

COLD FACTS

- What?	Youth Exchange
- Who?	Youth aged 16-25
- How many?	5 participants + 1 group leader
- When?	Summer 2021
- Where?	Denmark
- Topic	Inclusion of Minorities through Arts

NEEDS

Aarhus is a very international city with habitants from all around the world, but these internationals that come to Denmark tend to feel outside the community and start to create their own small community.

As we live in a global world with freedom of movement, many countries have the issue of creating a safe space for inclusion and understanding of each other's differences, both in Denmark as well as other countries.

We hear more and more about the troubles of the newcomers and it is typically phrased as "us" vs. "them", but we believe we are all one, and want to create a better understanding of what minorities, immigrants can contribute to the local society.

AIMS

We aim to create a better society for all people. We want to include minorities into the local societies and share each others strengths to build a community where all can contribute.

We wish to increase the knowledge and competences of young people in building an inclusive society for the generations to come. As minorities has often been neglected, it is time to take the next step and integrate the minority populations into the local communities. Create strong bonds of friendship and solidarity, dispel discrimination and isolation. It is the only way for our newly demographically reshaped European society to take a step to a prosperous future.

We are aiming to bring awareness of the issues minorities are facing, and what causes these issues. We aim to bring an understanding of what a minority is and to share a common ground, as we are all one.

The youth exchange "We Are One!" aims to build tolerance and confidence in youngsters of a multicultural society and to integrate the cultures of the minorities as a contribution to the youth development. We envision educating and helping young people to create an inclusive environment for young people of minority groups into their local communities, whether they are of an ethnic minority group, religious or LGBTQ+ or any other type of minority.

OBJECTIVES

Our objectives are in relation to Erasmus+ and we want to help people get a better sense of what a minority are, and how does one become a minority?

More specifically, by the end of the project the participant should be able to:

- 1) Be more culturally competent and understand the components of diversity in the European youth;
- 2) Have a better understanding of what it means to be a minority with the help of real-life personal stories and role-playing activities.
- 3) Build up empathy and trust with young people of minorities in their respective local community;
- 4) Foster the creativity, confidence and autonomy of minority populations, through interactive activities and workshops.
- 5) Be more aware of the minorities within the countries of the European Union.
- 6) Develop and implement initiatives, events that will be able to promote integration of minorities in the European countries.
- 7) Develop their intercultural skills.

METHODS / MEASURES

During the project we will use methods such as:

- Theater/ plays
 - The participants will be given scenarios to play out, and we will after discuss the situation.
 - The participants have to come up with a scenario themselves and play it out.
- PhotoVoice
 - Participants will be asked to bring local newspapers to the mobility
 - We will cut out some pictures of the participants choosing and discuss, what kind of story they see in the picture.
 - After we will compare to the actual story printed in the newspaper.
- Digital Storytelling
 - We will create small video logs and ask the participants questions, which the participants create and come up with themselves.
- Craft sessions
 - The participants will share traditional craft techniques of their culture.
- Various non-formal learning methods
 - Guided by the facilitators the participants will be asked to come up with their own "games" to enhance the learning process.

IMPACT

The stakeholders involved in the project will help spread the knowledge gained through this course, and thereby increase the circle of impact. We will ask all directly involved parties to share the results online to help stop the spreading of fake news.

The participants, who were attending the mobility will share amongst their peers and create a better and safer society for everyone.

Partner organisations will be asked to host dissemination activities involving the participants and other members of their organisation, to spread the awareness further.

If the participants feel comfortable, they are free to use the skills and knowledge gained in other workshops, both locally, nationally and internationally.

Further impacts will be collected along the way, as we wish to invite all interested parties to join.



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