

Partner organisation

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Full legal name

Non-governmental organization “Development center Pangeya Ultima”

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Profile

Type of organization

Non-governmental organization

Is the partner organization a public body?

No

Is the partner organization a non-profit?

Yes

Accreditation type

ERAPLUS-EVS

Accreditation number

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Background and experience

Please briefly present the partner organization.

Briefly:

"Development center Pangeya Ultima" is the Ukrainian non-governmental, non-profit organization (est. 2012) composed of youth, youth workers and third sector experts. Programmes of the NGO encompass a range of topics the most active of which are the promotion of active citizenship, self-development of people and community development, media and communication, arts and culture, entrepreneurship and employment, environment and tourism development, etc.

Main mission of the NGO: fostering the intercultural dialogue, creation of opportunities for personal development and emancipation of people, facilitation of sustainable development of communities.

The activities of the NGO are often based on non-formal education and utilization of international mobility programmes. With this the organization pursues its fundamental mission – facilitation of the intercultural dialogue. This is enshrined in the name concept of the organization - "Pangeya Ultima" is a supercontinent which will ultimately unite all the cultures and knowledge together. The NGO provides intercultural learning and encourages participation in the international context among its target groups, particularly promotes European awareness.

The NGO acts a lot on the local level and state levels, has a considerable profile of international activities. Locally the NGO operates as a center of mobility, non-formal education and self-development, its participants uncover their individual potential and help exploit the potential of own communities for the sake of sustainable development and democratic transformation. The NGO promotes active cooperation and has forged numerous and strong partnerships with other CSOs, educational establishments, international organizations, public bodies and businesses.

Members of the organization are endless enthusiasts that follow principles of integrity, initiative and goodwill, stand for values of humanity and love for our planet.

History in details:

From the beginning our center was organizing events of non-formal, evening education like language clubs, personal growth sessions, seminars, youth events etc. for the general audience from the local community in Vinnytsia (Ukraine). Beyond this we're involved in organizing of international workcamping - we've organized camps in Ukraine and sent many our participants to the camps in the EU and Ukraine (cooperating with the SCI network). Thanks to this work-camping activity we've gained a lot of partners and ties on the periphery of our Vinnytsia region and Ukrainian countryside, in small rural communities (local green-tourism proprietors, youth activists and artists).

While also cooperating with our local partner NGO in Vinnytsia we started to work with the "Youth in Action" programme in 2013. We hosted clubs and non-formal youth events of EVS volunteers since then and got involved in other activities in frames of such projects. Our youth work potential developed dramatically and we started to organize the youth exchanges like the "12 values expedition" in 2014 aimed at peace-building issues in the turbulent for Ukraine time (with the financial assistance from the Council of Europe).

Our activities also span on music - we organized a city-wide contest of acoustic guitar playing, also we've been organizing role game sessions that were visited by many young people. Our exceptional interest lies in the development of the theater instrument in the work with youth and with the local community. Since 2016 "Movers & Shakers" English speaking theater acts on the basis of the organization giving performances in public places.

Our organization has gathered around a solid, active circle of youth that are interested in different youth initiatives from a number of spheres. Today we total up to 10 active members and scores of local followers and visitors of our events.

From 2014 we started to develop the "YouthInsight" project concept (cooperating with other NGOs) which hosts youth projects aimed at developing of independent and youth media. This project is based inside the "Intercultural Youth Studio" platform that was founded jointly with another local NGO "Nashe Podillia" with an aim of developing intercultural dialogue, media literacy and provide chances for self-expressin of youth.

Another extremely successful project is aimed at the sustainable development of small, rural communities through boosting their incoming tourism attractiveness - the "Image Mapping" project (www.imagemapping.org). It was acknowledged by the Ministry of youth and sports in Ukraine as the best youth initiative from Vinnytska oblast in 2015 and gained financial support from the Embassy of Finland and hence we're developing a whole-country "Image Mapping" network. In 2017 the leg of the projecct happened outside of Ukraine - in Innovator's Valley, (Antaliepte, Lithuania).

Moreover we're doing Youth Exchanges and TCs within the E+ programme. The most recent example is the "Understanding each other" YE that brought youth from 7 countries in Ukraine to speak on the matters concerning peace. In 2016-2017 the organization cooperated with the European Youth Foundation to carry out the "TOSOCO school of a young activists" project taking place in several huge Ukrainian cities.

As well from 2014 the organization is active Sending organization for EVS volunteers and from 2016 is active within the Weltvaerz program of the German government.

In 2016-17 our center became a partner in launching of the "Eco-learning center" in one of the remote communities of the local region where we build plans to develop NFE programmes for youth, experiential education/tourism and other initiatives in partnership with NGO "Nashe Podillia" (co-founder of the center) and the local community.

What are the skills and expertise of key staff/persons involved in this application?

Our organization counts a couple of dozens of members, adding that we have scores of followers and visitors from among the local community. The organization is run by the Council of organization composed of professional youth activists, pedagogues and coordinators. The organization has an administrative wing with an executive department headed by the operational manager that facilitates the Council in its work and the programme wing with project workgroups inside. The organization has coordinators and youth workers with good profile and experience in NGO work.

Yaroslav Gerashchenko: the leader of the organization, is an experienced coordinator of the international volunteering programmes and has experience of work with more than 20 EVS volunteers (some of them in the partner organization NGO "Nashe Podillia"), is an official counterpart of the Peace Corps volunteer of the USA, and prepared and sent youth to Weltwaerz, SCI workcamps and other mobility projects. Yaroslav was an EVS volunteer himself based on Innovator's Valley in Lithuania, 2017.

Olha Kazakova: operational manager of the organization, member of the Ukrainian Scour association, ecologist and participant of numerous trainings, assistant in projects and initiatives.

Mary Gerashchenko is an experienced pedagogue, coach and youth facilitator, expert of the dance therapy and amateur theater, former EVS volunteer based on Innovator's Valley in

Lithuania, 2017. Mary is a proficient mentor of EVS volunteers.

Among other active people are: Oleksandra Lysa, who is a former long-term EVS volunteer who coordinates initiatives under the E+ programme, Mykhailo Fedoras, specialist on youth events and soft skills coach, Mariia Pidhorodetska, leader of the local youth volunteer unit Lesia Yanenko, a longstanding supervisor in volunteering projects.

Among the members there are people who are experienced supervisors working with the EVS, mentors, assistants in other projects. Some of our EVS mentors have visited the special TC on mentoring organized in Georgia by SALTO EECA in 2015. Many members have been participants of E+ and other youth mobility possibilities within Europe.

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What are the activities and experience of your organisation in the areas relevant for this application?

Projects of the organization include:

1. Since 2012 till 2014 Development Centre Pangeya Ultima has been carrying out the activities dedicated to the evening and informal education in such fields as: Personal development, psychology, neuro-linguistic programming, socionics, meditative practices, psychotherapy, linguistic and other clubs of EVS volunteers from the partner NGO, genealogical evenings, touristic evenings, financial trainings, eloquence trainings and other cultural evenings;

evenings devoted to the game “Mafia”, trainings in circus mastery, movie-evenings. The important aim of the organization has always been the provision of the intercultural education and build-up of intercultural communication. In frames of this the non-formal clubs of foreign languages lead by native speakers are organized (German, French, Spanish) and intercultural clubs by the local activists.

2. English clubs – since the founding the organization pays much attention to the linguistic clubs in different forms: speaking, interactive, creative clubs as well as language-teaching in the open air and other creative forms of clubs. From 2015 the organization initiated the “English Quartet” – a cycle of clubs aimed at delivering interesting and attractive English teaching products. The “Quartet” includes 4 types of clubs: cinema, music, debate and games clubs run by many members of the organization. As well the organization carries out English camps in different spots of Ukraine (English bonfire camps series). The organization conducts and facilitates the carrying out of other linguistic clubs like French, German, Spanish and often led by native speakers.
3. “Zhovta kimnata” (“The yellow room”): the members of the NGO held the youth guitar playing contest in Vinnytsia in 2013. The voting for the participants’ videos was in the social networks.
4. In 2014 the centre became the regional partner of the project “12 Values Expedition” of the NGO “Nashe Podillya” with the support of the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe. The project united the youth from 5 geographically equidistant Ukrainian regions during the difficult for our country time of the Russian aggression in the East. The aim of the youth exchange was to bring the representatives of different regions together (the methodology included such components as the rafting and living outdoors to bring the youth closer); to explain the basic European values to them; and, as a result, to put the theatrical episodes about the values on stage in the centre of Vinnytsia.
5. In 2014-2017 the NGO became the partner in the realization of the project “Youthinsight” of “The Intercultural Youth studio”. The main goal is to facilitate audio-visual production on various socially important topics, the development of the amateur audio-visual work and training of skills of the youth in the AV sphere. This all comes in the intercultural dimension bringing youth from different countries together. In frames of the project the festival on amateur video production is held constantly.
6. In 2015 the "Development center Pangeya Ultima" launches the "Image Mapping" project which aim is boosting of touristic attractiveness of the Ukrainian rural territory through uncovering of its authenticity, production of media materials and conduction of measures on enhancing of active citizenship of local inhabitants in small communities. In frames of the project the volunteers of the European Voluntary Service are involved, international workcamps under the "Service Civil International" network are carried out. In the end of 2015 the project was selected by the Ministry of Youth and Sports in Ukraine as the best youth initiative from the Vinnytska oblast to participate in the forum "Reforms and innovations of the youth sector". The project finds financial and other resource support from the Local Cooperation Fund of the Embassy of Finland in Ukraine, Erasmus Plus programme, crowdfunding resources and from local partners in the communities. From 2016 the all-Ukrainian network of the "Image Mapping" project is launched, forums for the representatives of the rural tourism sector are carried out, the web-platform www.imagemapping.org is developed. In 2017 the leg of the "Image Mapping" project for the first time happens outside of Ukraine - in Innovator's Valley, (Antaliepte, Lithuania).
7. The organization is involved in the youth volunteering mobility, in particular we prepare youth for the participation in the European Voluntary Service programme, Weltvaerz, SCI workcamps.
8. In 2016-17 the NGO "Development center Pangeya Ultima" carries out a project under the name the "TOSOCO school of the young activist" with the support from the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe that includes trainings for youth from all over Ukraine held in different cities on topics that are needed to stimulate the youth activism, including topics on competence, solidarity and tolerance. The project has a vast follow-up performed by the participants of the School.
9. The organization develops the direction of the street and amateur theater, utilizes the

instrument of theater actions in its youth programmes. From 2016 the "Movers & Shakers" English-speaking theater troop is founded.

10. From 2015 the organization starts cooperation with the "Peace Corps in Ukraine" and as a partner of the NGO "Nashe Podillya" involves a volunteer from the USA to work in its programmes and for the improvement of the organizational capability. During the cooperation again in the partnership with the NGO "Nashe Podillya" the organization enters the development of the Eco-learning platform in one of the villages of the Vinnytska oblast (the Stina village).
11. From 2016 the organization gets actively involved to the opportunities of the "Erasmus Plus" programme, primarily by carrying out the Youth Exchange "Understanding Each Other" in the Ukrainian Carpathians, hosting youth from the next countries: Ukraine, Austria, Armenia, Turkey, Russia, Romania and Georgia that lived together and underwent the programme on peace and environmentally-friendly existence. As well the organization as a partner joins trainings and youth exchanges in Romania and Armenia ("We have rights, now let's be human").
12. In 2016 the organization joins the launch by the NGO "Nashe Podillya" of the eco-learning platform in the Stina village of the Vinnytska oblast. The platform has an enormous potential for realization of NFE, youth, environmental programmes and other initiatives in cooperation with the local community. Already in 2017 first events take place there where the "Animating Image Mapping camp in Stina" became a focal moment for 2017.

Please describe the background and needs of the participants involved and how these participants have been or will be selected.

The participant(s) will be selected from among the general youth of the Vinnytsia community. Vinnytsia is a large city in central Ukraine. The candidates first will be selected from among the affiliated youth to the Sending Organization as it is a rather active youth center and has many followers of different background. If it is not enough the SO will make a general call in the local community, contact its partners from the civic sector, other state institutions like educational establishments, extracurricular centres. As well the organization has friendly ties with some active youth from educational establishments who can spread the word. If it is necessary the organization will utilize the channels of announcement through local mass-media to organize an enhanced draft or use the platforms of civic informing.

The organization as well works in some projects with Youth with Fewer Opportunities (from rural areas, internally displaced people, etc.) and these people can be engaged as well.

The organization will ensure the gender and cultural aspect in selecting the participants, this will include the stimulation of participation of youth from all the groups, non-exclusion.

The youth considered for participation will likely be the newcomers into the mobility projects, who demonstrate the high level of open-mindedness and motivation to join the intercultural setting of a youth initiative. The Sending Organization inputs much effort into forging follow-ups by the participants of the mobility and non-formal educational initiatives and maintains long-term ties with them. Therefore the selection process will be inclined towards individuals who are interested or curious about what NGOs and other CSOs do in their activities.

Which kind of preparation will be offered to participants (e.g. task-related, intercultural, linguistic, risk-prevention etc.)? Who will provide such preparatory activities?

Volunteering projects:

The volunteer will undergo the PDM. The volunteer will be provided with info-kits, other

materials on the Erasmus Plus programme, etc. Formal moments will be solved with the involvement of the EVS coordinator: visa, travelling, insurances, etc.

The volunteer will be prepared in subjects relating to the intercultural awareness, open-mindedness, conflict resolution, empowerment, time-management, knowledge of the Erasmus Plus programme, personal financial management and problem solving. The volunteer will meet with former EVS volunteers from the Vinnytsia community.

Short-term activities:

The groups of participants will jointly be prepared by group leaders or other representatives of the organization. Practical questions will be solved by the organization, common itineraries will be designed. The participants will be briefed on intercultural awareness, will be equipped with other project-specific information (info-packs, information about the hosting side, etc.). Whenever needed for youth under 16 years old the parents or the wards will be asked permission for participation of such young people.

The participants will be guided into follow-up ideas and explained how they could use the attitudes and knowledge gained on after the project finishes.

How will you help us with the dissemination of the results after the activity when the participants return to their country?

Our organization is actively involved into the youth audiovisual activities in our community and first the dissemination activities will be addressed at the local followers, visitors of our youth events, youth and general public of Vinnytsia. Vinnytsia is a large city in central Ukraine. As the instrument in public relations activities we implement on-line channels: website, web-blog, social media groups (facebook, google plus, twitter), newsletter. The project will be covered in all of these channels and depending on the media materials coming from the participant's placement (its regularity and content will matter). As well our organization has solid ties with local journalists who time after time pick up subjects from our activities as media articles in their respective sources.

What is the expected impact of this project on your organization?

Our organization plans to further develop the activities under the topic of the project. We plan to elaborate the concrete activities together with the local partner and other partners from Europe. This will help us achieve our statutory mission. As well this project will help us uncover followers, participants and what is probable/desirable - future coordinators or other responsible individuals to carry out initiatives. This will stimulate the capacity building process for our organization. The project will help us come to a new level of youth mobility activities and train the skills of our current coordinators and thus become more effective and professional.

How will this project impact on your local/regional/national community? How do you plan to maximise this impact?

We plan to make the project maximum visible in our community which in turn will promote the ideas of the hosting organizations and the principles of the Erasmus Plus programme. As well the participant(s) of the project him/herself (themselves) will act as multipliers in future and will be solidifying the effects of the topic, of the youth mobility under the Erasmus Plus programme and generally for the civic sector promotion (as they will be cooperating with 2 active CSOs from Ukraine and the organization-partner).

Which activities will you carry out in order to assess whether, and to what extent, the project has reached its objectives and results?

Depending on the activities planned the project's performance can be measured by quality or quantity characteristics. The inner marker of success is receiving positive feedbacks from the volunteers/participants during the feedback sessions and routine monitoring questioning. These are planned to take place each 2-3 weeks remotely. The quantity measures in the project are numerous. First and foremost these are the quantity of people visiting the dissemination events or events on the youth mobility promotion. As well as on-line markers like reactions to entries on the project in social media, views of the web-site, etc.

Projects of the organization :

| Programme or initiative | Year | Reference number | Beneficiary Organisation | Title of the Project |
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| Erasmus Plus Programme | 2017-2018 | PARTNER IN : 2017-2-BG01-KA105-036551 | Active Bulgarian Society | 3E: Eastern Express EVS |
| Erasmus Plus Programme | 2018 | PARTNER IN : 2017-1-ES02-KA105-009382 | CITY COUNCIL OF ALZIRA | European Youth in Alzira II |
| Erasmus Plus Programme | 2017-2018 | PARTNER IN : 2016-03-AT02-KA105-001714 | akzente Salzburg | Image Mapping |
| Erasmus Plus Programme | 2017 | PARTNER IN : 2017-1-LT02-KA105-005255 | National institute for social integration | Open your eyes in an open space |
| Erasmus Plus Programme | 2017 | PARTNER IN: 2016-3-SI02-KA105-013907 | Popotniško Združenje Slovenije | Write. Record. Promote |
| European Youth Foundation Pilot Activity | 2016-2017 | 8971.1.PA.2016 | NGO "Development center Pangeya Ultima" | The TOSOCO (Tolerance, Solidarity, Competence) School of a young activist |
| Local Cooperation Fund of the Embassy of Finland in Ukraine | 2016-2017 | AGREEMENT #1604281 from 10/05/2016 | NGO "Development center Pangeya Ultima" | Image Mapping |
| Erasmus Plus Programme | 2016-2017 | PARTNER IN: 2014-1-DE04-KA110-012145 | Brandenburgische Sportjugend im Landessportbund Brandenburg e. V. | Sport and health oriented Kindergarten |
| Erasmus Plus Programme | 2016-2017 | PARTNER IN: 2016-1-PL01-KA105-024632 | Semper Avanti | Catch the skills 2 |
| Erasmus Plus Programme | 2016 | PARTNER IN: 2016-1-AT02-KA105-001473 | Akzente Salzburg - Initiativen für junge Leute | Understanding each other |
| Erasmus Plus | 2016 | PARTNER IN: 2016-1-FR02-KA105- | La Ligue de l'Enseignement de | Image Mapping |

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| Programme | | 010971 | Bourgogne | |
| Erasmus Plus Programme | 2016 | PARTNER IN: 2015-3-LT02-KA105-00443 | National institute for social integration | Future Society Lab |
| Erasmus Plus Programme | 2016 | PARTNER IN: 2015-3-BG01-KA105-022732 | Association "Youth Bureau for Social Services and Civic Initiatives" | Youth dreams become true |
| Erasmus Plus Programme | 2015 | PARTNER IN: 2014-3-FR02-KA105-009095 | La Ligue de l'Enseignement de Bourgogne | Cultural Multipliers |

