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Finally, we, a dedicated team under Kulturlabor Trial & Error umbrella, are ready to apply for ERASMUS+ capacity building project on youth work in neglected suburban areas, urban gardening and social media. We want to network amongst urban gardening initiatives in field of youth work, gather massive base of methodological and theoretical materials, empower youngsters from the suburbs and spread the word. We are looking for reliable and dedicated project partners with experience, ideas and strong affiliation to the project ideas. More information You will find below.

If You are saying "hell yeah!" to the project, please contact us asap by email - sandra_r@trial-error.org with the topic "TC Urban Remedy". We would be thankful for the following (until 10th of January 2019 10:00 o clock)

- PIC of Your organisation/ initiative (if You do not have one - [please read this](#)),
- PIF (Part C - see in attachment),
- few sentences about Your motivation/ contributions/ expectations & needs from the project.

We are looking forward to hear from you!

In name of Kulturlabor Trial & Error e.V. team,
Ruta and Sandra

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ABOUT: KULTURLABOR TRIAL & ERROR

Kulturlabor Trial & Error is a Berlin based, non profit organisation, working with upcycling, D.I.Y., urban gardening, solidarity economy, youth, neighbourhoods.

We are the masters of creative and community activism, the queens of Upcycling, the experts for non-formal environmental education and youth work, the facilitators of local Kiez-swap shop and fairteiler, and much more.

We mainly work locally and internationally. In Berlin/Neukölln, multicultural neighbourhood with complex social and economical structure, we facilitate exchange and social inclusion processes between diverse youth and other groups, internationally - develop connections around the topics of environmental activism, upcycling, self-organisation and creative activism, with focus on Central and Eastern Europe. Our team has years long experience with methods of non-formal education, facilitation of groups and community processes.

We, the team - Ruta, Sandra and Kulturlabor Trial & Error e.V. collective, are youth workers and gardeners, with experience in facilitation, neighbourhoods, communities, logistics and administration, we can also cook, play games, develop publications and much more.

Urban gardening is one our our heart topics, bringing together the passion for environmental topics, youth work, neighbourhood activism and D.I.Y. After years of experience in other urban gardening projects, since 2015 we have our own urban experiment - Gartenlabor - a public space, that we maintain together with youngsters and people from our neighbourhood. Based in Berlin, place where everything already exist, but often initiatives and people doesn't know about each other, we saw the necessity and opportunity to work on the transculturality in youth work with tools of gardening and nonformal education as answer to the polarising European society.

Documentation from our previous training courses can be found here

<https://www.trial-error.org/publikationen/>

IDEA

Phytotherapy, the use of plant-derived medications in the treatment and prevention of disease.

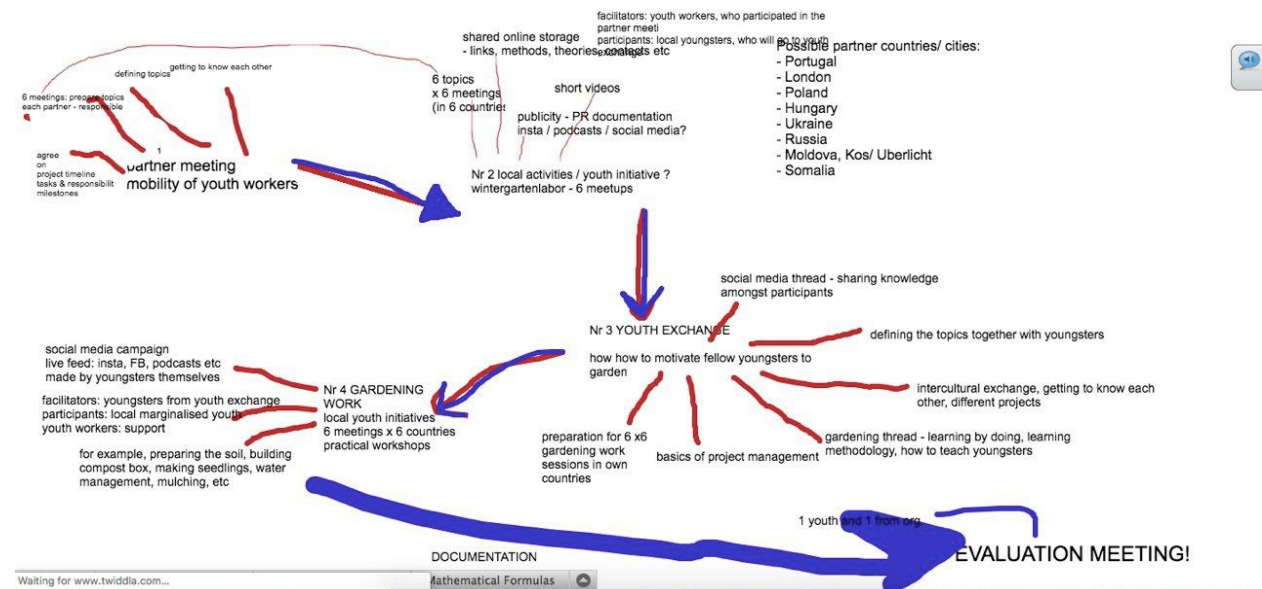
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Gardening is for grandmas! Right? Wrong! Gardening is for community building while having fun and treasuring essential urban social survival skills. Living in an urban environment is not an obstacle in spending time with nature. Nature is all around us, even if we choose to only see the

grey beton instead of the green leaves. Walk pass the grey unusable water, there are patches of green, fertile land and you can have fun there! Project "URBAN REMEDY: gardening as youth work tool in neglected suburban area" brings the opportunity to connect youth work and transculturality while bringing together lesser-known essential knowledge and ways of adaptation to everyday urban challenges.

ACTIVITIES

Project time frame: 01.08.2019. - 31.12.2020.



A1 partner meeting

Time: October 2019, 5 days

Place: Berlin, Germany

Participants: (1 project coordinator + 1 youth worker) x partner organisations

Topics:

- Contact making between partner organisations,
- Defining the project topic,
- Sharing sessions on A2 topics: methodology to transmit topics, for example, Seed sovereignty, Community building, Climate Change and Urban gardening, Reclaiming Public Spaces, Youth Participation in Neighbourhood etc. (Each partner takes responsibility to prepare methodology for one of the topics),
- Setting up a communication and file sharing system,
- Milestone planning, Sharing tasks and responsibilities.

A2 Local activities: monthly meet-ups on topics related to youth work and urban gardening

Time: October 2019 - April 2020

Place: The suburban area, chosen by partner organisations

Participants: local youth (15-25 y o) of the chosen suburban area, with facilitation of the youth worker(s) from the partner organisations

Topics:

- Getting to know each other,
- Defining the problems of the neighbourhood through perspective of young people,
- Concept and key elements of the urban gardening,
- Input on the topics, for example, Seed sovereignty, Community building, Climate Change and Urban gardening, Reclaiming Public Spaces, Youth Participation in Neighbourhood,
- Gathering ideas of the participants on the needs, ideas for actions in the neighbourhood.

A3 Youth exchange: Youth participation through urban gardening

Time: April 2020

Place: Partner country

Participants: (youth worker per partner organisation + 4 youngsters (selected from participants of the meet-ups) x amount of partner organisations

Topics:

- Getting to know each other, presentations of the partner organisations,
- Intercultural communication,
- Defining the topic: 10 reasons to do urban gardening,
- Hands on - practical gardening workshops - 6 topics,
- Planning follow up activities.

A4 Local gardening workshops 6x partner organisation

Time: May - October 2020

Place: The suburban area, chosen by partner organisations

Participants: local youth (15-25 y o) of the chosen suburban area, with facilitation of the youngsters, participants of the youth exchange, with mentoring and support by youth workers from the local partner organisation

Topics of workshops for local youth:

- Building a compost box
- Water management in urban garden
- Growing seedlings
- Building rised beds
- Upcycled garden furniture
- Insect hotel

*Accompanying activity - social media campaign to promote the workshops, implemented by youngsters

A5 Evaluation meeting

Time: November 2020

Place: Partner country

Participants: (1 youth worker + 1 youngster) x partner organisations

Topics:

- Getting to know each other
- Presenting the process of the project activities
- Defining the learning outcomes
- Identifying strengths and weaknesses
- Identifying the potentials for follow up activities
- Closing the project

FUNDS AND FINANCES

We plan to apply to ERASMUS+ Youth work Capacity building project, deadline - 24th of January 2019.

More information about the call -

https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/sites/eacea-site/files/info_session_cby_december_2018_-_final.pdf

We plan to include following costs

- Coordination expenses,
- Honoraries for PR, design, etc,
- Material etc costs for the local volunteering activities,
- All related expenses to mobilities (youth worker and youth exchanges) - including travel, visa, accomodation, catering, facilitation, organisation.

PARTNERS: WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

We are looking for 6 partner organisations. Each of them will be responsible to send 2 youth workers to the training course. Participants should be at least 18 years old and minimum 1 from the actual partner organisation. It is expected that partner organisations have experience with urban gardening, community work and have developed youth network that would be ready to learn more about community work through hands on practises and building a sustainable network.

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Project proposal for ERASMUS + Capacity building

Working title: URBAN REMEDY - gardening as youth work tool in neglected suburban areas

- **preparation** (feedback in defining the project framework, providing the applicant organisation with all necessary documentation for the project application - mandate/partner organization form, if possible, provide feedback on the application),
- **implementation** (promotion of the call for participants, spreading information about the project activities in the information channels of the organisation),
- **selection and preparation** of the participants of the activities, active participation in the project activities, providing all the necessary documentation for financial administration of the project, support in implementation of activities,
- **evaluation and monitoring** (ensuring the necessary documentation for the closure of the project, including the evaluation for Mobility tool.)
- **implementation of a follow-up activity** - presentation of the project results in the home country.

Looking forward to hear from You!

Sandra & Ruta