

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

“Here to stay” is a long-term training course on improving competences of youth workers to tackle challenges of migration and share good youth work practices in order to support the integration of young migrants and refugees, which is starting in February 2018 and will end in May 2019. It has three phases:

- Phase I: 1st training course in Manchester, United Kingdom between 20-29 April 2018
- Phase II: Practice period May – October 2018 with the activities will be made by participants on support the integration of young migrants and refugees through youth work activities in local level.
- Phase III: 2nd training course in Sfantu Gheorghe, Romania between 10-17 November 2018.

Themes of the long-term training course:

The topic of our training course is migration. We focus on two main issues:

The immigration related issues in connection to refugee crisis and discrimination towards immigrants and emigration of young people in connection to youth unemployment.

Youth unemployment forces young people to move out of their country, and in their new country they often face social exclusion and discrimination as immigrants. They lack support in their country of origin from youth workers (who could advise them on different opportunities about mobility) and they lack support in their country of destination where youth organizations should be able to include them. This is a situation of the emigration countries, but also attention should be drawn to immigration countries and the inclusion of immigrants (especially refugees). Europe already has more immigration than ever before, so this topic should also be addressed. Each country has specific experience in this field that should be shared.

Our training course brings together youth workers from across Europe to discuss the topics of migration and mobility in Europe and its consequences to youth and youth work. According to International Organization for Migration (IOM) more than million immigrants came to Europe. Additionally there is further migration going on within Europe, which is constantly increasing. There are different triggers and causes, push and pull factors for migration, which affects the everyday lives of all Europeans. There is forced migration and voluntary migration, different reasons and consequences of migration, which have led to new migration routes. Migration is

often seen as opportunity, promoted and supported by different government and European Union programmes, but it is also seen as a problem, often connected with raising xenophobia and discrimination against immigrants. All Europe is affected by migration, and especially young people, who are one of the most mobile groups and the ones who determine what the future Europe will be. For this it's important that people working with young people are aware of the causes, opportunities and consequences of migration and can support both – young emigrants and immigrants by creating opportunities, fighting discrimination and providing support these young people need.

The overall aim of the long-term training course is to train youth workers, youth leaders to be more aware of different migration schemes in Europe and know how to deal with challenges resulting from migration and how to use opportunities created by migration in their work with young people. Our participants will be ready to develop projects connected to migration and mobility, and will engage young migrants in their activities fostering mobility among youth. They can also help to change the general image of migration in society and promote tolerance and positive attitude towards immigrants (and refugees in particular) in society.

The methodology of the project:

The project will be based on non-formal educational methodology. Participants will learn about key terms of migration, history of migration, triggers and causes of migration (including personal and social causes), push and pull factors and media impact. Participants will have a chance to exchange experiences and learn from other countries' experiences. They will also learn about different methods used to cope with migration and refugee issues, how to raise awareness about it, how to involve people with different cultural backgrounds (who immigrants usually are) in activities within the local community. We will talk about mobility options in the European Union for young people (like European Voluntary Service, etc.) We aim to use non-formal methods, such as group work, role-play, simulations, reflection, online research, movie, work in pairs, practical workshops, activity in town etc. The experiences and realities of participants, as youth workers and youth leaders, will be the starting point of the programme and of the learning process. A range of working methods will be used, which will facilitate learning and exchanging experiences about migration and work with migrants. As migrants (especially refugees) are often in situations where they might be marginalized or could fall into poverty, it is very important to include them in society and create equal chances for everyone by including them in social, economic and cultural life. From the other side there are opportunities for the young people in difficult situations (unemployed, school drop outs etc) who could take advantage of migration by using the mobility programmes such as European Voluntary Service and gain new skills abroad and in this way improve their chances to be fully involved in European society.

However, in this case it's important to make sure that the young people know about their rights in the EU and not allow their rights to be violated.

Who can participate in the project:

- ✓ Youth workers, youth leaders who directly work with young people with refugees and migrants' background and represent youth voluntary organizations;
- ✓ Youth workers, youth leaders, who would like to be part of an European platform and support each other's local and European youth work in order to fight marginalization and unemployment of young emigrants and immigrants;
- ✓ Ready to take part in the whole training course;
- ✓ To be able to communicate English language.

Number of participants: 4 participants/country, who are able to participate in both mobilities of the project and can take active part in the local activities of the project at home between.

Applicant organisation:

Beat Bazaar Projects Limited is a new not for profit cultural learning organization and social enterprise, which provides personal, social and creative development through music, to young people, adults and the community. We use music, arts and creativity as tools to educate, inspire and empower citizens. The organization delivers innovative projects, workshops, masterclasses, training and events to citizens of all ages. Our projects offer intergenerational learning opportunities, using creative and non-formal methods to share knowledge, leading to transferable skills, improved employability, leadership skills, entrepreneurial skills and social skills. Innovation and creative collaboration through high quality cultural learning is at the heart of Beat Bazaar. Our ethos is to develop and nurture participants from highly diverse backgrounds, whilst providing a solid platform for music, creativity and expression to grow.

Partner organisations:

Asociatia Tinerilor din Judetul Covasna HARIT – Romania, Teruletfejlesztok a Videkert Egyesulet – Hungary, SCAMBIEUROPEI – Italy, Hellenic Youth Participation HYP – Greece, Centrul pentru Cooperarea Tinerilor – Moldova, SFERA Srbija – Serbia, EMFU – Ukraine, Armenian Progressive Youth – Armenia and Ideal Gelecek - Azerbaijan

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