

TURN ON YOUR GREEN VISION

Erasmus+ Youth Exchange project

Partner request form

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Language spoken: English (for transnational projects)

Describe your group/organization

(Target group, age of group members, number in group, gender, other relevant information)

Association "SCHOOL" is NGO founded by Liepaja Secondary school no. 5 to provide its staff and students with the opportunity to plan and implement transnational projects.

The description of group of students, working on this projects:

"Our group consists of high school students aged 16-17 years' who are learning in the same class, and group members are equally male and female. There are also 2 supporting teachers who act as mentors. We have started to think about making World greener. We want to attract people who think as green as we are, so our aim is to explore ways to recycle and to implement greener lifestyle and to tell other people about their possibilities to recycle and reuse. This year we participated in national contest organized by Tīrai Latvijai! (For Clean Latvia!) association where we designed reusable shopping bag and we won the first place. We want to carry on such activities on next level and to implement transnational project together with our peers from other countries but with the same passion for greener living."

We are looking for young people / our peers who share our vision and are willing to implement this project to bring benefit to their local communities and to gain new experience, skills and competences.

What do you want to do?

(Project theme and objectives, what do you expect to gain from this experience?)

The aim of this project is to find ways how to make people around us to look at everyday life with greener comprehension. We would like to cooperate with our peers from other countries and to implement together activities that promote better understanding and give useful tips, based on opportunities in each country, how to live greener or eco-friendlier life.

The main objectives are:

1. To explore in each partner country the recycling possibilities and to create interesting ways how to promote them to local communities. Under this objective we would like to carry out such activities / workshops for local community as trashtag (cleaning some

random place and takes before and after photos, posting them on facebook and other social media) or upcycling, cooking from scraps (national kitchen), preparing our own creams and lotions, cleaners, explore zero-waste possibilities etc.

2. To compare the rules and laws in force in each partner country related with environment protection and to create the “green human rights”. The aim of human rights is to oblige governments to take care of their people, and environment protection laws are one of the ways. So it is important to promote green lifestyle as rights, because therefore society can demand laws for such rights where they do not exist yet, or implementation of existing laws. Under this objective we would like to meet with local decision makers / politicians / institutions and to discuss the rights and obligations of both institutions and society in making the environment cleaner and eco-friendlier around us.

3. To explore 8 key competences and to link them with green lifestyle. Each key competence consists of three main components: skills, knowledge and attitude, so we would like to explore how greener living can improve different skills and give new knowledge, therefore making transition to greener lifestyle a way for personal growth. Under this objective we would like to draft the 9th key competence (green lifestyle) and to create inspirational quotes to encourage people around us to change by changing their attitude towards this topic first. Attitude is the most important component – if we manage to change people’s attitude towards eco-friendly lifestyle, skills and knowledge will follow naturally. We would like to meet with entrepreneurs / employers who take special consideration to eco-friendly environment in their companies and to interview them about qualities that they take into consideration when looking for new employees.

4. To organize an eco-festival in our hometown and to promote all the achievements within this project to local community. Under this objective we would like to create a journal and posters / flyers about most important ideas / quotes from this project. During eco-festival all participants would carry out different workshops for visitors, have friendly conversations, share their experience and how this project has improved their understanding about eco-friendlier living.

Why can't you do this project alone? Why do you need transnational partners? (Role of transnational partners in this project)

This project requires transnational partners because we need to share our experience and to learn from other experiences, with transnational partners it is easier to do so, since each country has a unique situation in this area. Also more people from more countries should be aware of living green, because it helps our towns, our homes, our environment and in the end our entire world and this is something that cannot be done single handedly by one organization, since environmental pollution is a global problem. We need to tell the broadest possible public about greener living and benefits from it. If we work in transnational group, we can create far more ideas and possible solutions than working alone.

All partners in this project will be equal. Each partner will choose one of the specific objectives and will carry out (in close cooperation with / supported by other partners) the youth exchange under the selected objective. All partners will participate in organization of eco-festival in Liepāja (Latvia) which will also be the final activity / culmination within this project.