

## CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

### “Role of a youth worker in refugee crisis” - Training course

Hyvärilä Youth Centre, Nurmes, Finland

19th - 26th September 2016

#### Project Description

*"Implementing youth work values and visions - Role of a youth worker in refugee crisis"* -Training course, an 8-day training course / seminar in Hyvärilä youth centre, Nurmes, Finland, bringing together 24 participants supported by 2 trainers, from 8 countries (Finland, Slovenia, Italy, Spain, Greece, Ireland, Portugal, France) from 19th - 26th of September 2016. The venue, Hyvärilä Youth Centre, Nurmes, Finland offers a great combination of an ideal working environment and inspiring nature surroundings. The aim of this training course is to enable youth workers continue to incorporate personal and professional core values in their work with young people in the current climate of conflicting values within European countries, due to the rapid changes on local, regional and European level (Refugee crisis).



## Context we focus on?

Europe is undergoing rapid changes. The economical crisis caused a wave of (youth) unemployment, followed by a humanitarian crisis and refugees fleeing to European countries, topped with recent terrorist actions around the world have left the European community and people with a feeling and experience of ambiguity and discomfort towards their own future, with little tools to deal with these experiences. Naturally this also has a great impact on the young people's values, attitudes and the way of perceiving the world around them. In times of ambiguity and uncertainty (crisis) there's a great danger in young people drifting towards sheltering and protecting their "safe environments that are known and comfortable" and doing so in the form confrontation and conflict, rather than being able to enter processes of dialogue and learning to solve the challenges in their lives. Youth work has a huge role in supporting these processes for positive outcomes and supporting the values that European community was built on. They need to react and adapt to the challenges, but are also struggling to do so due to the fast pace of the developments. The clear role for youth workers should be supporting young people in the process of overcoming the challenges, yet there's very little amount of initiatives and chances of such spaces offered for the supporters (youth workers) themselves in order to plan strategies and approach these big questions. The professionals working with young people (from this partnership) have expressed a strong need for space and tools to approach and deal with these topic. The partnership feels that a crucial step to being able to support young people in times of transition is to reflect how are our values impacted in times of crisis and how do we adapt and keep implementing our values in our practices (as youth work) in order to overcome the challenges we are facing in today's Europe.

## Aim, Objectives & Impact

The aim of the training course is to enable youth workers continue to reflect and incorporate their personal, professional and youth work core values in their work with young people in the current climate of conflicting values within European countries due to the refugee crisis.

### The concrete objectives of the Training course are as follows:

- Explore the topic of refugee crisis in order to support participants to gain a clear understanding of the core values underpinning youth work and have the opportunity to relate these to their individual values.
- Create a supportive space where the participants have an opportunity to share and discuss if the current response to the refugee/migrant crisis has resulted in ambiguous and contradictory interpretations of local / national / EU values.
- Competence development of participants in relation to understanding of conflict – its causes and effects, and having the opportunity to further develop their skills in responding to conflict through the constructive use of conflict in diverse situations.



**As a result of the training course / seminar we foresee the following impact:**

- Young people, regardless of their status, nationality or the values they hold, will be treated in an inclusive manner by a youth sector which upholds its core values in the delivery of services to all young people.
- Young people will be in a position to grow and develop in a Europe which embraces diversity and promotes equality of opportunity and inclusion for all people, and in particular for those who are vulnerable in society.
- Youth workers will actively engage in the promotion and implementation of core human rights values in both their work and society in general, resulting in a more inclusive Europe where people feel valued and respected.

**The training course is targeted to volunteer or professional youth workers and educators who are:**

- In direct contact with young people through their organisations on daily basis in their local reality
- Willing to engage actively in a supported space in order to reflect on their values, roles and responsibilities in relation to the refugee crisis
- Motivated to work and share their experiences and knowledge in an intercultural environment

## **Where is the project taking you?**

Nurmes is a very small town of about 9000 inhabitants, situated in a location between two big lakes: Lake Pielinen and Lake Nurmesjärvi, in North Karelia, eastern part of Finland. There are daily public transportation possibilities by train or bus to the bigger cities. The centre of Nurmes has a very beautiful old town "Wooden Nurmes", located about 3,5 km from Hyvärilä Youth Centre. There are also a public library, tiny movie theatre, art museum, youth house, art gallery and shops located in the centre of town.

Hyvärilä Youth Centre is part of a network of 10 national youth centres of Finland, supervised and subsidized by the Finnish Ministry of Education. Hyvärilä's function is to develop the methods used in the field of youth work, to act as centre for furthering the skills of the youth, and enable young people's travelling domestically and internationally. Hyvärilä focuses to environmental education and international youth work. Therefore, we look forward again to this opportunity to gather together young people from several countries.

Participants will be accommodated in Hyvärilä's 4-star holiday apartments. Wireless internet is possible to use for free in the premises of the youth centre.

If you would like to know a little bit more about this part of Finland before your arrival:

<http://www.visitfinland.com>

<http://virtual.finland.fi>

[http://www.visitkarelia.fi/en/Explore/North-Karelia/North-Karelia-on-Map/Nurmes#General\\_information](http://www.visitkarelia.fi/en/Explore/North-Karelia/North-Karelia-on-Map/Nurmes#General_information)

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## Travel information

The arrival date for participants is **Monday 19th of September 2016** (arrival to Kuopio before 19:30)

The departure date for the volunteers is **Monday 26th of September**.

We kindly ask the sending organisations to support the selected participants to book their travels **to city of Kuopio arriving on 19th by 7:30 pm.**

We will organise a common transport on the evening of the arrivals, as well as in the morning of departure from there to Hyvärilä Youth Centre. The options to arrive to Kuopio are either by flying, by train or by bus. Below links where you can check your schedules for the different options.

[www.momondo.com](http://www.momondo.com) (Flight search)

[www.vr.fi](http://www.vr.fi) (Train search)

[www.matkahuolto.fi](http://www.matkahuolto.fi) (bus search)

[www.onnibussi.com](http://www.onnibussi.com) (Cheap bus company)

The participants will be reimbursed based on the rules and regulations of Erasmus+ programme. Below the listed amounts for the participating countries distance bands. **The reimbursement is made only if and when the participants can produce all the tickets / boarding passes / documents of their travels, and have used the cheapest means possible for travelling.** There is no participation fee for the training course.

### TRAVEL BUDGETS:

Country of Origin	Country of Destination	Distance Band	No. of Participants (including accompanying persons)	Travel Grant per Participant
Finland	Finland	0 - 99 km	3	0.00
Ireland	Finland	2000 - 2999 km	3	360.00
Greece	Finland	3000 - 3999 km	3	530.00
Italy	Finland	2000 - 2999 km	3	360.00
Slovenia	Finland	2000 - 2999 km	3	360.00
Spain	Finland	3000 - 3999 km	3	530.00
France	Finland	2000 - 2999 km	3	360.00
Portugal	Finland	3000 - 3999 km	3	530.00

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**If you have any questions don't hesitate to ask:**

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