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**“ WINDMILL
BUILDERS ”**

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Dear friends,

Warm greetings to all partners from Croatia, Bosnia Herzegovina, Italy, Palestine, Georgia, Romania, Bulgaria, Latvia, Greece and Turkey “Windmill Builders” is a seven-days partner building activity (pba) under the framework of Youth in Action Programme and will take place in Çanakkale. This information pack will give you the most important facts about the practicalities. Please read them carefully and don't hesitate to ask us if you have any further questions!

PARTICIPANT PROFILE:

Committed youth workers, youth leaders or multipliers;

-Either having a disability, or currently working with young people with disabilities or having high motivation and future plans to work with them (motivation shall be well defined in the application form)

-Over 20 years old

-Motivated to create new projects for mixed ability groups

-Gender balance is strictly required

Important note!!!: Please pick at least one of your pax from different people who did not participate in "Elephant in the Room" project. We adore that group so much but always better to have new people in the club to spread the awareness more. You have enough time to choose the right people. I am sure you can!

CONCEPT:

Disability is an evolving concept, results from the interaction between persons with various impairments and attitudinal and environmental barriers which hinder their full participation in society equally as the others. Independent living, being provided accessible conditions and services and equal opportunities are the fundemantals of this concept. The question is who is responsible of creating an accessible world for everyone including persons with disabilities. Is this only the states', governments', public institutions', private sectors',media's duty? Actually this is basically the responsibility of whole society including the civil society organisations. One of the most important problematic issue is related to the active participation of the individuals with disabilities into society. Youth organisations are not inclusive and accessible for the youth with disabilities. So this brings a big loneliness for the young people with disabilities which also triggers the social polarization between these groups.

A Chinese proverb says that "When a storm comes, some build higher walls while others build windmills". People should first stop ignoring the disability and realize how their ignorance affects millions of people's daily lives in a very negative way.

Working with young people having different disabilities requires different special skills and adapted methods. Different disability groups have different perceptions, needs and abilities. As youth workers we should include and interact with the disabled young people around us. Likely to the Youth Programme's main priorities, a youth worker should be in contact with the youngsters having fewer opportunities from different backgrounds. We should all have a common disability awareness and gain skills to work with the disabled young people. That's why we came up with this project idea to gather youth workers from different youth organisations currently working with or willing to work with the youngsters having a disability in order to exchange experiences and skills and create sustainable partnerships to organize more and more mixed ability group activities in the future.

Basically the programme is a follow-up action and will follow the outputs of our common previous act, "Elephant in the room" training course which aimed to raise the awareness of youth workers on disability issue and help them gain new skills on including young people with disabilities.

This time we will keep learning, sharing more about disability in the youth sector, discuss how to build sustainable and productive partnerships, how to cooperate & work together in mixed ability group projects.

Objectives:

- Get to know more about disability awareness and accessibility
- Exchange perspective, knowledge and experience on specific youth work and projects
- Build sustainable partnerships to create future projects involving mixed ability groups in the best inclusive and accessible way.
- Discuss how to work with mixed groups of disabled young people, and develop innovative tools and modules
- Establish a brand new "network of inclusive and accessible youth actions"

TIME TABLE:

Arrival day: 19 May 2013, Sunday (latest the dinner time)

Departure day: 26 May 2013, Sunday (check out after the breakfast)

The PBA begins on Sunday, 19 May at 20:00. So you must make sure to arrive Çanakkale by then. It takes 6-7 hours by bus from Istanbul to Canakkale. That means your flight should arrive before 12:00 p.m. to İstanbul. If for you it is impossible to get to there on time, please contact us a.s.a.p.

VENUE and TRANSPORTATION:



Accommodation will be covered by us during the project days.

We will stay in AşkınArt Hotel (<http://www.askinartotel.com/en/galeri/>) which is located in the city center, 300 m away from the harbour. The rooms have 2, 3 beds and bathroom in each room. To increase the interaction between the participants our suggestion is to mix the participants in the rooms based on nationalities. Hope you will enjoy your room mates.

Towels will be provided, please bring your own shampoo and shower gel.

How to get there..?

Once you arrive İstanbul Ataturk Airport;

Take the metro from the airport and it will bring you directly to the Bus Terminal (Esenler). When you arrive Esenler terminal, you will find the suggested companies' desk and buy your bus ticket to Çanakkale. It is 50 or 55 TL(Turkish Lira).

When you get to Canakkale Bus Terminal, you immediately need to take the free mini shuttle of the company which brings u there, will take you directly to the city center. We will be waiting to pick you up...which means a happy ending😊

Alternative bus companies and time tables from Istanbul to Canakkale:

1-Kamil Koc:

01:00, 08:05, 12:30

2-Truva Turizm:

00:00, 01:00, 07:30, 08:30, 09:30, 10:30, 11:30, 12:30

LANGUAGE:

The official language will be English during the project. We will also have deaf participants which a sign interpreter accompanying. During the project we will have basic level sign language workshops aswell.

FOOD:

The hosting organisation is responsible for your food during the pba. Drinking water will be available during the whole programme. Please be informed however that except for breakfast and the coffee breaks, all drinks are not included.

REIMBURSEMENT:

The reimbursement will be made according to the rules of Youth in Action Program- 70 % of the travel costs.

The maximum amount of money we can reimburse is **70%** of the following total travel costs:

The travel costs will be reimbursed on the basis of the most economic transport fares, and on presentation of the relevant receipts and original tickets. We need full justification of the travel costs incurred (travel tickets, invoices, boarding-pass etc...) So please keep and don't loose your boarding passes or any of your travel documents.

Visa costs will be 100% reimbursed. We are not responsible from the costs of the medical insurance.

PLEASE FIRST CHECK YOUR TRAVEL DETAILS AND PRICES WITH US. DO NOT BUY YOUR TICKETS UNTIL WE CONFIRM YOU TO DO SO.

WEATHER:

Generally speaking, it is about 22-30 degrees during May. We might have a blue sky and sunshine. Thus, please take your clothes accordingly. However, just in case don't forget to bring something keeps you warm, since this is Canakkale famous with the strong wind and you never know☺

Anyway we will inform you 3 days prior to your travel about the expected weather conditions.

Also, you better take a cap, hat, sunglasses and sun protection creams especially during the outdoor activities. Also trekking shoes, or sports shoes and slippers will be helpful.

About the clothes in general, we will have games, indoor and outdoor activities, so take comfortable things to wear. Of course as we will have the intercultural night and some parties etc. it's up to you if you want to bring something "fancy" :)

POCKET MONEY and EXCHANGE:

Since accommodation and food will be provided during the project, unless you want to do some shopping before or after the pba, you should not need to spend a lot of money. There are banks and offices to exchange money.

1 EUR is approximately 2,3 TRY (TURKISH LIRA)

INTERNET

The venue is equipped with internet. It works most of the time. BUT: There won't be computers other than the ones you bring with you!

THE PROGRAMME:

We will send you the programme in a separate e-mail before the pba.

FOLLOW-UP and EVALUATION;

It is very important to keep in touch with all the participants after the project. Communication details of all participants will be shared. A survey will be done for participants on the last day of the project. Thus we will be able to reach more detailed ideas. Every participant will receive a youth pass certificate.

“WHAT to BRING” list...!!!!!!

1. A copy of your passport (with the photo and identity page) and the visa pages.
2. A copy of your flight tickets and invoices. Keep the boarding passes safe because we need them while refunding. We need the originals of your receipts(invoices) if possible in EURO. Please be aware, that we can not accept any taxi receipts.
3. Your cameras, because you are going to take a lot of photos☺.
4. Some examples of your youth work and materials (posters, leaflets, photos, magazines, podcasts, videos, CDs...) for a small and humble exhibition during the NGO Agora. This Agora should express and visualise how your work is/can be connected to inclusion. Please focus on good practice (actions, projects), obstacles or unresolved problems, and future plans or offers for cooperation of your organisation with other organisations.
5. Before coming, search for a best practice of a youth policy or a youth project applied in your country lately which aims to include young people with disabilities. We will expect you to share this with us.
6. For the intercultural night some traditional stuff, national flags, some local or national drinks and snacks no complicated, not to be cooked and easy to serve. Also pls bring video CD's, music, posters, postcards, photos of your country, and leaflets of your organizations; also some small original gifts would be great.:) Just try to prepare some original things to make the other people discover interesting things about your culture.
7. For the intercultural night, prepare one or two of those :
A short traditional story or a fairy tale,or some traditional jokes or traditional games well known in your country, or a short dance performance to make ur presentation more interesting.
8. Some cool pieces of music and games from your country or region or anywhere else. Imagine 28 people from 10 countries, a stereo, a room, the need to dance, and a long night ahead... You see?
9. Bring your personal medical supplies if any.
10. Endless amounts of good mood and motivation for work and leisure!
11. Your artistic skills! Can you play the guitar, sing, dance? Have you got any hidden talents? Impress us!

GROUND RULES:

Here are some basic ground rules in order to have a relax and good experience. All participants are expected to be respectful to these simple rules. These rules are open to be discussed.

INSIDE THE HOTEL & ENVIRONMENT

-It is important for all of us be extremely careful and not to damage anything (rooms, walls, carpets,furniture..etc.) Leave as found rule basically!:)

-We will not be the only group staying in the hotel, so it is important to keep the voices reasonably down especially in common environments.

DRUGS

-No illegal drugs are to be taken.

-Anyone found in the possession of drugs will have them taken away.

-They will then be interviewed by Project Coordinator

-Appropriate action will then be decided upon.

RACISM, XENOPHOBIA

-Any racist or xenophobic behaviour will be dealt with through interview with coordinator

PUNCTUALITY

Time is really important for us in such a 7 days programme, so in order to be succeed in what we planned we all have to be punctual.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND INFORMATION

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I am one of the trainers as well as mainly responsible for the organisation.

Should you have any questions, suggestions, problems or proposals - please do not hesitate to contact at any time (simply use the email address above. We will respond as quickly as we can!

Emergency numbers in Turkey: Ambulance: 112, Police: 155

We are looking forward to meet you all soon...😊

