



## **'Hands Tell Everything'**

Adana, Turkey

Youth in Action (Action 1.1) Youth Exchange

Project Description

Every country has its own deaf culture and sign language. Sometimes it regionally varies inside of a country. For example; every city may have different signs in sign language depending on cultural differences. That's why we see a great interlink between culture and sign language. Despite deaf and hearing people seem to be living together but those two communities have different cultural characteristics.

We got and develop this Project idea during a EuroMed training course in Turkey with my friends. As being working with deaf young people for almost one year in our NGO, we had enough time to observe deaf culture and their behaviours. We realize that deaf young people and hearing young people have separate social environments which puts them apart from each other. This doesn't seem to effect hearing part of the society however it's a big obstacle for inclusion and participation of the deaf part deeply. So that we came up with the idea of gathering deaf youth and hearing youth from different countries together and prepare a crosscultural atmosphere among the participants using the international sign language as the major tool.

Objectives are;

- Getting to know each other (people from deaf culture and hearing culture).
- Spread sign language well to normal hearing people and international sign language to deaf youth.
- Support social inclusion of deaf young people.
- Emphasize the importance of living and working together and developing new abilities.

We plan to organize below activities in order to reach our objectives;

- National sign language workshop ( In this workshop every country will present basic communication terms in their own national sign language such as 'hello' , 'how are you' , 'my name is ....' Etc... )
- Drama Workshop (Participants will understand deaf culture and hearing culture and their differences )
- Sing a song with all participants with sign language at a shopping Mall in Adana. (Raise awareness about deaf culture and their problems by singing a song with sign language. After the show prepared and performed by all participants, they will release their message by using international signs. At the same time the thing that they say appear on the big screen which will be located behind of group.)
- Workshops on volunteering, civil society and team work.
- Shoot a short film to take attention of people to deaf culture and its problems. ( This short movie will be used as a campaign to raise awareness of deaf culture)

**Venue:** Adana, Turkey.

**Duration:** 7 days

**Participant Profile:** Every group will bring one leader, one international sign language translator. Besides these about participant profile;

- 3 hearing youngsters age between 18-25.
- 3 deaf youngsters age between 18-25.
- No age limit for translator and group leader.
- Gender balance is recommended.

**Type of Action:** Youth in Action (Action 1.1) Youth Exchange.

**Some technical information:**

- International sign language translator fee will be covered by project budget.

**Reimbursements:** The reimbursements will be made according to the rules of Youth in Action Program;

- 70 % of the travel costs.
- Visa costs will be 100% reimbursed.

The travel costs and visa costs will be reimbursed on the basis of the most economic transport fares, and on presentation of the relevant receipts and original tickets.

There is no participation fee.

**Food and accomodation:** Food and accomodation will be fully covered by the organizers.

**Partner Countries:** Latvia, Turkey, UK and Bulgaria

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