

**Youth Exchange**  
**DISCOVERING CULTURES THROUGH MEDIA**

**Call for participants**

The Association **InformaGiovani** organizes the **Youth Exchange "Discovering Cultures Through Media"** from **01/08/2017 to 12/08/2017 in Trappeto (Sicily)** with the support of European Commission "Erasmus+ Programme".

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT**

Discovering Cultures Through Media is a Youth Exchange project which will gather 26 participants aged between 17 and 30 years old from Italy, Macedonia, Estonia, France and Latvia. The main aim of the project is to increase media literacy and critical thinking of young people and raise their cultural awareness and tolerance. Project aims also to encourage young people to become promoter of these ideas among their peers in their local communities.

Through simulation, role playing, discussion, group work and workshops participants will increase their knowledge about how media works, how does it create image of different cultures and contribute to stereotypes, to get to know persuasive and manipulative techniques, and propaganda in media. Participants will also increase competencies in the use of media particularly in photo, video and social media.

The main results of the project will be videos and other material created during the Youth Exchange and a campaign aiming at promoting media literacy and cultural awareness and tolerance among young people in their local communities. The result of the project will be also a report gathering recommendations, examples of activities and best practice in the field of media literacy which will be shared not just between partners but also among other organizations, public and private body, schools active in the field of media education and promotion of intercultural understanding and tolerance.

**YOUR EXPECTATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

What can you expect from the project?

- activities in the project will last 6 hours every day, with breaks for meals
- some activities will be run by the whole group, some other by splitted in smaller groups
- working language is English
- most of the local people don't speak English

**Please, DO NOT EXPECT that leaders will organize everything for the group, we hope that all participants will actively contribute to the project, program activities and positive group atmosphere.**

**The quality of the youth exchange depends very much on YOUR INPUT, IDEAS and INITIATIVE.**

What do we expect from you as participant?

- be motivated and initiative BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER the youth exchange
- participate in the project from its very first till the very last day (including follow up and evaluation sent after the end of the youth exchange)
- involved in daily tasks
- help to share responsibility by making suggestions for group activities, discussions, games etc.
- commit to a group experience and to making decisions and solving problems together
- respect the venue and the local people live it in

#### **ACCOMMODATION and FOOD**

All participants will be host at Danilo Dolci educational-centre called "Baglio di Dio" in Trappeto (Sicily) the place offers opportunities to do both indoor and outdoor activities. Place is isolated from village. Participants will share simple 4-bed-rooms. Shower with bathrooms are separated from the bedrooms but located nearby and divided in female/male. **There is wifi but very limited and only in the working room/area. Participants will cook in groups and they will be responsible for cleaning rooms, toilets, kitchen and common spaces.**

#### **FINANCIAL CONDITION**

**Youth Exchange dates: 01/08/2017 - 12/08/2017**

Arrival day: 1<sup>st</sup> August (preferably by dinner time)

Departure day: 12<sup>th</sup> August (by midday)

During the activity period, each participant will be provided with food and accommodation by host organisation. All participants will get travel reimbursement according to the real costs and within the limit as figured in the Erasmus Plus table km distance. Please look the travel grant limits for your country before buying tickets!

**Travel grant will be reimbursed only to PARTNER ORGANISATION AFTER providing all required documents to InformaGiovani (original of all tickets and boarding passes, invoices and receipts), the reimbursement will be done by bank transfer. Only the cheapest way of transport will be accepted!**