

FROM WAR TO PEACE

Youth Exchange, Action 1.1

Date: 18th – 30th of August 2013

(Arrival day: 19th of August 2013– **Departure day:** 31st of August 2013)

Location: Tilloloy (Picardy Region) FRANCE

PLACE: The youth exchange will take place in Tilloloy, a village located in Somme County and in the Picardy region, between Amiens and Compiègne. The municipality extends over 6,4 km² and there were 379 inhabitants in 2010.

The First World War left important after-effects; a number of French villages were completely ruined by the fights, as Tilloloy. This site represents a particular interest because the castle of Tilloloy was bombed during the WWI. In 1918 there were only sections of walls. It underwent an extensive restoration, in the beginning of 1930. Since this moment, it was listed as a historical monument in 1994, as the Renaissance Church which harmoniously incorporates the courtyard of the castle. Furthermore, Tilloloy became a place of memory thanks to Blaise Cendrars. He recounts in “La Main coupée” that the Foreign Legion squad he commanded during February and March 1915 fought in Tilloloy.



PARTNERSHIP: 4 organizations located in European countries which have been involved in the First World War. For example: France, Italy, Germany, Poland, England...

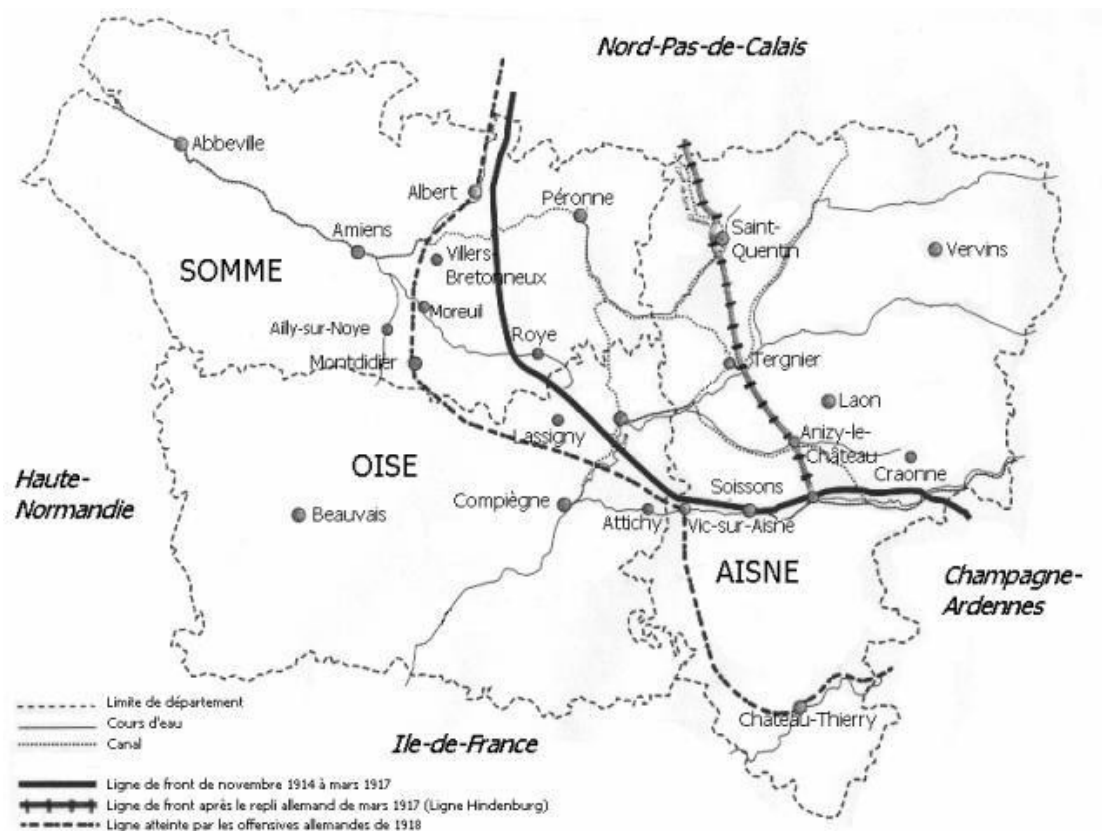
PARTICIPANTS: 4+1 coordinator for every organization

AGE: between 18 and 25 years, the coordinator may be between 25 and 30 years

THEMES:

- First World War, duty to preserve the memory, European union;
- Values of tolerance and peace, to open our minds and learn about other cultures;
- Literature, Art

AIMS OF THE PROJECT: Lands of Picardy have been bruised by the WWI. Since the first months the front line was located between Roye (Somme County) and Soisson (Aisne County). A number of villages were entirely destroyed by these numerous months of occupation and bombing. The battlefields of Picardy are historical sites and deserve measures of protection and actions of enhancement. This project will allow the participants to discover in details a village affected by the war and contribute to maintain the habitat of this site which has been developed by Concordia during a precedent work camp: an observation post. The aim of the project is to broach in a creative manner (visit of a museum, of a park...) the WWI and, thanks to the participants, to know the way of thinking of 4 countries involved in this war. This project will allow the youngsters to take an interest in values of peace and tolerance. They could live a European experience and feel more European (activity 1: the WWI in the memory of European youth).



SPECIFIC AIMS: throughout this experience we want to:

- ❖ Share different points of view that we can have about the war;
- ❖ Develop a greater sense of citizenship;
- ❖ Stimulate young people to the international mobility throughout a concrete experience;
- ❖ Bring to life the conversation between the young and the inhabitants of a home life in order to exchange experiences;
- ❖ Use the booklet and the linguistic activities to create a link between the young to help them to communicate in another tongue;
- ❖ Develop an example of “active participation” based on tolerance, peace, share, creativity and the involvement of local communities;
- ❖ Ensure the durability of our past history, to maintain the collective memory;
- ❖ Develop a local and historical site.

SUBJECTS OF THE EXCHANGE: this exchange will allow the youngsters to share their own knowledge, to take part in a project to make them actors. These activities will give a place to express themselves about values of tolerance and peace to the participants. To reach this aim, workshops dedicated to the creation and the production of a booklet and a signage will take place. Once completed, we will distribute the booklet to the different local agencies as the town hall and the tourist office. Youngsters can involve themselves in a public interest project in order to highlight local heritage of Tilloloy and then to ensure its durability in the landscape and in the collective memory because Tilloloy is a place of memory which deserves to be developed.

METHODOLOGY:

During the exchange it will be used the interactive methodology promoted by the non-formal education. It aims at the development of a positive attitude towards life and ensures to provide opportunities for youth and adults to access life skills.

This multilateral project will allow the youth to find a place in the European Union because they will be actively involved. Today's young people have the capacities to gain control of their lives because they have ideas and opinions. They need to be viewed as independent actors, we have to allow them to exercise their own voice, to be heard and find their place.

FINANCIAL CONDITIONS:

- ❖ 100% food and lodgment covered by the project
- ❖ 70% travel costs anticipated by participants and then refunded

ACCOMMODATION: you will be accommodated in tents. Please bring your works gloves, a sleeping bag and a mattress. Don't forget to bring a specialty of your country for the international diner!

NOTE: we cannot provide a host before and after the Youth Echange because of our logistical restrictions. **PLEASE! be sure to arrive and depart in the exact date as fixed by the project (19th / 31st of August). Tickets with dates which will not correspond to departure and arrival day won't be refunded!**