



Erasmus+ Key Action 1. Mobility of Young People – Youth Exchange in Cyprus



“PUT YOURSELF IN THEIR SHOES: Walk with the Refugees”

Host: Cyprus Youth Clubs Organisation - KOKEN

Main theme for the project: refugee crisis, awareness and understanding

Project summary: This youth exchange will give the opportunity to 30 young people to be educated, share their knowledge and reflect on a topic which is extremely crucial nowadays. As a result of conflicts and natural disasters, thousands of people are forced to leave their countries every day and try to reach European borders. As the world faces a global displacement record, the need to cooperate in order to enhance sustainable solutions is more and more urgent.

After a first introduction to refugee crisis causes and dimensions, the different reactions of several European countries towards this matter will be discussed. The influence media has on public opinion while reporting news will also be a topic of interest.

Objectives of the project:

- Increase the empathy of the participants towards the refugee issue and populations
- Inform and educate the participants about the refugee crisis, the human rights and the refugee law framework
- Create a network of young people constituting a group of active citizens towards the refugee crisis problem
- Give participants the space to share good practices and personal experiences

Background of the project: year 2015 reveals that global forced displacement has hit a record high: 65.3 million people were displaced, on average 24 people were forced

to flee every minute. Cooperation among countries to face the refugee crisis problem is a European Union priority and a global responsibility. One of the aims of the 2016-2020 European strategy -as it is stated in the guide- is in fact to promote youth work, non-formal learning activities and volunteering in order to address the needs of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants and/ or increase awareness about this issue within local communities. As if it also underlined by the National Agency of Cyprus. For this reason, it is crucial to inform young people about the extent of this phenomenon, in order for them to develop a critical view on the issue and new perspectives on how to take action in their local realities.

Profile of the participants: Youth workers, youth leaders, 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).

Project type: Erasmus+ Key Action 1. Mobility of Youth Workers. Youth Workers' Training & Networking.

Place: Cyprus (city to be confirmed)

Dates and duration: 5- 12 of March 2017, 6 full days plus 2 days for travelling.

Deadline for expression of interest:...

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Cost: Food and accommodation is FREE. Participants will be reimbursed for the travel cost on display of their boarding passes.

Travel cost: we will cover **the exact amount of your travel cost according to the receipts you will provide** as long as it is **not more** than the amount foreseen by the European Commission. You can calculate the travel cost using the distance calculator supported by the European Commission

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

You will need to keep the receipts and the boarding passes.

Participants will be required to pay a **participation fee of €20 (cash)** at the beginning of the activity.

Safety & Insurance: a responsibility of the participants (European Health Card).

How to participate: Send us the mandate (signed and scanned) and the Applicant ID form at projects@cyprusyouth.org with the subject: "PUT YOURSELF IN THEIR SHOES: Walk with the Refugees".