

Call for Partners!

Youth Exchange

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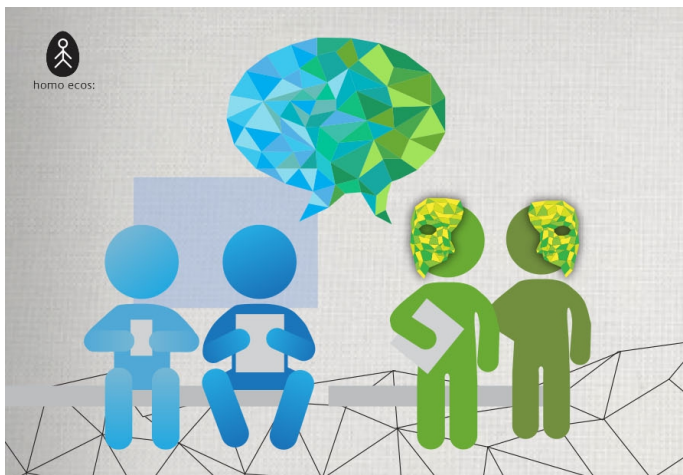
Making Climate Change Visible Through Invisible Theater

When and Where?

15-21 August 2016 in Latvia

Advance Planning Visit (APV) 9-10 June 2016 in Latvia

(Dates are provisional and might still change slightly.)



Project description:

It is hard to deny. The world around us is changing, and not always for the better. Every day we hear news about climate change, record warm winters without snow, desertification, air pollution, food crises, deforestation... All this bad news can make you sad and hopeless.

Let's not give into these negative feelings, but rather use our creativity to inform people and to inspire them to make a positive change in their lives. Together we can make our world happier, healthier and greener!

During this Youth Exchange, 30 youths from 6 countries will meet in Latvia to learn how to use "*Invisible Theater*" to convey their message in a creative, non-pushy way. Invisible Theater is a theatrical performance made in a place where you would normally not expect it; on the beach, at the bus station, in a shop. It was first developed in the 1960s as a creative tool for activism against social oppression and it is still used successfully by artists and activists today.

During the Youth Exchange, participants will exchange information about the environmental situation in their community, share best practices for green lifestyle, work on their acting skills and together learn new ways to communicate about climate change through Invisible Theater.

Call for Partners

We are looking for partners from both programme and non-programme countries to each send 5 participants to our Youth Exchange.

We are aiming to involve our partners actively in both the planning and execution of the exchange, as well as in the dissemination of results afterwards. We therefore expect potential partners to be ready and willing to invest some time and effort into the project (beyond merely selecting participants).

We specifically encourage organisations with the following experience/expertise to join us:

- environmental protection/education;
- drama/theater;
- film making;
- online communication.



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Participant's profile:

- 18-30 years old;
- understand basic English;
- 5 participants from each country (1 participant takes the role of team leader and also joins advance planning meeting);
- Interest in environmental protection, campaigning, green lifestyle;
- Interest in creative forms of expression (dance, theater, comedy, film);
- Willing to learn, share and develop their acting and communication skills.

Planned activities:**2-Day advance planning visit:**

Meeting in Latvia with 1 participant per partner organization to discuss possible contribution during and after the Youth Exchange.

7-day youth exchange in Latvia (excl 2 travel days):

Activities include: exchange information about environmental problems in our home communities, share best practices for green lifestyle, developing acting and communication skills, learning how to convince people, sharing online communication and movie-making skills.

On the final day there will be an excursion to a populated area (most probably the capital Riga) where we will perform our Invisible Theater in several locations. The performances will be registered by hidden (smartphone) cameras.

Follow-up:

Each group repeats the Invisible Theater performance (adapted to their own "stage") in their home community and send their contributions to the movie editor. The resulting international film will be screened during events hosted by each of the participating organizations.

About homo ecos:

Biedriba „homo ecos:" (www.homoecos.lv/eng) is a Latvian environmental NGO with over 8 years of experience in communication and (non-formal) education about the environment, climate change, sustainability and green lifestyle. For the past 5 years, we have been active as both hosting and sending organisation for EVS, Erasmus+ youth exchanges and international youth trainings.

Apply as our partner!

If you are interested in collaborating on this Youth Exchange, **please send the filled out [Partner Information Form](#) and the signed [Mandate](#) to evs@homoecos.lv before 11 January 2016.**

Please take care when filling out the Partner Information Form and **let us (and the National Agency) know WHY YOUR organisation should join this project, and what your organisation can CONTRIBUTE!**

Please note that your organisation needs to be registered in the Erasmus+ portal and have a PIC number. If you need any help with this, please let us know as soon as possible.

This Youth Exchange will be applied for under Key Action 1 of Erasmus+ to the Latvian National Agency for the 2 February deadline.

