



CALL FOR PARTNERS

Type of project:
KA1 – Training course

Title of project
“COFFEE – Colorful Fighters For European Empowerment”

From June 20st to 30th 2016, Greece

In the project will participate young people from different countries of Europe from the North and the South, partner organisations with strong cooperation with USB and organisations that want to build their capacities on LGBTI awareness and human rights education. During the 10 days of this TC, participants will have the chance to understand the problems that LGBTI people face in the Europe, to exchange their experience and knowledge etc.

Who we are:

"United Societies of Balkans" (USB) is a Non Governmental Organisation, founded in Thessaloniki in 2008 by a team of active young people, socially sensitized, and with rich experience around voluntary programs. Main vision is promotion of youth mobility, youth involvement in volunteering and their further sensitizing around social issues.

Balkans and Eastern Europe are geographical regions with many cultural features which offer a broad spectrum of actions and youth involvement initiatives. The organisation was created as a respond to the pressure of constant changes in the Balkan and Eastern European region and under the need for the creation of a better social environment. Key areas of the organisation's activities concern the defense of human rights, the organisation of youth exchanges and training courses, which will bring young people from Balkans and Europe together, the organisation of local educational seminars and multimedia production.

Trainers:

Experienced regional trainers with background on Intercultural learning and dealing with youth and LGBTI rights.

About the Project:

The aim of the program is to introduce participants to the culture of LGBTI people, to raise awareness on social issues and to change attitudes and behaviors towards people of this group. The



methods of non-formal learning, intercultural dialogue and human rights education will be used as tools to combat stereotypes and prejudices, to raise awareness, acceptance, solidarity and understanding that everyone is part of the multicultural mosaic of the society. Everyone has the right to free expression and building their identity in a friendly and tolerant environment.

Activities on our training course:

COFFEE will mainly be based on non formal education and so will be the activities. Activities will try to raise awareness about LGBTI people and rights and how youth workers and youth organisations can learn how to address, to support and manage people with different sexual orientation, gender identity or expression and how to integrate them into the organisation and the society.

Target group:

COFFEE is ideal for youth leaders, youth workers, NGO members and staff, volunteers in NGOs working with youth. In other words, it is not necessary for participants to be LGBTI activists or to have a previous knowledge about those issues.

Objectives:

- The understanding of the phenomena of homophobia, transphobia and intolerance and the need to fight in order to achieve respect, solidarity and tolerance in the society.
- To break the stereotypes and prejudices towards LGBTI people, especially within youth organisations and in the society.
- To exchange good and bad practices between North and South-Eastern counties.
- Raising awareness towards different and the promotion of human rights.
- Participants to understand the role they can play in promoting values, such as respect for diversity and equality.
- To support and strengthen the role that non-formal education.
- To establish a non formal network between the participants and partner organisation and to develop new projects.
- The organisation of follow up activities in participant countries and the dissemination of the project's results in their societies.

This training course will bring together young people from North and South countries of Europe and is fully compatible with the objectives of Erasmus+ programme.

Working language:

English – all participants must be able to actively communicate using English language.

Location:Thessaloniki, Greece



Partners: All interested Program countries and Neighboring Partner countries.

Funding: 100% for accommodation will be covered and 100% of travel cost (Apex tickets) will be reimbursed after receiving original receipts.

If you are interested to become partner organisation in our project please send to us:

1. Filled partner's info document
2. Filled, Signed, Stamped and Scanned mandate from attachment and sent it to our email.

Please: As we are applying on 2nd of February deadline, be as fast as possible in sending to us the documents. Deadline 29/01/2016.

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