



ME, YOU AND CULTURE

Youth Exchange Project

Info pack

26 November - 03 December 2018

Medgidia, Romania



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The aim of the project is to improve young people's understanding and responsiveness to cultural diversity through promoting interaction and dialogue between youths that represent different cultures.

Me, you and culture is an Erasmus+ Youth Mobility Project, that will be implemented from 26th November to 03rd December 2018 in Medgidia, Romania

This project is mainly addressed to youths with:

- a wish to expand and improve their social interaction skills (including English level);
- limited exposure to Erasmus projects;
- a thirst for international experience and knowledge regarding other cultures;
- interest in Non-formal education and in an artistic approach to learning;
- a "social justice warrior" mind-set willing to disband cultural prejudice and stereotypes.

OUR MAIN OBJECTIVES ARE TO:

1. Improve their understanding of culture, stereotypes and prejudice – using critical thinking to assess information from mass media;
2. Explore non-formal education as a tool for learning;
3. Encourage the development of an interest to explore and understand cultures around the world;
4. Improve inter-personal skills (including English level);
5. Promote European values, voluntary work and openness to international experiences.

During the project all participants will learn about culture and communication both in a theoretical and in practical way.

By participating in this project you will learn or develop:

- Communication skills;
- Non-formal education methods;
- Skills in adapting your message to a specific target group;
- Project ideas;
- Motivation to be more involved in your community.

PROJECT BUILDUP

26th November.: Arrival in Bucharest, transportation to Medgidia and check-in;

27th November: Group harmonization using non-formal educational methodologies, during the day; Projection of a documentary on cultures and people (HUMAN) with debating

28th November.: Using non-formal educational methodologies, participants will learn about culture (role-playing);

29th November: Intro in what is fake news with examples and tools to identify them (3 cultures method); Group work using storytelling methods and proverbs in order to prepare for the show that will be held in front of high school students;

30th November: High-school visit which will focus on interaction between participants and students; Brainstorming for the intercultural show, including filming sessions coordinated by the Turkish participants;

01st December.: Intercultural and national teamwork; Role-playing for the show; Local ethnic dancing bands and presentation movies;

02nd December.: Recap of the all activities, evaluation and feed-back.

03rd December.: Departure

Participants: 30 participants (5 participants+ 1 group leader /country)

Target group: young people with few or no experience in E+

Age Group: 18-25

Language: The working language will be English

Important Information

Make sure to bring warm clothes and shoes considering that it will be late autumn in Romania. A rain/wind jacket, sweater and a hat will definitely come in handy.

Venue and accommodation

The training course takes place at Luxor Hotel in Medgidia. You can find relevant info about the location on the web page below:

<https://www.bedandbreakfast.eu/bed-and-breakfast/medgidia/hotel-luxor/2405216/>

All participants will be staying in 2 person rooms, with probably one or two exceptions where 3 people might share a room.

Arrival and departure

You are expected to arrive on the **26th of November until 23:00** at the Hotel as the project starts with dinner and a getting to know each other session. The departure will be on the **03rd December in the morning**.

Once you are selected to this Youth Exchange you will get more information about how to arrive there. You can arrive to Bucharest or Constanta airport. We will organize the transport from the airport to the hotel, once we know your arrival time.

You can arrive with 2-3 days before the project or stay 2-3 extra days after the project if you want some extra free time, but you will have to find your own accommodation for the extra days.

Travel expenses and reimbursement

The participants will be reimbursed for their travel expenses TO and FROM Bucharest according to the Erasmus+ funding rules.

Reimbursement amount per country:

Italy: 275 euros/participant;

Rep. of Moldova: 180 euros/participant;

Romania: 20 euros/participant;

Turkey: 270 euros/participant;

Spain: 360 euros/participant;

The reimbursement will be done through **bank transfer** to the accounts of each partner organization. The organization will then give the money to each participant. *You don't have to contact the sending organization, because we are personally in contact with them and we will give them your bank account.*

Keep ALL the tickets, boarding passes and invoices in order to get reimbursed.

Other Costs:

There is no participation fee. Accommodation, food and coffee breaks are covered by the project. We will make sure to provide also vegetarian/vegan meals upon request.

Youthpass:

Within the frame of 'recognition of non-formal learning', participants will receive a "Youthpass" Certificate. Youthpass is an official recognized tool in order to validate non-formal learning aspects gained during the training. This certificate has international recognition.

If you need further information, please don't hesitate to contact us at office@communityaid.ro