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CALL FOR PARTNERS & PARTICIPANTS

The Project

CROSSING Borders (*Camino: Rethinking Otherness and Solidarity through Storytelling and Immigration, going beyond National Gaps*) is a Youth Exchange that aims at tackling current topics such as migration, integration, identity and solidarity in a unique and original way. This project offers 20 youngsters from 4 countries the great chance to dive into these different social issues through a mental and physical journey of two weeks.

The participants will be invited to live the enriching pilgrimage experience of the English Camino to Santiago (from Ferrol to Santiago). By using the principle of experiential learning, the youngsters will be put in the shoes of migrants all along the way. The walking pilgrimage process is a perfect opportunity to experience the kind of demanding journeys migrants often have to face. Afterwards, the participants will have some time to reflect on their own Camino and to discuss the topics mentioned above through debates, but also through artistic and creative activities. As a result, the participants will create their own story, both as a group and as an individual.

This relates to the second aspect which will be at the core of the Youth Exchange: the power of storytelling. The youngsters will be invited to discover the stories of different people with very distinct backgrounds, enhancing their intercultural learning and understanding. Storytelling will be used as a way to connect people and to tackle prejudices. In addition to this, the youngsters will also learn valuable listening and communication

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skills, including how to create their own stories, as they will familiarize themselves with the concept of storytelling.

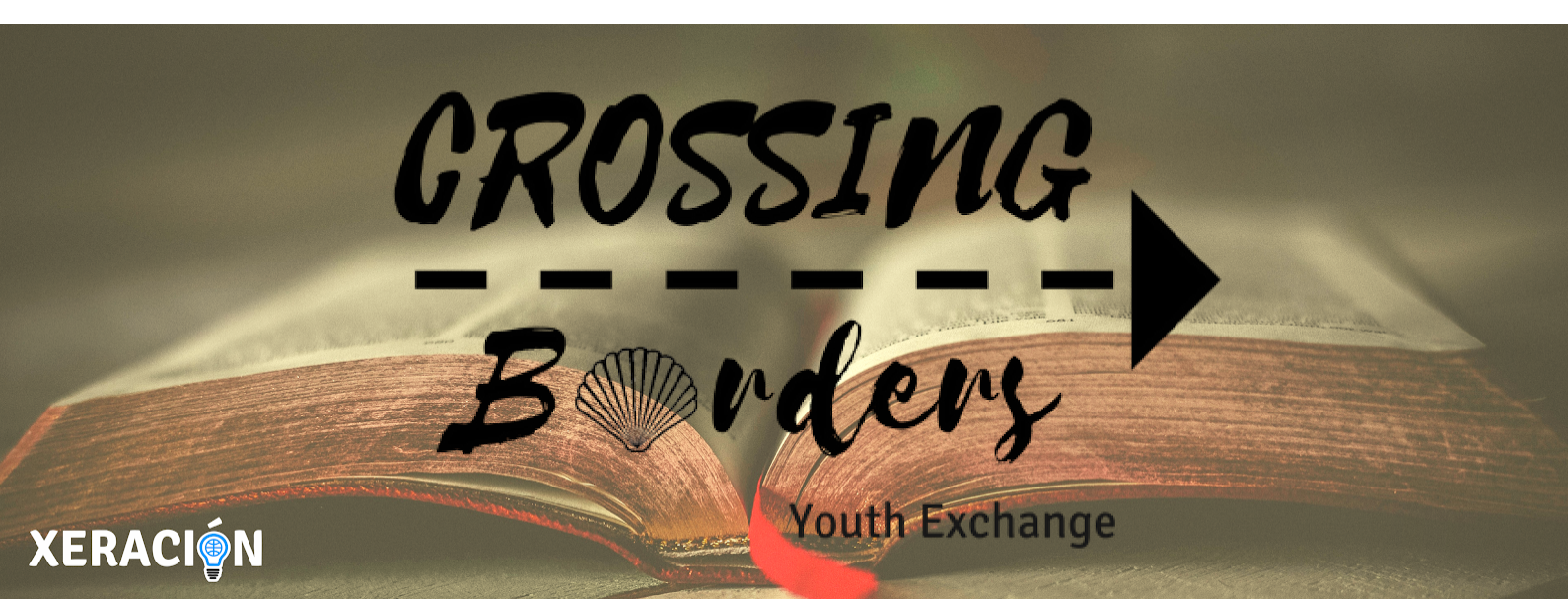
Objectives:

- Get the opportunity to live the experience of the Camino, taking part in the process of self-reflection and the sharing of meaningful and informative stories.
- Gain a better understanding of migration and the experiences of migrants through storytelling and experiential learning.
- Tackle prejudices and debunk stereotypes by learning how to listen to other people's stories.
- Gain skills and knowledge on how to promote and facilitate social integration of migrants in local communities.
- Become acquainted with storytelling as a methodology, developing listening and communication skills and learning about different ways to tell a story.
- Connect to a diverse group of youngsters with a variety of cultural backgrounds, pilgrims, local people and a new environment.

Partners & Participants

Partners

For this project we will need 3 partner organizations, each providing 4 participants and a group leader (total of 5 people). We are looking for partner organizations which have experience with one or more of the following aspects: migration, intercultural learning, storytelling, hiking and first aid. Partner organizations will also need to have previous experience with youth exchanges.



Countries: Open to Programme countries

Participants

With regards to the participants, we are looking for a diverse group of youngsters. We have the following criteria for participants:

- Between the age of 18-25
- Able to communicate and work in English
- Motivated to learn and participate during the whole project
- Able to hike for 4-5 days, more or less 20 kilometers a day (no previous hiking experience required)
- Affiliation with the topics of migration and storytelling

Location & Date

The youth exchange will take place at the start of June 2019, lasting a maximum of two weeks (including arrival and departure). The project will start in Ferrol (Spain), where the participants will spend a few days before starting the Camino. The Camino will be along the English Way to Santiago de Compostela (119 kilometers). During the journey, the participants will stop at various locations in Galicia. The project will end in Santiago, where the participants will also spend a few days wrapping up the project and reflecting on their experience. At all these locations, there will be a large variety of activities organized.

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Hosting Organisation

Xeración is a non-profit organization composed by Galician and international young people sharing common ideas and visions. We work spreading a new youth culture: more European, tolerant and with equal opportunities. Our aims are the promotion of volunteering and cooperation projects, dissemination of sustainable development and the support of international youth mobility. To reach that objectives we organize regular workshops, presentations, cultural trips and language exchanges.

How to apply?

If you are interested in being a partner, please send a partners identification form (see the document attached) to **info@xeracion.org**
The final deadline to sign up is **Sunday the 6th of January until 23:59.**

Once you are selected, we will get back to you to confirm your participation as a partner. By sending the partner identification form, you commit to select 4 participants plus leader that fit within the criteria set by the hosting organisation. In case you cannot provide them, the hosting organisation is entitled to select participants from different organisations.