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present

The international youth exchange

MINDSPEAK!

Taking place in CLUJ-NAPOCA, Romania

12th – 19th June, 2016



Dear friends, Greetings from Romania!

We are happy to invite you to take part in the international youth exchange - MINDSPEAK – which is dedicated to 23 young people willing to develop themselves through the method of spokenword poetry, in an intercultural environment. The youth exchange will take place in the marvelous city of Cluj-Napoca, from 12th to 19th of June.

It is a project organized by Education Studio and co-funded by the Erasmus + Program.

In this document you will find information you need to know about the project. Attached you can find also the application form for the time when we will select the participants. We hope to answer all your questions and we are looking forward to seeing you in Romania soon!

The organizing team,

Stefan, Ligia, Irina and Maria

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Who are we?

Education Studio's mission is to develop the capacity of innovation in young people through non-formal education and artistic methods. We believe in a community where young people have a developed sense of innovation, which allows them to build their own authentic path in life, doing more than what's expected of them, in a culture based on creativity and collaboration. The values that motivate us are openness, authenticity and synergy. The methods we are using are learning through experience and art. Our long term vision is to create a nucleus of young people prepared to use their creative potential in initiatives which will change their life and that of the community.

The structure of our organization is based on four pillars:

Studio Lab.

Objective: Building innovative methods of education and development through art. The lab represents the space in which methods are discovered, created and tested, and later on used in the **Studio Learning** department. Therefore, we ensure the quality and efficiency of our tools in **Education Studio**. Here is where we have built the spokenword poetry as an educational method.

Studio Learning.

Objective: Developing the awareness and creativity of youngsters, individually, in spaces for development based on artistic methods, in local community: workshops, programs, ,clubs, camps.

Studio Social.

Objective: Developing awareness and interaction between the young related to social reality, in spaces made for interaction, using artistic methods such as: events, meetings, info sessions, flashmobs, virtual space communities.

Studio Mobility.

Objective: Raising the level of openness of youngsters through international mobilities based on education through Art. The mobilities will be held in intercultural spaces organized by us or our international partners.

And here is where we meet. MINDSPEAK it is the first project organized by us inside Studio Mobility!

What is SPOKENWORD POETRY?

Spokenword involves performance-based poetry that focuses on the authentic life experience of the author. The art of spokenword has existed for many millenia. The tradition of the spokenword is particular to cultures around the world when oral traditions were the means to pass on the knowledge to the future generations: ancient Greeks, African communities, American black neighbourhood etc.

We use Spokenword Poetry as a development method to give young people a voice, and to inspire them to feel that their vision about life is valuable, necessary and significant for the community. We use it to develop critical thinking about the world they are living in and about their own existence.

Why MINDSPEAK?

Because youth need the opportunity to make their voice heard, to express themselves, and to let their **MIND SPEAK!**

Meanwhile...when the young people start building their own vision about life, they aim high, they are going towards the **MIND'S PEAK!**

When?

Participants' Arrival day: 12th June 2016 before 18:00

Full working days: 13th-18th (6 days) June

Departure day: 19th June 2016

If you plan to **arrive earlier** or **leave later**, the expenses out of the days of the training will not be reimbursed by the organizers. (Flights that are earlier or later with more than 2 days from the start/end of the training will NOT be reimbursed).

Please inform the organizers before you buy the tickets to check if the routes and the prices are ok with our budget.

Who?

Participants & Partner Organizations

The project “**MINDSPEAK**” is a youth exchange which aims at bringing together young people in an intercultural environment.

As a participant, you are the right person for us if you:

- are a young person willing to develop him/herself in an intercultural environment,
- are passionate or have a high interest in arts, writing, performance, poetry,
- are interested in personal development tools, non-formal education, Erasmus+ projects, employability
- believe in values such as: continuous development, volunteering, inclusion, self-determination, involvement, social responsibility, sense of belonging to a community, youth active participation and the power of group action
- are between 18 and 30 years old, speak a GOOD level of English and are willing to be an active participant for the entire duration of the course.

As a youth leader, you are the right person for us, if you:

- are a youth worker, trainer, facilitator, or a teacher from formal education institutions.
- have a high interest in the training topics: youth development through artistic methods, non-formal education.
- are able to prepare and manage the group dynamics from your national group,
- are interested in setting new partnerships with foreign organizations.

Financial conditions

Travel reimbursement & Insurances.

According to the Erasmus+ financial rules we will be able to reimburse a specific amount of money for each country, which is described in the table below. For some participants, depending on the destination and means of transportation, we can reimburse the full amount of travel costs. For other participants we can reimburse only in the limit of the specific amount of money.

We are strongly recommending you to have insurance while you are in Romania. Each participant will be in charge of purchasing one, because no private insurance will be reimbursed.

Very important: your tickets have to be given to the organizers during the project. Therefore, if you cannot provide your original tickets, receipts and invoices clearly stating the travel agency, your name and the exact costs of the tickets, we will not be able to reimburse you.

If you want to come to Romania earlier/stay longer (for sightseeing etc.) you can come **only 2 days before** the training course starts. If you want leave later, acceptable are **only 2 days after** the course finishes. (It means you cannot arrive before Friday the 10th of June and leave later than Tuesday the 21th of June.) In case your date of arrival or departure is more than 2 days before or after we **CANNOT REIMBURSE** your travel costs. **We are really sorry** for that, but it is one of the financial rules of the grant we have received, and there is nothing we can do about it.

Where?

The training course will take place in Cluj-Napoca, the former European Youth Capital in 2015. Cluj-Napoca is a lively city, full of young people and cultural life.

Prior to the dates of the project we will provide you with information about how to arrive here.

What to bring?

- Clothes and shoes suitable for sports and walking. Please bring enough clothes, washing facilities are not provided.
- Your original tickets for the entire trip, the invoice of the travel agency (the price clearly indicated on the ticket), the boarding passes.
- Your travel insurance contract and a eligible copy of it
- Your ID/passport and two clearly eligible copies of it
- Your own medication
- Something typical about your country for the intercultural night.
- Concerning *special needs (diets, medicine)* please, tell us beforehand if you need any assistance from us in this matter.

How to apply?

If you are an organization interested in this project, please complete the "Partner Details" document and COMPLETE, PRINT, SIGN, STAMP and SCAN the mandate letter. Send both the documents to irina@educationstudio.ro.

PROGRAM

12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
sun	mon	tues	wed	thursd	friday	sat	sun
Arrival	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
	Official opening. Introduction Expectations, Fears and Contributions	Discover my inner voice. Introspection.	Spokenword Poetry. Storytelling key elements.	Shape my vision. Creative feedback.	My inner voice. My inner memory.	Event reflection	Good bye activities and ceremony
	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Departure
	Get to know each other	Spokenword Poetry. Introduction	Spokenword Poetry. Creative writing. (I). Language support office.	Self- expression. Non-verbal training. Paraverbal training.	Self – expression. Memorizing the poem.	Experience evaluation.	
	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
	The team out loud! Teambuilding	The critical approach. (I)	Spokenword Poetry. Rhyme, Rhytm, Images.	Explore the community. Intercultural expansion.	Preparation for the event.	Future. Plans. Transfer of experiece. Follow-up.	
	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	
	Speak without words! Non-verbal communication	Spokenword Poetry. Critical approach (II) Choosing a theme for the poem.	Spokenword Poetry. Creative Writing(II) Adding rhyme, rhythm, images to the poem. Language support office.	Same thing, different perspectives. Tolerance of ideas.	Local event	Papers. Youthpass, recognition moment.	
	Reflection	Reflection	Reflection	Reflection	Celebration		
	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner in the city	
	Welcome Evening Games	Intercultural evening	Albatros intercultural game	Participants evening	Participants evening	Evening in the community	

Application Form

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First name:	
Surname:	
Gender:	
Address:	
Nationality:	
City:	
Country:	
Skype contact:	
Passport Number and Expiry Date:	
E-mail:	
Date and place of Birth:	
Mobile number:	
Level of English: (bad, medium, good, excellent)	
Study or profession:	
International experience until now:	
Who told you about this training?	
Do you perform any kind of art? If yes, which one?	
What goals do you want to achieve at this youth exchange?	
Diet / Allergies / Special Needs / Vegetarian:	
Other remarks or questions:	

About Romania

With a surface area of 238,391 square kilometres (92,043 sq mi), Romania is the largest country in southeastern Europe and the twelfth-largest in Europe. Romania's terrain is distributed roughly equally between mountainous, hilly and lowland territories. The Carpathian Mountains dominate the centre of Romania, with 14 mountain ranges reaching above 2,000 m/6,600 ft, and the highest point at Moldoveanu Peak (2,544 m/8,346 ft). These are surrounded by the Moldavian and Transylvanian plateaus and Pannonian and Wallachian plains. Romania's geographical diversity has led to an accompanying diversity of flora and fauna.

Our currency is the Romanian Leu (RON): 1 Euro = 4.40 RON
Romania is member of the EU since 1st of January 2007;

Prices in Romania

Prices in Romania are not so high and this is true for nearly every kind of goods, except for cigarettes, fuel, coffee and alcohol.

Examples for prices in Romania:

Bread 500 g +/- 1,00 EUR
Beer 0,5 ltr +/- 1.7 EUR
Softdrink 0,25 ltr +/- 1,2 EUR
Sandwich +/- 1,80 EUR
Dish of the Day +/- 6 EUR

Contact information

If you have questions, something is not clear or you want to know more about the youth exchange, you can use the contacts below:

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See you soon!