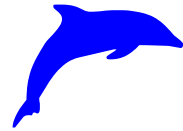




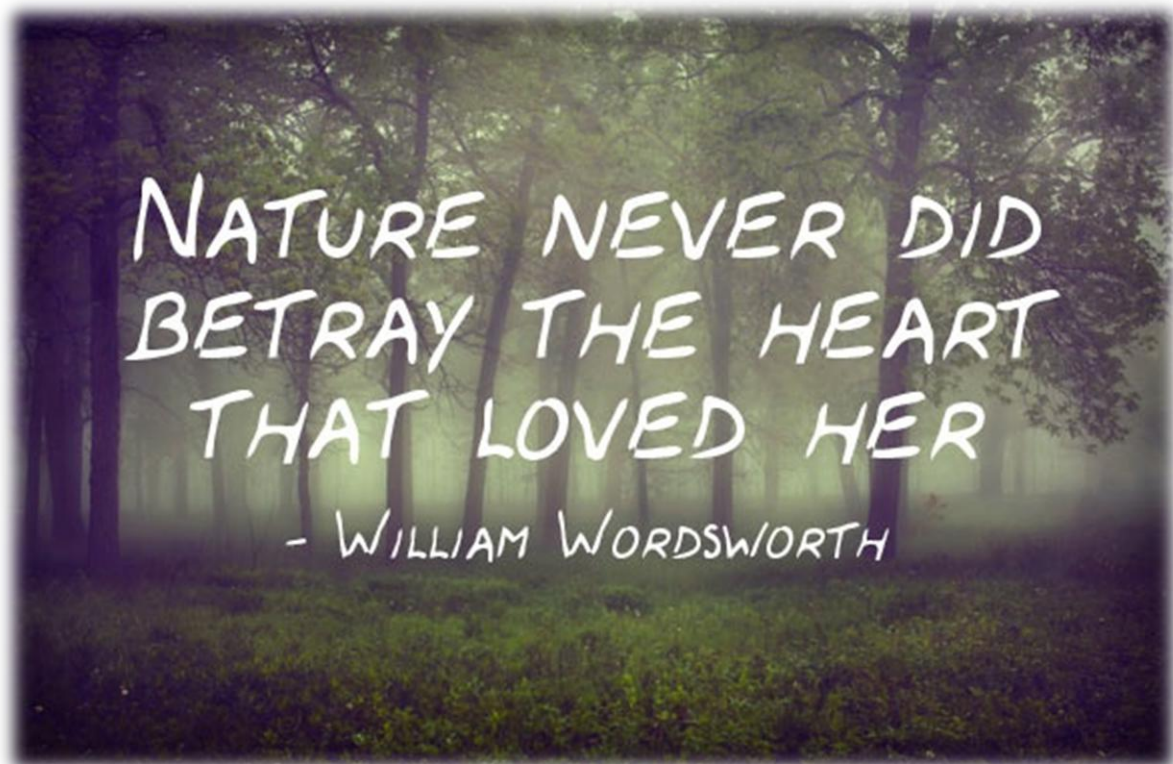
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Infopack of the Study Visit

“NATURE FRIENDS”

21-30 May 2015, Novoli (Lecce, Italy)





Welcome!

We will give you all the information about the venue of the project, the activities and what the project is all about, so you can prepare yourself for an intense and exciting week. If you have any questions, suggestions, problems or proposals, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

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We will answer as quickly as we can!

Looking forward to meet you soon,

<GreenRope> Team.

Something about us...

The non-formal group <GreenRope> born in the heart of Puglia in 2013 from passion and from the energy of ideas of a group of young people. Our local and European projects are based, overall, in the protection and conservation of the environment and biodiversity. We want to achieve a dream: we want to give values to our territories, doing the first step to create a better future and a better world for us and for our society. We want to increase awareness of people and we want to spread the voice of positive messages thanks to concrete actions, active participations and due to formal and non-formal education.

#The key-words of GreenRope mission: preservation of environment and biodiversity, education, research, scientific information, slowfood, fairtrade, ecotourism, sustainable development, healthy life-style, open-air sports, give values to local territories.

Please, to discover more about us, take a look of the short documentary of our project Back to Nature: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FKPM3TZAHHY>

Summary of the project

Date: 21-30 May 2015

Arrival: 21 May

Departure: 30 May

Venue: Novoli (Lecce, Italy)

Working language: English

Participants: 2 participants per Country (no age limit, at least 18 years old)

Countries: Italy, Greece, Czech Republic, Latvia, Portugal, Bulgaria, Armenia, Georgia, Ukraine, Moldova, Azerbaijan, Belarus).



The Study Visit “Nature Friends” will take place in Lecce from 21/05/2015 to 30/05/2015 and it will involve 24 Youth Workers from 12 different countries (2 for each country); 6 countries of the EU Programme countries (Italy, Greece, Czech Republic, Latvia, Portugal, Bulgaria) and 6 countries of the Caucasus Area (Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Moldova, Ukraine, Georgia).

This project gives the possibility to 24 Youth Workers to participate in the activities of GreenRope itself and, overall, in the activities of the Network of Local Organizations that collaborates with GreenRope. These Ngos, Youth and Environmental Organizations works in our region (Apulia) and are involved everyday in Eco & Green Project founded by local grant and European Programmes.

The Youth Workers will visit these organizations and will be strictly in contact with people that implement green activities and that educate children, youth, adults and people with fewer opportunities about healthy lifestyle, open-air activities, healthy nutrition, slow food, fair-trade, green-entrepreneurship, ecology, biodiversity, education, recycling, sustainable development, eco-citizenship.

These local partner organizations are: Jonian Dolphin Conservation, WWF Taranto, Cea Solinio, Bottega del Mondo, The Hub.

The Study Visit’s objectives are:

- Develop among the Youth Workers new knowledge, competences and skills
- Increase the awareness about environmental issues among Youth Workers
- Share and broader understanding of green-good practices, policies and systems in education and inclusion of children, youth, adults and people with fewer opportunities across countries in green projects
- Increase sense of initiative, entrepreneurship and self-employment
- Better awareness of the European project and the EU values;

The final products of the project will be:

- 6 new Projects’ drafts made by the Youth Workers to present in the next Erasmus Plus Call in the Project Partners countries (in the field of youth)
- A booklet and a short documentary of the activities, realized to share our messages and to multiply the effects of the project itself

Working methods:

The training is designed as a process of informal learning and peer education using participants’ own experiences in the fields of youth work and international cooperation. To be



successful this will require participants to have an active input in sharing knowledge and experience, and to be willing to learn new skills from the trainers and from each other. The methods employed will include:

- verbal and visual presentations
- small group discussions
- plenary debates
- game playing
- study visits
- cultural presentations

Soon we will provide to send you a detailed program of the activities.

Profile of the participants:

1. It's really important to create a well prepared team for this project and to send to us young people that are really interested in the topics that we are going to face and well prepared to stay in contact with nature. We want that the participants involved would like to try to implement a project as a follow up activity, because, as we wrote in the summary, at the end of the project, we will have a 3 days work about how to write new projects and we want to implement some of the ideas that the participants will create. They will prepare concrete drafts of projects and together we are going to apply in the new Erasmus Plus call for youth.
2. We would like to ensure gender equality, so, it could be better to create a team of 1 girl and 1 boy (but it's not mandatory).

Preview of the activities:

This project will give great opportunities and will make them live great emotions. We want to present 2 of the activities

DOLPHIN WATCHING:

We will realize a 1 day trip on the boat Taras of the Jonian Dolphin Conservation in Taranto to be part of their team to make research and implement eco-touristic projects with dolphins in the Ionian Sea.





OPEN AIR ACTIVITIES WITH WWF:

For 1 day, we will be guest of the WWF Taranto, and we are going to realize a visit and we will deeply understand how a natural reserve (the wetland “La Palude La vela”) is extremely important to preserve natural resources and how it can be used for educational green projects, at local and international level.



YouthPass:

As this project is based on the principles of non-formal education, all the participants will be able to get a YouthPass certificate after the project, confirming their participation in the exchange and stressing the learning process in it, mentioning the individual reflection about new competences, gained. The participants would reflect on what they have learned during the day in national groups at the end of every day, and then express themselves through the self portrait that they will draw and modify throughout the whole exchange.

Food:

The food will be prepared and served for you in our accommodation. Slow Food and give values to our territories are important objective of our organization, so, we will prepare food following this philosophy. Please let us know if there are particular needs about the food (vegetarian, celiac, allergies, etc.)

Accommodation:

The accommodation is in Novoli, a small town in the province of Lecce, in a center in which we usually realize Youth Project.

All the participants will be accommodated in “international” room of two or three people. There is a huge green open space and some leisure structure like volleyball field.



Some pictures of the accommodation:



Transportation:

Fly to Brindisi or Bari, your organization will suggest you the best solution.

Please, inform us as soon as possible how the representatives of your organizations are going to get to Lecce, and what time and where you will arrive. It is important to keep the arrival and departure (see above).

Some suggestions:

You can also fly to Rome. Rome is 600 km far away from Lecce. From Rome you can take the connection until Bari or Brindisi by Ryanair or Alitalia. It depends if you will land in Rome Ciampino or Fiumicino.

From whatever airport you will arrive, you should get to train station (Bari or Rome)/shuttle (Brindisi) of the city and check the connection until Lecce. Here the link: www.trenitalia.it

Very important is that you KEEP ALL THE BILLS, TICKETS AND BOARDING PASSES from your travel, so that we were able to reimburse you the costs.

Important: Buy already the coming back ticket (bus, train, plane etc) and print twice the coming back ticket.

Financial Matter:

- Traveling costs: we will reimburse your travel cost by bank transfer according to the rules of Italian National Agency to the Partner Organization, on the condition that the person participates during the whole training course and that the person has all the bills, tickets and boarding passes (when traveling by a plane) to present to us. We will reimburse you as soon as our National Agency will send us the grant for the project.
- You must choose the cheapest way that is possible to get to Lecce (prefer travelling by Ryanair, Easyjet or Wizzair etc).
- 100% of costs of simple accommodation and basic food is covered by <GreenRope>



- Participation fee: 20 euros. The fee will allow participants to enter in the Greenrope partnership for the whole 2014.

Maximum travel reimbursement for each participant:

- Greece: 180 €
- Czech Republic: 275 €
- Bulgaria: 275 €
- Latvia: 275 €
- Belarus: 275 €
- Moldova: 275 €
- Ukraine: 275 €
- Portugal: 360 €
- Armenia: 360 €
- Azerbaijan: 360 €
- Georgia: 360 €

What to bring:

In order to everybody have a really good time, we would like you to bring some things which we believe are important for the participation of all participants and for the success of the project.

- a typical taste (typical drink, snacks...) of your Country for the “intercultural evening”;
- cameras, laptops and other equipment making life and work easier;
- some cool pieces of music and games from your country;
- information about your country (books, brochures, posters, postcards, video, PowerPoint presentation, music, etc.);
- information about the organization you come from (brochures, PowerPoint presentation, video, etc.);
- comfortable clothes;
- endless amounts of good mood and motivation for work and leisure!

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*We wish you all nice preparations,
nice trips and we are looking forward to meet you soon!
See you very soon!
GreenRope team*