EUROPEAN PATHS

“Call for proposals EACEA / 12/2019 Erasmus + program KA3 - Support for Policy Reform - European Youth Together”

Deadline: 18th July 2019

Project overview
A project with and from young people, from 14 to 25, where to hold the space for their voices to rise and share.

Call requests
- Involvement of young people in an active and participatory way, including fewer opportunities young people.
- Participation of at least 5 countries (north, south, east, west)
- Creation of regional networks (associations, schools, public administrations) for greater impact and sustainability
- project funds from € 100,000 to € 500,000 - 20% are self-financed.

Topic
- Active citizenship
- democracy
- environment
- youth policies

Target group
Young people and youth workers.

Young people from 14 to 30
- at least 50% from 14/18 y.o. – it is the range of age where no one has offers – no schools or parishes neither municipalities
- include also fewer opportunity groups and marginalized groups (migrants, lgbt, disables, social obstacles, economical obstacles, ecc)

Needs
- to confront and share with other young people/peers about the future to be built together and the environment;
• spaces and occasions where to feel the freedom to express themselves and their issues/situations;
• skills and abilities to express their needs and ideas in different ways and to realize their life projects
• to gather together and establish true relationships among people, supportive and in presence, having open spaces to share, support and feel supported
• to rediscover nature power and the possibility to live in a different way in communion with it instead than fighting against it

**Aims and objectives**

• to create spaces and opportunities to confront and share with other young people/peers about the future to be built together and the environment; open spaces where to feel freedom of express oneself as he/she truly is;
• to create a group, local and international, of people where to build trust, openness and support and grow consciousness on self and others and confidence in positive solutions for the youth future;
• to share skills and abilities to allow free expression of their needs and ideas in different ways (theatre, performing art, music, communication, emotional intelligence, ecc) and competences to realize their life projects (project management, fund raising, other opportunities);
• to create safe spaces where rise as human being in all his/her value, avoiding labels and divisions, establish true relationships among people, supportive and open;
• to create opportunities to rediscover nature power (healing and calming spaces) and the possibility to live in a different way in a communion which can be valuable for both – human and nature.
• To create opportunities to meet new people, on the street and on the paths, to slow down, feel, reflect (instead of react), and meet deeply the other. To create opportunities to share life issues and contribute together to a better understanding and a more human life style

**Partners**

Organizations at local level, schools, public bodies

**Role of Partners**

All the partners will be equally involved in the project, each one with its specific competence (theatre, project management, fundraising, videos, trekking, emotional intelligence and personal growth, decision makers connections, administration, youth support, ect)

**Organizations**: actively involve young people, support them along the process of self-grow, learning, sharing and connecting with different realities; support local activities organizing training for young people on theatre, videos, performing art, communications, collection of local youth issues through videos and other spaces. Support to fundraising, and to connect with public bodies, administration, managing the project

Youth4youth – Italy – [www.youth4youth.it](http://www.youth4youth.it)
Fb: https://www.facebook.com/youth4youth.giovanicuneo/
contact: Monica info@youth4youth.it – whatsapp: +393921476800
**Schools:** support young people in developing local activities, possibly opening spaces during school where to engage in defining issues and recording them on videos, including peers from other classes in the school. Support local performances of young people

**EU Direct or other public bodies:** support with local and international connections, support in fund raising opportunities, and in logistic. Support in organization of policy makers meetings and in the dissemination activities.

VERY IMPORTANT: to create REGIONAL NETWORKS of organizations/schools/public body to strengthen cooperation. IT has to be defined in the project application.

**Sustainability of the project**

The project can be a pilot project replicable in different ways and scales, adopting different solutions which can emerge during the implementation. The international network can – once tested – keep working on the model and develop proposal to create inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities and to continue creating spaces for young people to gather together, gain competences in international and intercultural environment and express their voices.

**Output and outcomes**

Output:

- video product collecting all issues collected during the project, including possible solutions and requests to Policy makers
- paper work/advocacy document collecting issues and work done during the project by the young people
- new format of working method with young people as participatory form of work in youth work

Outcome

- increased young people confidence and self-acceptance/self esteem
- increased knowledge of young people issues and possible solutions and answers to give
- increased competences and skills for young people to be used in their future life
- increased activism from young people now more involved in common issues and community life
- increased capacity to search for common solutions, team work, cooperation, use of resource
- increased motivation, derived also from open spaces where to directly meeting decision makers, to take active roles in society and to cooperate for inclusion and common goals
Youth Exchange/training course - INTENSIVE (10/12 days - 10/40 young people/youth workers) in which to work with young adults / educators on:

- Methods and tools for community involvement
- Street theatre techniques + juggling + drums
- Project management techniques, analysis of resources and needs
- Fund raising techniques
- Participatory video techniques and methodologies

Youth4youth – Italy – www.youth4youth.it
Fb: https://www.facebook.com/youth4youth.giovanicuneo/
contact: Monica info@youth4youth.it – whatsapp: +393921476800

- Kick off meeting
  - Local actions (developed in local/regional/nets, schools and associations)
    - Collection of situations and needs in local situations through the use of participatory videos + street theatre: CREATION of a final sketch to be performed in internationals moments
    - Training of young people and teenagers in street theatre, video and community involvement techniques

- Youth Exchange n. 1 (10 days - 40 young people) in which to collect the ideas that emerged at the local level and identify the common points, repeated themes and repeated needs.
  - Space to discuss and create short sketches to take to the streets.
  - Through a trek between countries and communities, meet other young people and adults (in pre-organized meetings with communities) with whom to share the work in progress and bring through the sketches - awareness of current situations.
  - Spaces where to collect local issues

- Youth Exchange n. 2 (20 days - 40 young people) in which to collect the ideas that emerged at the local level and identify the common points, repeated themes and repeated needs.
  - Space to discuss and create short sketches to take to the streets.
  - Through a trek between countries and communities, meet other young people and adults (in pre-organized meetings with communities) with whom to share the work in progress and bring through the sketches - awareness of current situations.
  - Spaces where to collect local issues

- Youth Exchange n. 3 (10 days - 40 young people) in which to collect the ideas that emerged at the local level and identify the common points, repeated themes and repeated needs.
  - Space to discuss and create short sketches to take to the streets.
  - Through a trek between countries and communities, meet other young people and adults (in pre-organized meetings with communities) with whom to share the work in progress and bring through the sketches - awareness of current situations.
  - Spaces where to collect local issues

- Youth Exchange n. 4 (10 days - 40 young people) in which to collect the ideas that emerged at the local level and identify the common points, repeated themes and repeated needs.
  - Space to discuss and create short sketches to take to the streets.
  - Through a trek between countries and communities, meet other young people and adults (in pre-organized meetings with communities) with whom to share the work in progress and bring through the sketches - awareness of current situations.
  - Spaces where to collect local issues

- Youth Exchange n. 5 (10 days - 40 young people) in which to collect the ideas that emerged at the local level and identify the common points, repeated themes and repeated needs.
  - Space to discuss and create short sketches to take to the streets.
  - Through a trek between countries and communities, meet other young people and adults (in pre-organized meetings with communities) with whom to share the work in progress and bring through the sketches - awareness of current situations.
  - Spaces where to collect local issues

- Local actions in which to gather needs and continue to bring sketches to the street as a means of awareness and dissemination of skills and knowledge.
  - Creation of a cumulative video in which to tell the experience of young people and the needs that emerged (in the wave of “New narratives for Europe”)
  - Creation of a brief document summarizing experiences and needs and emerged proposals to be shared with political decision makers
  - Dissemination activities with street sketches and debates
  - Meetings with political authorities from various countries (backbencher, MEPs)