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YOUTH EXCHANGE

“LET’S BREAK STEREOTYPES – DRAW GRAFFITI”

Graphic integration

Youth Exchange Project “Let’s brake stereotypes – draw graffiti” funded by
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Youth exchange is organized by Society “DAUGAVPILS JAUNIEŠU SAVIENĪBA”



and 4 partner organizations

Association of contemporary art and culture – Different Vision from Bulgaria,
GEMMA – Germeshausen und Mak from Austria,
European Youth Centre Breclav z.s. from Czech Republic and **Yellow Shirts** from
Romania.

Project: 01.05.2015. – 01.03.2016.

Project Dates: 19.08.2015. - 27.08.2015. (18th is arriving – 28th departure)

APV dates: 09.07.2015. - 10.07.2015. (1 leader + 1 youth from each country, we will work on the program and all the logistics, activities etc.) (8th is arrival, but 11th is departure).

Tickets: from 19th of June 2015 groups can start to buy their tickets.

Countries: Latvia, Bulgaria, Austria, Romania and Czech Republic (1 leader + 5 youth).
Participants from each group must be from 16 – 30 years old.

Organizers: Society „DAUGAVPILS JAUNIEŠU SAVIENĪBA” (Daugavpils, Latvia).

Payment Conditions for APV: accommodation and local transportation is covered by the project. Food is not provided. Travel costs will be covered according to distance calculator according to distance between place where participants live to venue of the project. http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance_en.htm

Amount of money which we can reimbursed according to kilometers you may found in the table below:

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0 - 99	0
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100 - 499	80
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4000 - 7999	620
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The groups will buy their tickets and maximum 2 weeks after the project when everybody sent their boarding passes; the reimbursement for travel cost will be made by bank transfer.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The exchange project "**Let's break stereotypes - draw graffiti**" will run in Daugavpils for day (**01.05.2015. - 01.03.2016.**). Trainings in Latvian city Daugavpils will run from **19.08.2015. to 27.08.2015.**

Main project themes are: art and culture, social dialogue.

Project activities are planned 9 days training for **30** youth from 16 to 30 years age and youth leaders from different countries.

As the working methods will be used presentations, performances, group and team activities, ice breaking activities, practical learning, discussions, group work, learning graffiti drawing techniques and breaking the existent stereotypes.

During the project activities the youth will have an opportunity to get to know a European countries culture through drawing graffiti, get know Latvia and other European countries. During the project, young people will develop their own graffiti drawing and prove their selves. Through graffiti drawing activities youth will provide their opinion about such important themes as solidarity, tolerance, inclusion, different culture multiplicity etc.

Realizing the planned activities in the project, there will be promoted the development of the intercultural dialog, the improvement of the youth communication and social skills, awareness of the belonging to the European culture community.

PLACE AND AROUND



Daugavpils is a city in southeastern Latvia, located on the banks of the Daugava River, from which the city gets its name. Daugavpils literally means "Daugava Castle". With a population of over 100,000, it is the second largest city in the country after the capital Riga, which is located some 230 km to its north-west. Daugavpils has a favorable geographical position as it borders Belarus and Lithuania (distances of 33 and 25 km respectively). It is located some 120 km from the Latvian border with Russia. Daugavpils is a major railway junction and industrial centre. The city is surrounded by many lakes and nature parks.

Daugavpils is an important cultural center in eastern Latvia. There are 22 primary and secondary schools, four vocational schools, and the Saules College of Art. More than 1,000 teachers and engineers graduate from Daugavpils Pedagogical University (now Daugavpils University) and the local branch of Riga Technical University annually. The city theatre was restored a couple of years ago. There is also one cinema as well as other cultural institutions. The city exhibition center offers many cultural activities. There are also several architectural, historical, and cultural monuments in Daugavpils. The most prominent is the Daugavpils fortress of the late 18th–19th centuries.

The historical centre of Daugavpils city is an architectural heritage of national importance (the construction work was carried out in the 19th century according to the project endorsed in St Petersburg in 1826). The historical centre is the greatest attraction of the city and one of the most successful examples of balancing the aspects of ancient and modern times. Daugavpils is one of the few cities in Latvia which can pride itself on a unified ensemble of both classic and eclectic styles. The cultural heritage of architectural, artistic, industrial, and historical monuments combined with the picturesque surroundings create the essence of Daugavpils' image and endow it with a special charm.



The town's history began in 1275 when the Livonian Order built Dünaburg castle 20 km up the Daugava river from where Daugavpils is now situated. In 1561 it became part of the Polish–Lithuanian Commonwealth (see: Duchy of Livonia) and in 1566 became capital of the Inflanty Voivodeship, which existed until the First Partition of Poland (1772). In 1577 the Russian tsar Ivan the Terrible captured and destroyed Dünaburg castle. That same year, a new castle was built 20 km downriver. In 1582 Daugavpils was granted Magdeburg town rights. In the 17th century, during the Russo–Swedish War initiated by Tsar Alexis of Russia, the Russians captured Daugavpils, renamed the town *Borisoglebsk* and controlled the region for 11 years, between 1656 and 1667. Russia returned the area to Poland following the Treaty of Andrusovo (1667).



PROGRAM and WORKING METHODS

AIM AND OBJECTIVES:

- To promote the intercultural dialogue, social inclusion and solidarity through drawing graffiti, as well as to promote international cooperation in the field of youth.
- ✓ to involve young people from Latvian, Bulgaria, Romania, Austria and Czech Republic in the project;
- ✓ to improve the graffiti drawing skills and sense of graphic painting of the project participants;
- ✓ to give the youth of EU the opportunity to explore new culture, traditions;
- ✓ to give the youth the opportunity to learn more about Europe through the graffiti drawing to challenge their stereotypes about different cultures;
- ✓ to be tolerant and to know more about the traditions and social realities of another country with the help of graffiti drawing, learning from one another working in groups;

PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS:

30 young people 16-30 years old from Latvia, Bulgaria, Romania, Austria and Czech Republic are involved in the project. (25 youth + 5 leaders).

ACTIVITIES AND USED METHODS:

There will be organized the following activities: graffiti drawing master classes, creative workshops, presentation of art works, the presentation of the partner countries and, morning gymnastics etc.

There are planned to use the non-formal education methods – different kinds of activities, for example, ice-breaking activities, intercultural evenings, excursions, creative workshops, orienteering, presentations, presentations of graffiti, evaluation, farewell activities.

EFFECT:

The project partner countries will gain the experience in the organization of the international project, which is connected with the graffiti drawing, the youth will be acquainted with the basics of graffiti techniques, as well as they will create their own open air graffiti, will improve their English language knowledge and communication skills.

The project will give the possibility to popularize ERASMUS+ program and involved partner organizations. The youth will get more information about the methods of non-formal education and organizations, which are organizing the international projects, to give the possibility to every person to widen their horizons, to explore the cultures of European countries to be more involved in the cultural life of Europe.

During the project activities the youth will have an opportunity to get know different European countries culture and traditions. The youth will also discuss how they can talk over different stereotypes.

PARTICIPANTS

Due to the plan, the young people at the age of 16 to 30 (1 leader + 5 youths) will take part in the project all together young people from Latvia, Bulgaria, Romania, Austria and Czech Republic. The project activities will last 9 days, during which there will be various theoretical and practical studies concerning the project themes. All the project participants will live in the hotel "ERFOLG" which is situated in Daugavpils where the main activities will take place.

Now each partner (group leaders) should complete their participants as soon as possible which is the first step for preparation, because groups should start to buy their tickets.

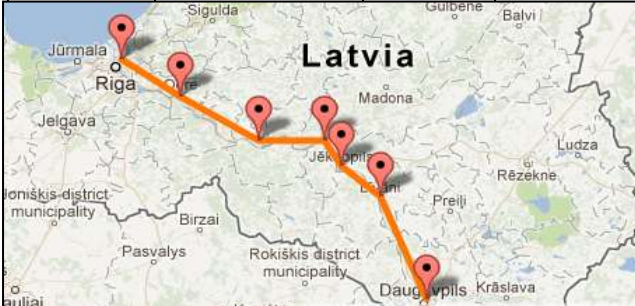
TRAVEL COSTS AND TRAVEL DAYS

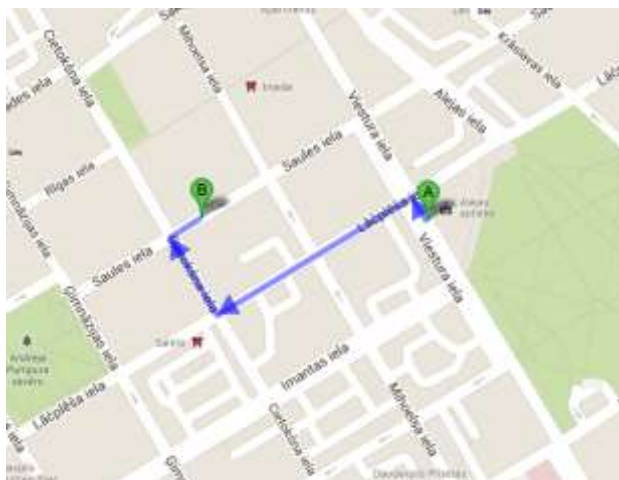
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First activity day of project is 19th of August so make sure that you arrive to Daugavpils on the 19th of August before 18.00. And you will leave Daugavpils on the 27th of August.

When you will arrive to Riga we recomend you to use train or bus services to get into Daugavpils (Riga – Daugavpils):

TRAIN				BUS			
Rīga	Daugavpils	In the way	Price of the ticket	Rīga	Daugavpils	In the way	Price of the ticket
07:40	11:30	03:50	7.05 Eur	04.00	07.40	03.40	8.90 Eur
15:45	19:10	03:23	7.05 Eur	07.30	11.10	03.40	8.90 Eur
16:46	21:07	04:21	7.05 Eur	08.40	12.30	03.50	8.90 Eur
				10.00	13.40	03.40	8.90 Eur
				11.50	16.05	04.15	8.90 Eur
				13.35	17.35	04.00	8.90 Eur
				14.30	18.10	03.40	8.90 Eur
				15.30	19.10	03.40	8.90 Eur
				18.05	21.50	03.45	8.90 Eur
				19.20	23.00	03.40	8.90 Eur
				20.20	23.59	03.39	8.90 Eur



If you will drive by bus then on the map bellow you can see how to get to our Society „ERFOLG” office.

Where:

A: Bus station

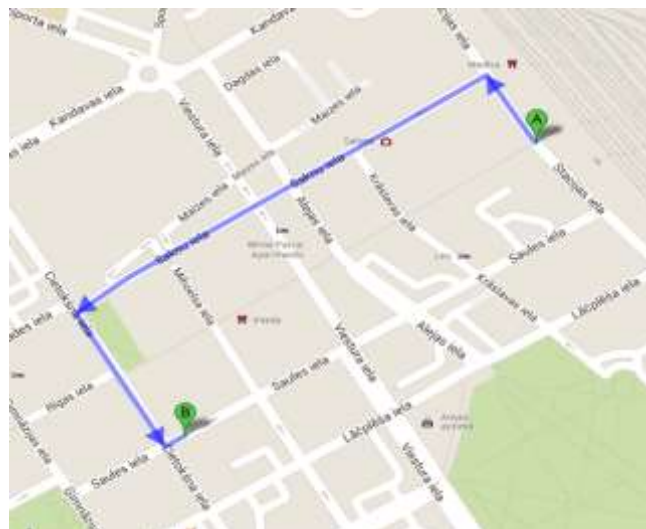
B: Society Erfolg office

If you are driving by train then on the map bellow you can see how to get to our Society „ERFOLG” office.

Where:

A: Railway station

B: Society Erfolg office



Anyway our volunteers will meet you on the railway or bus station! ☺

Meating place: Society „ERFOLG”

T:(+371) 20371892, (+371) 65420019

E-mail : ERFOLG_project@outlook.com

Address: Cietokšņa Street 44, Daugavpils



Some useful phrases in Latvian:

Latvian – English	
Jā - yes	Atā - bye
Nē - no	Uz redzēšanos - goodbye
Lūdzu - please	Ar labunakti - goodnight
Paldies - thanks	Ieeja - entrance
Liels paldies - thank you very much	Izeja - exit
Labrīt - good morning	Grūst -push
Labdien -good afternoon	Vilkt - pull
Labvakar - good evening	Avārijas izeja - emergency exit

Basic information about the Daugavpils city you can find here:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Latvia>

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/latvia>

<http://www.latvia.travel/en/tourist-information-centres>

<http://www.visitdaugavpils.lv/>

Currency: **EURO**

Project language: **English**



ACCOMMODATION

Hotel „ERFOLG” T: (+371) 25912250,

T: (+371) 65420019

Address: Nometņu Street 25a, Daugavpils, LV-5400, Latvia.

Dates: 23.05.2015. – 31.05.2015.

E-mail : hotelerfolg@inbox.lv

Accommodation place are in a 12 minutes way from Bus station.



HOMEWORK

- Presentation about societies participants represent;
- Presentation “**My country - my culture**”;
- Prepare a small album – presentation with the graffiti drawings in their country and prepare short speech about street culture, what is the society attitude and what graffiti masters represents in their drawings;
- Preparation of national evening (you may take some national snacks, dishes or food);
- Try to find some creative energizers, teambuilding activities, outdoor activities.

PREPARATION AND CHECK LIST

- Collect all the participants make the team
- Buy the tickets and contact us, send us a copy of your ticket and your travel information.
- Fill the reimbursement sheet and send it to us
- Get the energy to travel and have great 9 days in Latvia
- Get a comfortable shoes, warm and light clothes, clothes that don't get wet, hats
- Prepare cultural evening, present your culture, prepare group home works
- **Each should take some small present from your country**
- Join in the facebook group

For more information and questions you can contact us by e-mail address ERFOLG_project@outlook.com or phone number (+371) 20371892, (+371) 65420019

See you all in this excited summer adventure

in the 19th of August 😊

Society „Daugavpils Jauniešu Savienība”