

FOLK it!



FOLKLORE – INTERCULTURE – DIALOGUE – DIVERSITY – YOUTH – TRADITIONS

FOLK it! is the idea of inspiring young people to traditions of many nations and ethnic groups. We would like to know different styles of dancing, singing, to get to know beautiful sounds of music of various nations, art, craftwork, traditional games and folk fashion.

We want to take better care for saving the folk traditions from our countries. We see how this culture is dying off. Currently we are all the time in rush but forget about our customs. All what youth should do, is to prevent of contemporary world, to not to let this beauty pass away. All our rich traditions are absorbed by industry and automatic machines. We don't realize how hand-made products are unappreciated because of being substitute by the mass production. Often these products are just fake and don't pass the message of the real deep rooted traditions.

We want to show and to make people aware of that wealth. If we don't do a thing to preserve our authenticity we may be all flooded by things we don't appreciate, we don't care about and then, we fall into a trap by losing the possibility of value unique customs and traditions of our nations, minorities who live around us. We should care for our originality rooted in the past, because if we don't, then who will?

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During our meeting we will have a unique chance to see how folk traditions look in great polish mountain area – Tatra Mountain.



This special place is a home of folk traditions where people live this way day by day. Naturally. Children are raised up in the respect of tradition so they follow it and pass it further generations.

We will have a chance to meet people who live in the mountain, still graze the lambs or make hay for the winter. We will see how they make the cheese, butter and cream out of milk. We discover what special clothes they wear and what music they play on violins and how they sing in their local dialect. Traditional dances are reserved mostly for men to show their strength and skills.

This FOLK IT project is about educational activities focused on:

- Become inspired by traditions
- Taste regional cuisine
- Listen to ethno-rhythm
- Create craftwork factory
- Play traditional games

Want to join our project?

Please take into account that this project is about sharing our traditions. From our side we will try to make an effort to show you the whole panorama starting from placing the meeting in mountain area and ending on showing the traditions live. In return we would love to know what are your special national customs so that's why we're looking for partners who are **ONLY from these areas where endangered traditions are also occurring**. Erasmus + projects are based on peer-to-peer education so we should make this big effort to be able to learn from each other. We do expect from you to share your inner beauty of the country by different possibilities – showing clothes, listening music (maybe live?), tasting food, playing in traditional games, meeting inspiring people.

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We need also partners who are rich in INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCE because thanks to this we will be able to intercommunicate with tolerance and without being judge rashly. It's also a way of bringing our special cultural diversity down to grassroots level and make it a really tangible topic. Intercultural Dialogue is an open and respectful exchange of views between individuals and groups with different ethnic, cultural, religious, and linguistic backgrounds and heritage. When we will be able to make discussion then we will also see the validity of CULTURAL MINORITIES who brings enrichment when they share their knowledge and skills with others. We need to mark that discovery of each other should be on an equal basis. And we will work on it.

READY TO START COOPERATION? WRITE TO US!

We're waiting for your call until 15th January 2015!

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We want to submit the application 4th February under Erasmus+ programme.

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Organizacje (możliwość pozyskania chętnych na projekt?):

English folk dance and song society <http://www.efdss.org/efdss-education/youth>

Global Youth Connect <http://globalyouthconnect.org/about.html>
(GYC advances human rights through cross-cultural programs for emerging leaders, focusing on post-genocide and post-violence countries.)

UNITED for intercultural Actions
<http://www.unitedagainstracism.org/about-united/volunteers/>
(European Network against nationalism, racism, fascism and in support of migrants and refugees)

DRAMBLYS: Social Creativity Lab (SPAIN) all.ears@dramblys.org

MultiKultiUA (Ukraine) <http://multikulti.org.ua>

MTÜ Better Today (Estonia) lauri.sibul@gmail.com

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