



Young Activists for Peace and Dialogue

Enough of exclusion and discrimination?

Enough of racism and populism?

In July and August 2017, ICJA is developing three Erasmus+ sponsored youth activities to promote an appreciative dialogue between people of different world views and religions. In view of an increase in religiously justified discrimination and violence against society members who have a different religion or worldview in European Societies, the aim of this project is to strengthen the foundations for peaceful communities by fostering peaceful dialogue between young people of the EU, Turkey, Israel / Palestine and the Caucasus region. The project is carried out jointly with 14 partner organizations from Azerbaijan, Belgium, Germany, France, Georgia, Greece, Israel, Palestine, Russian Federation, Turkey and the United Kingdom. All in all, it will give about 80 youngsters and youth workers the opportunity to meet people with a different worldview and religion in person.

26.07. - 4.08.2017 International Training Course in Hohensolms

The first of the three activities is an international training course in the youth center of Hohensolms, which brings together 26 youth workers and activists from 11 countries (Azerbaijan, Belgium, Germany, France, Georgia, Greece, Israel, Palestine, Russian Federation, Turkey, United Kingdom).

This training is designed for youth workers who would like to learn about ways and concepts to make young people participate as active citizens in the fight against rightwing propaganda, discrimination against Muslims and human rights violations against refugees and migrants.

Through a holistic pedagogical process and peace-oriented methodology, the training aims at promoting peaceful dialogue and appreciation of diversity to combat anti-muslim tendencies and radicalization of young people in our societies. In this way we will foster the common values of freedom, tolerance and non-discrimination. The project also emphasizes the importance of including young people in this struggle and process and to make their voice being heard.

Participants will learn about methods of peace education and non-violent conflict resolution in youth work with particular focus on dialogue between members of different religious or non-religious communities. They will have opportunities to develop similar strategies and activities for the youth work in their organizations/countries. They will learn and practice in the training programme and in leisure time how we can live peacefully together in a community. They will realize that each of us is part of a world community with different worldviews, religions, languages, stories and perceptions which can only survive on the path of peace and dialogue.

The activities in detail

The conceptual basis for the training is the Peace Educational Training "Friedensstifter" ("Young people becoming agents of peace"). This part of the training lasts 4 days and contains multiple activities to learn about basic skills to deal with violence and conflict at personal level. In addition, you as participants will be able to learn about methods from training concepts on anti-discrimination and the appreciation of cultural diversity. Another



important activity of 3 days are workshops to deal with different topics related to peace in an artistic way (theater, video, art, music, etc.).

Further activities are:

- An excursion to the [Anne Frank Haus](#) in Frankfurt, an educational institution offering numerous innovative workshops and activities on racism, right-wing extremism, anti-Semitism and discrimination.
- To get to know and discuss with the local representative of the "[Council of Religions](#)", an institution in which religious leaders from about 6 different religions are working together.



Introduction of the team

There is an international team waiting to accompany you during the program:

Vasiliki Nakou and Selen Suer, EVS volunteers at ICJA

Christoph Pinkert and Stefan Schneider, trainers for different concepts in peacebuilding

Conditions of participation:

Date of arrival 26.07. in the afternoon

Date of departure 4.08.2017 after breakfast

Age: from 18 without upper limit

Language: English

Previous experience: You should have first experience in youth work or political education.

Accommodation and food are free.

Registration fee:

80, - € for EU countries (with exception of Greece),

40, - € for all other countries (including Greece)

Reimbursement of the travel expenses:

Depending on the distance, please see table below.

Reimbursement of the visa related expenses, please see table below

The amounts for reimbursements are fixed according to the distance calculator and the flat rate of the ERASMUS + programme. All reimbursements will be done according real costs and only if financial proof documents are provided



Organisation	Maximum reimbursement per participant* travel costs	Maximum reimbursement per participant* Visa costs
Germany	180,- €	-
Belgium	180,- €	-
France	180,- €	-
Greece	275,- €	-
Turkey	275,- €	120,- €
UK	275,- €	-
Azerbaijan	530,- €	90,- €
Georgia	360,- €	35,- €
Russian Federation	360,- €	90,- €
Palestine	530,- €	302,- €
Israel	360,- €	-

Venue of the training

Venue will be [Jugendburg Hohensolms](#) ("Youth castle Hohensolms"), a big medieval castle which offers a great ambient for youth meetings and activities. Hohensolms is situated about 90 kilometers in the north of Frankfurt and can be reached with local train and bus in approx. 2 hours.



The projects "Young Activists for Peace"

ICJA, has been organizing annual peace-educational youth meetings and trainings since 2015, in which young people and youth workers are able to exchange information on current crises and problems within Europe and / or neighboring regions, and to work on topics relevant to them through interactive, participatory methods of non-formal learning.

"Young Activists for Peace" stands for:

- The international commitment of young people in solidarity with others in Europe and beyond
- The intensive encounter and sharing of youths of different social and cultural origin and world views.
- The mediation of peace pedagogical basic competences certified trainers * according to the pedagogical concept "Young people becoming agents of peace".
- Meetings and joint activities with target groups and stakeholders of the chosen topic.
- Workshops with committed activists and excursions to civil society initiatives.
- Artistic workshops (theater, video, performing arts,...) for dealing creatively the respective topics and to reach more young people with these topics.