



Action 1 – Youth for Europe
1.1 – Youth Exchange

THE PERFECT MATCH

The Perfect Match” is a pilot project, part of a long term strategy aimed to include two projects, a youth exchange and a training course, to tackle the topic of DISABILITY in the most detailed way, from the perspective of young people, of youth-social workers and NGOs.

The core point of this strategy is disability and all the important questions that surround this word and that sometimes may appear in our mind

How do we define disability and why? Are prejudices or preconceived ideas influencing our way of acting when we meet people with disabilities? How the different learning styles are structured? How do we use words and definitions? Do we use labels and what are the consequences, direct or indirect? How do we picture the life of people with disability in our mental perception? How to overcome excluding behaviours and to create a real interaction? How to concretely intervene in order to create together new learning opportunities, where heterogeneous groups (composed by people with ad without disability), can mutually learn and cooperate?

These are just some of the questions that might be tackled during the process we aim to undertaken.

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Sharing Skills to face Boundaries

Youth Exchange, Action 1.1

16th - 23rd April 2014

TENUTA SANT'ANTONIO, Via Formello 4, Poggio Mirteto Scalo (RT), ITALY

DATES: 16th – 23rd April 2014 (8 working days)

ARRIVAL DAY: 15th April 2014

DEPARTURE DAY: 24th of April 2014

PLACE: TENUTA SANT'ANTONIO, Via Formello 4, Poggio Mirteto Scalo (RT), ITALY.

For more information you can have a look of their web site: <http://www.tenuta-santantonio.it/sabina/>

ACCOMMODATION: participants will sleep in dormitories and shared rooms with bunk beds (4 to 6 beds), with shared bathroom. They will be asked to support and to give their contribution in the shift for cooking and preparing meals. **Participants will be asked to collaborate in the daily maintenance tasks, such as cleaning the common spaces and giving a hand in the kitchen (cleaning dishes, set the table, etc.). We kindly remind every body to inform about any specific needs concerning food or allergies and to do it in the application form or via e-mail!**

PARTNERSHIP: 4 EU organisations

LUNARIA	Italy
COMPAGNONS BÂTISSEURS ASBL	Belgium
COORDINADORA D'ORGANIZADORS DE CAMPS DE TREBALL DE CATALUNYA	Spain
WORKCAMP SWITZERLAND	Switzerland

PARTICIPANTS: 6 young people (with and without disability) for each organization + 1 group leader + 1 accompanying person (youth/social worker experienced in this field).

We expect to host young people with and without disability, interested to develop the topic of active citizenship using artistic methodologies. Participants have to be very motivated, interested in the youth exchange' topics and they have to be ready for 8 intensive and stimulating working days.

Our proposal is to have heterogeneous group since we believe that is an enriching value in the project to have young people with different life' experiences. It can provide a wider perspective of the way to live with and without disabilities and it may creates positive synergies to implement new activities.

AGE: 18-25

THEMES:

- Art, non verbal communication and different forms of expression;
- Active Citizenship as a way to promote peer opportunities and new forms of participation on the life of the local communities;

AIM: the aim of the youth exchange is to tackle, from the perspective of young people with and without disability, the topic of disability and to find interactive ways to activate new forms of participation and active citizenship.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

- to make young people interact and exchange life' experiences and perspectives;
- to reflect about the different learning styles and skills;
- to provide the young people of new communicative channels to further enhance their skills and to experiment new creative ways of expression;
- to gather young people from different countries to approach the YE topic from a wider and intercultural perspective;
- to debate in depth the topic of disability from different perspectives and backgrounds;
- to approach in depth the active citizenship topic and to set proposals to implement initiatives and local projects that can be implemented on the participants way back home, within their own, local communities;
- to explore the non formal education methodologies that can be used to better implement the work with heterogeneous groups;

METHODOLOGIES: for the entire duration of the process it will be used the interactive methodology promoted by the non formal education, which aims at exchanging experiences and knowledge in an horizontal approach, revealing and promoting the differences. The exchange of technical knowledge will be encouraged and gained following a peer approach, so that participants will share tools and information. This approach aims to ensure a shared approach to the different contents and to empower the participants learning process. Furthermore the combination of non formal education and artistic methods during the exchange will develop the personal capabilities of expression, bringing out the individual skills and creating new, collective communicative channels. In this perspective, these tools will create the proper atmosphere to exchange life experiences, to approach the disability topic and to experiment different shapes of active citizenship.

FINANCIAL CONDITIONS:

for the youth exchange: 100% food and lodgement covered by the project

GENERAL REMARKS: we kindly remind that the project dates are 16th – 23rd April 2014. The arrival day is scheduled for the 15th of April 2014 and the departure day for the 24th of April 2014.

If participants want to spend a couple of more days in Italy, we remind them that they can do it before the beginning or at the end of the exchange. We kindly remind everybody that during the project won't be accepted exceptions like late arrivals (not in the scheduled arrival day) or early departures (before than the scheduled departure day) and that the youth exchange is composed by 8 intensive, stimulating and participative working days.

***** BE SURE THAT YOU AGREE WITH ALL THIS BEFORE COMING *****