

# BUILDING RAINBOWS: ART AS A MEDIATOR OF PEACE



## ABOUT THE PROJECT

The project 'Building Rainbows' is an experiential interescetion of the world of arts and the concept of peace education, which will be used in an attempt to build bridges of communication as well as to de-construct the existence of mental and geographical borders. The project will take place in the torn-apart island of Cyprus, which has long suffered the consequences of conflict and division, and the wounds are still alive in geographical, anthropological and sociological levels.

The main aim of the project is to use artistic practices, to enhance our understanding about the above concepts, and to use non-formal methods as a way of developing on a personal level as well as to encourage stronger social connections and initiate creative dialogue. Throughout the project, a plethora of art media will be used to address the concepts of peace education.

*The project is funded by Erasmus+ and there is no participation fee.*

## PRACTICALITIES (WHEN, WHERE, FOR WHO)

The project will take place in Amiantos Village, which is located in the highest mountain range of the island, Troodos, between 11-19 of September (including 2 days of traveling), and will bring together participants from Cyprus, Greece, Bulgaria, Poland, Italy and Spain (5 from mainland & 5 from canary islands). **(4 Participants and 1 Youth Leaders)**

### For whom?

- Curious individuals aging between 18-30
- Youth who are interested in the topics of arts and peace education, are motivated to participate, and are open to the process of growing collectively through giving and receiving.
- The call is open for everyone, no matter on educational, financial or social status.
- The group leaders (no age limit) should be able to communicate in English and in their group's mother tongue, are experienced in Erasmus+ projects, and have some organization skills. This is a great opportunity for aspiring youth workers to get some in-action experience. They will be asked to offer workshops and coordinate the reflection groups.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

- A plethora of artistic practices, workshops and activities, including and not limited to: poetry, storytelling, visual arts, arts & crafts, circus arts, movement and music.
- Fabrika, will offer sufficient resources, and creative freedom for all the participants to be able to create and express.
- Special focus will be given on the concepts of peace education and non-violent communication.
- Nature-based activities, enhancing interpersonal and personal learning, working in groups as well as with our own self.
- A safe space in which we will host our ideas and concerns, where we will listen to each other as well as a space in which we can be ourselves without judgmental nor stereotypical behaviors.



# TRAVEL



The travel costs are covered by Erasmus+ and will be reimbursed after the project takes place, based on the original travel documents (tickets and Boarding Passes) and participant's reports regarding their follow-up activities. Below you will find the specific maximum budget according to your country.

*Travel budget for each country:*

**Bulgaria 275**

**Poland 360**

**Greece 275**

**Italy 275**

**Spain (Mainland) 360**

**Spain (Canary Islands) 820**



# FOOD & ACCOMMODATION

Food & accommodation are also covered by Erasmus+, starting from the day of arrival and concluding at the morning of the departure.

If you wish to spend a couple more days in Cyprus (which can only be done in communication with the team), then unfortunately the project will not be able to cover the food & accommodation for those days.

*During the project, we will be offering seasonal, mediterranean, delicious vegan plates, full of colour, love and nutritions. As we are advocates of peace and non-violence, we are gonna start from omitting the violence in our plates.*

*In case of allergies or intolerances please get in touch with the team.*

# CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

- The participation in this project presupposes the agreement of the covid strategy introduced by the organizing team (covid strategy), which in this case briefly translates to our inability to cover the cost of the PCR tests, as it was not included in the initial budget. All participants should have the medical insurance covered prior to their arrival.
- The full participation and collaboration throughout the preparation, implementation and follow-up phases of the project. In case of arriving to the project and not engaging with the workshops and activities (without any rational reasoning), then we cannot reimburse the costs.

# PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

- Fabrika Kollektiv - CYPRUS
- Roes Cooperativa KOIN.S.EP. - GREECE
- FUNDACJA WSPIERANIA INICJATYW MŁODZIEŻOWYCH 4YOUTH - POLAND
- FONDATSIA UCHENE ZA PROMYANA - BULGARIA
- Asociacion Cultural y Mediambiental Atlas de Inagua - SPAIN (Canary Islands)
- Proyecto Nagual - SPAIN (Mainland)
- Officine Cittadine - ITALY



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# THE TEAM

**Fabrika is an art-based collective based in the island of Cyprus, and our actions range from local arts and social actions such as exhibitions, gatherings, workshops and activities in different environments, as well as organizing European and International Projects, which focus on the duality of Arts and Activism.**

***Kyriakos Hadjielia*** is a visual artist with an academic background in documentary practices and visual anthropology.

His passion for street art and subcultures, analog photography, hip-hop and the ways in which art can be used as a means of social change, collide with his passion for non-formal education and youth work. He participated, facilitated and organised dozens of art-based projects and workshops, shifting his focus on less-privileged youth groups.

***Marina Sfiktou*** is a Visual Content Creator and a Creative Project Manager. She is working as a teacher in Primary Schools and as a Youth Worker in different workshops and projects. Participating and working with Local and European/Erasmus+ Projects since 2010 that involves youth and adults, focusing on social issues, politics and self-development.

***Kyriaki Yiannuri***, an ex EVS volunteer in a project in Legambiente, Italy. She speaks fluent Italian. Active member in the Communication team of Accept - LGBT Cyprus. Kyriaki, has participated in different Youth Exchanges and Training in local and international Level. She is a passionate volunteer in different activism events.

***Eliz Beyaz***, studied psychology and she is working as a teacher assistant at a pre-school. Participating in Non Formal education / Erasmus + Trainings. Youth and Social Work via local organizations since 2017. Passionate about blending Arts & Nature based practices for self-development and supporting the community of Earth.

# *Interested?*

Apply now at:

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Deadline for the application: 25 July 2021

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