

A contact-making event to sit down with some nice people and develop the youth exchange project with a strong dimension on Intercultural learning and promoting diversity -

“Pay It Forward Through a Youth Exchange”

2-10 December 2018 - The Netherlands

General idea:

This project is designed for people who already have experience in participating in some Erasmus+ project related to topic of intercultural learning, diversity and inclusion in the past, have appreciated it and wish to become more active and “pay it forward” by giving also other youngsters a chance to experience it!

This can be done by organizing an international **youth exchange project within Erasmus+ programme**. It can give you the chance to host an international group in your community OR give you and some youngsters from your community to participate in the exchange in some other country.

IF you want to find out how youth exchanges work and to have the space to sit down with potential partners and work on YOUR youth exchange idea that you could later on apply for and implement, this is a project for you!!!

Preparations

(October-November)

- Doing "home-works" - researching and getting in the topic already
- Discussing potential YE idea with your organization and young people

Partnership-building

(November)

- Active participation in all programme activities
- Working on project idea with your newly created project team

Applying and implementing a YE (February onwards)

- Applying - February or April deadline
- Implementing - summer/autumn 2019

With this Erasmus+ project - contact-making event we would like to bring together **you - young youth leaders** that have a great potential to become more active by taking responsibility of hosting or being a group leader in some youth exchange in order to equip you with necessary knowledge and skills on how to manage youth exchanges and provide a space to develop actual youth exchanges that you can implement later on.

Besides, as inclusion is one of the biggest priorities in Erasmus+: Youth in Action programme, we hope that in each future youth exchange you would include some young people with fewer opportunities!

Contents:

- My motivation to be involved as a learner and youth leader in YE
- Needs and interests of young people
- What does it mean REAL Intercultural learning, diversity and inclusion in YE context and tools
- Priorities of Erasmus+ and understanding how YE work
- Partnership-building
- Developing concrete youth exchanges – formulating idea, developing programme, writing it down in the application and receiving feedback in order to improve it
- Agreeing on further plan in order to submit the application and implement the YE

Participants:

24 youth leaders – from **Programme countries**: 2-3 representatives from each country.

Financial conditions:

Association “WOW Go Amsterdam” will be implemented this project in the framework of EU “ERASMUS+” Programme. The **accommodation and food** will be **covered fully**. **Travel expenses** will be **reimbursed at flat rates depending on travel distance**.

Application procedure:

- 1.) Make sure you have a PIC code: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/onlineservices/pador/register_en.htm
- 2.) Send **Partner Identification** Form indicating your motivation to be part of this project and the **Mandate**, signed by your legal representative to project manager Manuela Renjaan: info@wowgoamsterdam.org **by Saturday, 14-th April 2018**

Preliminary Programme

Time / day	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9		
08:00 – 09:00	Arrivals	Breakfast									
09:00 - 11:00		Official Opening & Introduction Getting to know each other	Philosophy of youth exchange projects – “eagle” and “frog” view (European dimension and young people’s dimension)	Theory input on what is deeper intercultural learning, diversity and underlying competences to be developed in order to promote it	Exploring diversity in Amsterdam (and using city as a learning space)	Partnership as basis for the youth exchange project	Project development III: Programme and activities	Project development VI: Plan and calendar of the work. Application, questions, answers, Share the task in the group	Far well and de par tur e of par tici pan ts		
11:00 – 11:30		Coffee break									
11:30 – 13:00		Expectations, contribution, approach, methodology, programme Intro to Youthpass and Learning Diary	Understanding Inclusion Crucial elements of YE (quality criteria) and YE life-cycle	Tool-fair – sharing the experiences and methods for ICL and Diversity promotion	Study Visit - discovering local realities regarding empowerment and promoting diversity and inclusion of youth	Project development I: Needs and interests of young people and community	Project development IV: Learning outcomes, impact and results (&risks)	3rd check in - presentation of results in developing projects, feedback from the participants and action plan			
13:00 – 15:00		Lunch									
15:00 – 16:30		Team building activities + Learning contract	Non-formal learning dimension in YE and Youthpasses	Tool-fair – sharing the experiences and methods for ICL and Diversity promotion	Personal research project related to diversity – in Amsterdam	Project development II: ideas about the themes of the project, aim and objectives	Project development V: Different tools to evaluate the projects and do DEOR	Summing up the learning outcomes of project and Youthpass			
16.30 – 17.00		Coffee break									
17:00 – 18:30		Getting to know each other	Working as a Team, Difficulties and Challenges	Real life and kitchen stories: sharing realities on implementing YE	Creative presentations of organizations and young people represented by participants	Free time in Amsterdam	1st check in - presentation of results in developing projects, feedback from the participants (peer-to-peer consultations)	2nd check in - presentation of results in developing projects, feedback from the participants (peer-to-peer consultations)		Follow-up and evaluation Closing	
18.30 – 19.00		Reflection & "Family" Time									
19:00 – 19:45		Welcome dinner	Dinner								
After 20:00	Initiative Evening		Intercultural Evening?!	Free evening	Lets see evening...	Free evening	Local evening	Farewell evening			