



Erasmus+ Key Action 1.

Mobility of Young People – Youth Exchange in Cyprus



***ARE YOU AWARE OF
YOUR IMPACT?***

Title: *Are you aware of your impact?*

Host: *Cyprus Youth Clubs Organisation- KOKEN*

Main theme of the project: Environmental Education and Green Volunteering

Summary: This Youth Exchange has as a main aim to raise awareness on the effects of human actions on the nature and more specifically in relation to human actions which cause extensive use of plastic. With the use of non formal education learning every person will be encouraged to reflect upon the consequences of their own actions and their attitude towards the environment and plastic usage. They will be asked to look for possible solutions, also by considering the role that politics have in our everyday life.

Objectives

The objectives of the project are in line with the objectives of the EU Youth Strategy 2020 which are:

- to help the young people to obtain a better understanding on other European countries practices and to discover new cultures through an intercultural learning;
- to provide opportunities for young people to learn how they can exchange views with policy makers on global issues;
- to encourage young people to volunteer for environmental projects (green volunteering);
- to internalize sustainable habits and attitudes and
- to enhance critical thinking, sense of initiative and sense of personal/ social responsibility.

Background:

This project focuses on the waste of plastic and the negative consequences that the excessive use of this material has in our days. In the last 60 years, plastic has become a useful and versatile material with a wide range of applications. Plastic is a highly useful material and its applications are expected to increase as more new products and plastics are developed to meet demands.

However, the increased use and production of plastic in developing and emerging countries is a particular concern, as the sophistication of their waste management infrastructure may not be developing at an appropriate rate to deal with their increasing levels of plastic waste. At the heart of the problem is one of plastic's most valued properties: its durability.

Management of waste in the EU has been improving in terms of recycling and energy recovery, but there is still much to be done. Thus, even though there are some good practices in various European Countries such as plastic bottle deposit schemes or having to pay plastic bags in the supermarket; still according to the EU Plastics Strategy of the European Commission, the average EU citizen creates 31kg of plastic waste per year.

For this reason, we wish to create this project in order to spread more awareness on the matter and engage the young people in green volunteering while at the same time they will acquire a better knowledge and to create/ to develop their own initiatives and projects that can act as a continuity of this project at their home countries.

Profile of participants: Young people, volunteers, youth workers, youth leaders.

Number of participants: 35 young people

Age: Group leaders (no age limit), Young participants (18-30 years old)

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

Place: Cyprus (city to be confirmed)

Dates and duration: 6 days (excluding travel days) in March 2019 (to be confirmed).

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.

Safety & Insurance: a responsibility of the participants.

How to participate: Send us your Partner Identification Form at projects@cyprusyouth.org with the subject: Are you Aware of your Impact- YE (the title of the project)