

## Cyprus Youth Clubs Organisation- KOKEN

### Erasmus+ Key Action 1. Mobility of Young People – Training Course in Cyprus



**Host:** Cyprus Youth Clubs Organisation- KOKEN

**Main theme for the project:** Social inclusion of refugees

**Summary:** Today more than ever there is the need for youth workers and leaders to learn methods and practices about how to transfer and share common values of our society to young people, such as tolerance, peace, rule of law, democracy, cohabitation with different cultural and religious ethnicity, respect of human rights and freedom of people. These are principles on which young people must build their personality and behavior when opening himself from the individual to the community dimension, discovering their social attitudes as active citizens in our democratic society.

In line with the priority set up by the European Erasmus+ Program 2018, the project aims at equipping youth workers and leaders with good methods and competences for transferring common fundamental values of our society to youth people and build new approaches and practices, through non-formal learning methods, on how to empower and lead youngsters during their growth as conscious, aware and active citizens in the European political, economic and social dimensions.

As KOKEN is strongly determined to pursue the objectives and goals set up by National Youth Guarantee's program 'Active Youth', the project puts a special emphasis on providing youth workers and leaders with best methods and practices for reaching those youth who experience frustration, disaffection and dissatisfaction in participating to social and working life, as known as NEET ('Not in Education, Employment or Training') who, due to social circumstances, feel marginalized and excluded from the society. In consequence, as it's demonstrated, NEET youth prefer being disengaged from society activities, having lower level of interest and engagement in politics and lower level of trust, disinterest in voting in elections and in participating to social

life, being at higher risk of becoming socially and politically alienated. We are convinced that the risk of becoming NEET is also caused, between other reasons, by the lack of essential knowledge about those principles constituting the fundamentals of our civilities, as well as about opportunities and chances offered by our society, bringing these youth to live without any expectation and to feel lost and demotivated to contribute to the overall development of our society. Therefore, such young people need more efforts from youth workers and leaders in order to change their attitudes from passive to active citizens, representing a fundamental link in the chain between youth and society.

Thus, the activities of the project will be focused on the following questions: Who are nowadays those youth at risk of enlarging NEET population? What are the problems raising apathetic attitudes to participate in community life among youth people? What are the best practices and strategies youth workers deployed and/or may deploy to face such problems?

The project's objectives are:

- To promote active citizenship in social, economic and political development;
- To transfer and disseminate European values;
- To foster quality improvements of competences and skills of youth workers and leaders;
- To furnish valuable instruments to youth workers and leaders in reaching those vulnerable youth at risk of being socially and politically excluded;
- To focus on the problems affecting NEET youth generation and to share good practices, methods and experiences about how to deal with these problems;
- To improve the quality of youth work and non-formal education;
- To foster cooperation and practical transfer of know-how between youth workers from different countries.

**Profile of the participants:** Youth workers, youth leaders, volunteers

**Number of participants:** We encourage organizations to participate with 4 people each (18 years old and above).

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

**Place:** Cyprus (city to be confirmed)

**Dates and duration:** 5 full days plus 2 days for travelling (May 2018 to be confirmed)

**Deadline for expression of interest:** 25th of January 2018

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

**Participation fee:** 25 euros each participant.

**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](http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance_en.htm)

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

**Safety & Insurance:** a responsibility of the participants. We advise all participants to have with them the European Health Card.

**How to participate:** Send us the mandate (signed and scanned) and the Participants' Identification Form at [projects@cyprusyouth.org](mailto:projects@cyprusyouth.org) with the subject: TC- NEET back to social NET