month of June 2015. We are open to any period for the Exchange in the partner countries. The Exchange can be of 5 days minimum and 7 days maximum (travel days excluded) and the best period for the hosted Exchange should be indicated by each partner organisation.</p>
8)	<p><b>Accommodation and Facilities To Be Used During Hosting Stage of Exchange</b></p>
	<p>During the exchange in Italy, young people will be hosted in the Leading organisation's headquarter, which is an independent building with a small garden where the 2nd floor is equipped with 3 double rooms, a kitchen, a dining room, a living room and toilets.</p>
9)	<p><b>List of Activities, Workshops, Visits etc. Proposed For Exchange</b></p>
	<p>In the following some of the proposed activities during the exchange in Italy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- organisation of a meeting with relevant public institutions in the field of youth, Down Syndrome, social issues, LGBT issues, diversity and inclusion;</li> <li>- workshops with the Group Members of the different organisations involved, on topics such as:</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) what is diversity and how it is experienced;</li> <li>b) human rights and social inclusion;</li> <li>c) "If I were in your shoes"- activity to develop problem solving attitude;</li> <li>d) living and being integrated in different contexts such as: school, sport, community activities, family;</li> <li>e) focusing on how and which social services should be improved, implemented and be available in their municipalities in order to foster social inclusion and promote diversity; etc.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a 2-days of co-living in the buildings of AIPD;</li> <li>- Tourist tour of the town of Pisa, done by the Association's Group Members involved in the project;</li> <li>- meetings with other associations and public institutions to confront with them;</li> <li>- creation of several videos on the issues of diversity and social inclusion to be disseminated through social media (i.e. Youtube and Facebook).</li> </ul>
<b>10)</b>	<b>Type of partners we are looking for</b>
	<p>AIPD is looking for 2 partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1 partner should deal with <u>young people facing social difficulties</u> (aged 14-20 years), and should be located in one of the following countries: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany.</li> <li>- 1 partner should deal with <u>LGBT-related issues with young people</u> aged 14-20 years, and should be located in one of the following countries: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany.</li> </ul> <p>Both partners should involve at least 4 young people aged 14-20 years and should be willing to host and organise an exchange in their country for a minimum of 5 days and a maximum of 7 days (travel days excluded) for the other 2 partners. Young people</p>

	should be sent in the Exchanges abroad and be involved in the exchange hosted by their organisation.
11)	<b>Any Other Helpful Information</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) AIPD welcomes the participation of young people with disabilities as well as able-bodied people</li> <li>b) Our members will meet your representatives during the advance visit and you will visit the residential centre where your group will stay</li> <li>c) We will ask our members to e-mail your members before the exchange begins</li> <li>d) During the exchange we will make a DVD of the activities</li> <li>e) Leaders should speak English and/or French</li> <li>f) It is recommended to indicate any Special Needs to be covered during the Exchange at the earliest stage of the partnership, and always <u>before</u> submitting the project proposal</li> <li>g) AIPD would not consider candidate partners coming from EU countries which are not specified in the list above.</li> </ul>