



ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME

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Call for Participants for Training Course

## **“Fair Play 2.0: Against Sexism and Nationalism in IVS”**

**Background:** After the successful and very fruitful training course “**Fair Play: Dealing with Gender Issues in IVS**” conducted by Alliance and its Training Needs Working Group in 2015, **IJGD** is hosting a **follow-up project** Fair Pla 2.0: Against Sexism and Nationalism in IVS. The reason for combining these two topics is motivated by recent events in Cologne and the debate it sparked in Germany. As you may know, on New Year's eve almost a thousand women were sexually harassed in public and the blame was quickly placed on migrants and refugees. Conservative politicians and right-wing movements from across Germany and Europe have used the situation to reinforce their arguments for stronger border control and against the influx of refugees from war-affected areas in the Middle East and Africa by raising concerns of women's rights. A political debate has started across Germany, raising many questions that have traditionally been neglected or taken for granted such as unequal treatment of women in the labor market, racism and racist/ethnocentric segregation across Germany (and Europe).

Apart from a clear wish to address the current political debate on national and European level regarding women's rights and the inclusion of refugees/migrants in German/European society, IJGD wants to bring these important topics to International Voluntary Service and provide the space to rethink the societies we live in.

**Aim:** To empower work-camp leaders and youth workers involved in International Voluntary Service to deal with racism, ethnocentrism and sexism within IVS projects, as well their own lives, by providing them with necessary knowledge, ideas and tools. During the training course we will discuss the causes for sexism and nationalism, how to address them, as well the links and similarities between these two phenomena. The end goal is that the IVS projects we organise are fairer and safer spaces for all participants.



## **Objectives**

- to develop basic understanding regarding gender roles (masculinities, femininities, others) and social expectations of gender
- to get familiar with the historical background of the social phenomena of sexism and nationalism and explore their (common) origins
- to learn key terms through an introduction to gender issues and nationalism
- to develop the ability to identify different forms of discrimination in both work-camps and in everyday life (psychological, sexual harassment, racial/ethnic/national discrimination, spiral of conflict before it develops into physical violence, structural violence);
- to develop specific skills and ways to react in situations of gender-related misunderstandings and racial/ethnic/national or conflicts within the IVS projects.

## **Target Group**

This call is open for workcamp leaders, trainers of workcamp leaders and staff employed in the partner organisations who wish to develop their skills further in gender issues and dealing with the sexism and nationalism in the workcamps.

## **Financial aspects**

Accommodation and lodging are 100% covered by the Erasmus+ grant.

Travel expenses are partially covered by Erasmus + (the amount depends of the route to the venue of the training as calculated by the Distance Calculator).

## **How to apply?**

Fill the attached application form and send it to the project coordinator. If you are sending your application by yourself and not through an official representative of the organization who is a partner on the project, please send as well the signed letter of support by your organization.

## **Project Coordinator and Contact Person:**

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