

Erasmus+ Key Action 1. Mobility of Young People

Youth Exchange in Cyprus

Break the chains



Project Title: “Break the chains - Stop Human Trafficking”

Host Organisation: Cyprus Youth Clubs Organization- KOKEN

Project type: Erasmus+ Key Action 1. Mobility of Young People- Youth Exchange

Project Summary: “Break the chains- Stop Human Trafficking” is a Youth Exchange aiming at providing young people with useful terminology related to Human Trafficking, create awareness and motivate young people to act upon this matter. The participants will work together with the use of non-formal education to achieve the following specific objectives of the Youth exchange:

- Raise awareness and form an understanding about human trafficking among youth;
- Create an understanding of mechanisms and forms of human trafficking;
- Inform how young people can protect their rights and help others on everyday life;
- Share the perspectives of different countries, as well as to form an understanding of the transnational dimension of human trafficking;
- Involve various stakeholders which work on prevention of human trafficking in communication with youth;
- Form a base for young people to raise awareness of their peers in local communities under a coordinated international campaign;
- Enhance the cooperation between organisations either these are youth organisations and/or social, political movements.

A Youthpass certificate will be provided to the participants at the end of the project.

Background of the project: Human trafficking is the trade of humans, most commonly for the purpose of sexual slavery, forced labor, or commercial sexual exploitation for the trafficker or others. Trafficking in persons is a serious crime and a grave violation of human rights. Every year, thousands of men, women and children fall into the hands of traffickers, in

their own countries and abroad. Given to the recent events of people fleeing their countries, Europe has become a place where refugees have the need to feel safe and secure. According to the EU Strategy towards the Eradication of Trafficking in Human Beings 2012–2016, reducing human trafficking is a priority.

However, as Europe struggles to cope with the influx of refugees, the chaos has created an environment where human trafficking gangs can prey on children and young women. For that reason, there is a great need to inform young people about the existence of such phenomenon, and share some ways on how they can protect their rights as well. Awareness, being the ability to perceive, to feel, or to be conscious of events, objects, thoughts, emotions, or sensory patterns, it is a vital tool for young people to have.

Profile of the participants: Youth workers, Volunteers

Number of participants: 5 people. We encourage organisations to participate with 4 people each (18- 25 years old) and 1 youth leader per group (no age limit).

Place: Cyprus (city to be confirmed)

Dates and duration: 11- 18 of September 2016 (to be confirmed)

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Financial Aspects: Food and accommodation is FREE

Travel cost: We will cover the exact amount of the participants travel cost according to the receipts they will provide as long as it is **not more** than the amount foreseen by the European Commission. The participants will need to keep the receipts and the boarding passes. Transportation fees by car and/or taxi are not covered.

Note: The participants will be reimbursed after they complete the Participants' Report that will be sent to them at the end of the project.

Safety & Insurance: Responsibility of the participants

How to participate: Organisations have to send us the Partner Information Form and the signed Mandate at projects@cyprusyouth.org with the subject: 'Youth Exchange in Cyprus- Break the chains'.

