

Sensitization for Action

Project Background:

When different cultures meet, it can be very easy to start thinking in terms of "Us" and "Them". Therefore, the process of discrimination can appear faster because most of the cultural values are unknown for people at the beginning. In Europe, increasing number of immigrant and refugees allow people to think in terms of "Us" and "Them".

In Sweden now use of this terminology is often because of the increased sensitivity and negativity surrounding the issue of the refugee population in Sweden. It is also usual to see discrimination not only between majority and minority but also possible inside minorities. Secondly this issue with minorities and majority is highly current in other European countries especially in the border of Mediterranean. Not so many youth workers have sensitivity, knowledge and tools to work with disadvantaged groups.

Description:

Through this project we would like create a meeting place for youth worker who can share experiences and knowledge about statistic of refugees and immigrant numbers, how migration systems work, how authorities work together and integration process in local society for different countries. This will enable us to have deep discussions about discrimination between different cultures.

All partners will bring their information to the project meeting. This information will be a base for the project and will be used throughout the workshops to increase awareness of how discrimination starts. We will use non- formal education to discuss about generalization, prejudices, stereotypes and discrimination and how they relate with each other. This training course will make youth workers and their organizations more aware of the situation between cultures and will increase sensitivity to how a single thought about another culture can lead to discrimination.

Additionally it is also important to act against discrimination when it appears around our daily environment. To be an active citizen will be supported by

providing tools for youth workers who will fight against discrimination. After the project youth workers can have a meeting with their local groups and volunteers, share experience from the project and practice some tools with them. In this way more young people will be involved in to project.

Main objectives of the training course are;

- To offer a unique opportunity for youth workers and organizations to join into training course and express themselves about migration process and system from different countries and exchange these knowledge.
- To raise awareness of the meaning of culture and diversity.
- To sensitize youth workers about the process of generalization, prejudices, stereotypes, discrimination.
- To give tools for youth workers who can fight against discrimination.
- To increase capacity of the youth workers about critical thinking, inter-cultural understanding, and conflict resolution which will be support for youth to deal with discrimination.

Project Details:

1. The main activity, which will take place in Klippan or Örkelljunga between 16 - 23 February 2016. The training course will include 3 participants from each country. The program will include non-formal learning methods such as small group discussions, workshops, creative drama, role-plays, simulation and inspiring visits.
2. We would like to have a group of partners which will incorporate a wide perspective. Therefore we will involve partners which is divided into 3 groups. First one will be the countries that refugees and immigrants are arriving or entering to Europe such as Italy, Spain, France, and Greece. The second group will be the countries the refugees and immigrant are reluctant to stay longer which we call transit countries such as Hungary, Bulgaria, Romania, Poland and Latvia. The final group will be the countries were refugees remain and plan their future such as Sweden,

Germany and England. As well as these 3 groups, Turkey can be the key country in regards to the number of refugees and immigrants because of current problems within the Middle East.

3. The partner organization have been chosen from these countries which fits into our group divisions. We also chose the partners according to their experience of immigration, integration and refugee issues. We combined the project partners among public body, university students studying to become youth workers and social workers and also non-governmental organization.

Financial details:

The programme will cover the accommodation, meals, visa costs and the travel costs of the participants. Travel costs will be covered up to the 100% if they do not exceed the amounts established by the Erasmus+ programme".

☐ For travel distances between 100 and 499 KM: 180 EUR per participant

☐ For travel distances between 500 and 1999 KM: 275 EUR per participant

☐ For travel distances between 2000 and 2999 KM: 360 EUR per participant

☐ For travel distances between 3000 and 3999 KM: 530 EUR per participant

To calculate your distance from your city to Örkelljunga, please have a look to:

http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance_en.htm

How to participate on the selection of partner organizations

In order to participate in the selection of partners for this training course, please complete the partner identification form attached to this call and send it by email to Charlotte Elisha Burgess (charlotte@integrationforalla.se) before the 10/08/2015. We will contact you after this date.