

● International Seminar

"DIY – Do It Yourself, Do It as a Youth-worker – creative solutions for unemployment among young artists"

13-19 September 2015, Wolimierz (Poland)

Info Pack for PARTICIPANTS





“The job is what you do when you are told what to do. The job is showing up at the factory, following instructions, meeting spec, and being managed.

Someone can always do your job a little better or faster or cheaper than you can.

The job might be difficult, it might require skill, but it's a job.

Your art is what you do when no one can tell you exactly how to do it. Your art is the act of taking personal responsibility, challenging the status quo, and changing people.

I call the process of doing your art 'the work.' It's possible to have a job and do the work, too. In fact, that's how you become a linchpin.

The job is not the work.”

— [Seth Godin, Linchpin: Are You Indispensable?](#)

Dear participant,

We are really very happy, that You will come to the Seminar and ALL of US will have chance to meet, exchange experience and learn from each other !

We do not put unrealistic aims to overcome unemployment in the world.

However, we aim to bring together people with common concern about employment in art sphere and fresh ideas and strong will to change something

Every participant is Co-creator of International seminar "DIY – Do It Yourself, Do It as a Youth-worker – creative solutions for unemployment among young artists".

Everyone is welcomed to lead workshops, discussions - We are looking forward to meeting You !

*With warm greetings
Stacja Wolimierz Team*

● GENERAL INFORMATION

ORGANISER

Foundation for the Support of Alternative and Ecological Cultures (Poland)

PROJECT FUNDED BY

Erasmus +, EU program for education, training, youth and sport

<http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus>

THEME

Solutions for unemployment among artists

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

Armenia, Belarus, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Egypt, Georgia, Italy, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine

NUMBER OF PAX

30

DATES AND DURATION

7 days, 13th – 19th of September 2015.

Arrival day - 13th of September,

Departure day - 20th of September

VENUE

Mountain village Wolimierz, Poland.

● ABOUT THE SEMINAR

The main aim –

through exchange of experiences, practical workshops, inspiring discussions – to make PARTICIPATS aware of what kind of mentoring and support require artists, so to gain/maintain employment;

Seminar aims to support personal/professional development of participants, by improving their mentor /couch competences, discovering own strengths and gaps

All the Seminar activities will be carried out with methods of non-formal education, in the context of Self-directed learning :

Interactive discussions, Practical workshops on **art-therapy, entrepreneurial education, Youth empowerment and Self-empowerment**

Tools : simulation/role games, drama/theatre tools, inspirational meetings with local art entrepreneurs and yoga in the morning =)

! In the end of Seminar participants will create electronic Manual for Youth workers, that are eager to support employability of young/future artists” containing advices/ methods/ inspiring conclusions developed during Seminar.

! During the seminar participants will lead Open workshops for local young artists

! During the Seminar participants will lead workshops/activities on the topics connected with the theme of Seminar

● PARTICIPANT PROFILE

there is No Age limit

to have strong motivation and knowledge on seminar topic

to be voluntary and/or professional youth worker, teacher, couch working directly with artists or to be an artist that are interested in the topic of employment – with some interesting ideas and creative approaches

to have possibilities to implement Seminar results/outcomes after coming back home

to be available to attend the full duration of seminar

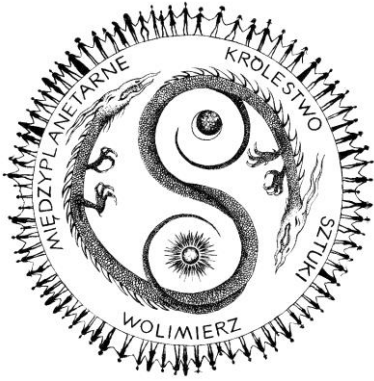
to have a good level of spoken and written English

to possess passion for exploration and willingness to play

■ ABOUT THE PLACE

The Seminar will take place in Wolimierz - a mountain village in Lower Silesia, south-western Poland.

The village has an approximate population of 317, no ATM and amazing night sky with astonishing stars



Accommodation and most of activities will take place at Wolimierz Station (in Polish - Stacja Wolimierz)

Stacja Wolimierz is authentic railway station that at the moment functions as an alternative eco-art center.

Stacja Wolimierz is our home and at the same time open space for creative initiatives.

Stacja Wolimierz – the place of never-ending developing and improving

In 1991 a group of young puppet actors came to the village Wolimierz and started to live in destroyed, but beautiful village at the foot of the Izery Mountains. Young activists started Foundation and thanks to hard work, soon the ruined premises of the former train station turned into alternative eco & arts center –Stacja Wolimierz.

Abandoned rooms are turned into theater hall with a stage, gallery for exhibitions, café, guest rooms with facilities, space for art and music workshops; around the station: biodynamic garden, camp field and open places for creation and imagination Railway platform in front of the Station turned into open stage ...and of course there are forest, meadow and mountains

With the help of hundreds of friends, volunteers from all over the world, Station became a truly unique place in Poland.

Everyone can come to the Station and get involved in its everyday life. To plan and create space, cook, organize events and share living space together

Station exists on voluntary basis and intercultural environmental exchange... Here there is integration between local community and great artists, farmers and youth, volunteers from all over the world, circus performers, actors, musicians, travelers, good people...

Like a magnet The Station attracts all those who dream of a better and more beautiful world without strict narrow-minded limits and rules.

Stacja Wolimierz – it is a place where TIME is transformed into SPACE

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EoSHKyGWZXI> // This film can give You some short light on the place where you are coming. The film was made last year as a promo video for crowdfunding project



◆ PROJECT DETAILS

PROJECT COSTS

The food, accommodation and all other project costs **will be fully provided and paid by the organizers**

TRAVEL COSTS

Please, check the attached table of travel costs per country. There You can find Lump sum per participant.

All the calculations were made by Erasmus + distance calculator

http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance_en.htm

As organizers, unfortunately, we do not have any influence on the amount of travel costs – it is calculated automatically according to the “google map distance” between Your home town and Stacja Wolimierz

According to rules of Erasmus + Program You are kindly asked u to use only 2nd class of trains or plains or buses.

ACCOMODATION

With open heart we will be happy to host You at our home – **Agrotouristic guest house** “Stacja Wolimierz”.

Participants will sleep in collective rooms with interesting and unusual design – Library room and Sky room. If the weather will be appropriate – there is also possibility to sleep in Tipi =)

FOOd

Participants will get 3 meals per day.

Food will be vegan and vegetarian, from local famers and cooked by local “Queen of healthy and eco-food”

★ Checklist – what you need to bring with You:

PROOF OF ALL THE TRAVEL EXPENSES you wish to reclaim:

If you come by plane, please be sure to bring evidence of the sum actually paid (**invoice, copy of credit card slip**) and a **copy of the ticket and your boarding passes**, or in the case of an email booking, the **print out of the reservation confirmation and financial transaction, and also boarding passes**;

DO KEEP ALL FLIGHT/TRAIN/BUS TICKETS, BOARDING CARDS, INVOICES ETC WITH YOU !!!

Warm clothes, because its Poland, because its autumn

* but plz don't get crazy, don't bring winter clothes, "autumn" doesn't mean "winter", and "Poland" doesn't mean "The North Pole" hahaha =)

Comfortable shoes for walking in village realities and comfortable clothes for freely moving in the space

Things typical for your country – national food, drinks for intercultural evening, something interesting

Electronic and physical material of/on your organization to make a little presentation of your organization

