

# Info-Pack for an International Training

## Youth Workers for More inclusive Europe



**19 – 26 June, 2017**  
Yerevan, Armenia



Erasmus+



Consell de  
la Joventut  
de València.

**Participating countries:** Armenia, Belarus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Georgia, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain and Ukraine



# Description of the Training Course

Youth organizations can play an important role as a response to the refugee crisis and radicalization that has become its consequence. In some cases already NGO's and active citizens have gone beyond their capacities to fill the gap left by national and regional authorities and have proven they society has to be expanded. Youth organizations need to be better prepared to contribute to the resolution of the refugee crisis and to policies for the integration of refugees. This is why we came up with an idea of a Training Course that will be gathering youth workers and staff members of civil society and youth organizations both from the EU and the Neighbouring partner countries.

The project mainly focuses on promoting European values, such as respect to human dignity, freedom, equality, respect for human rights, including the rights of refugees and migrants. Through non formal education tools and professional capacity building training the Training will support the participants in the acquisition of competence that they can use back home to their local communities. participate in fostering tolerance and solidarity towards refugees on both the local and the European levels. Most of the EU countries involved in this project have certain percentage of migrants and refugees as well as face the problems of radicalisation and extremism.

## The objectives of the Training Course

The objectives of the Training Course are the following:

- To create a network of NGOs willing to be involved in the migration management process and contribute to the refugee integration process.
- To equip youth workers with capacity to combat hate speech towards migrants, misinformation about refugees and xenophobic discourse by drawing attention of their local communities to positive contributions of refugees into Europe
- To provide conceptual framework on the notions of emigration, immigration, integration and multiculturalism to 30 youth workers from different European countries.
- To analyse the emigration and immigration situation in participating countries and to find out the causes of migration, namely push and pull factors.
- To discuss and analyse the current migration challenges in Europe and try to offer solutions from the perspective of youth work;
- To foster tolerance, respect and open-mindedness towards migrants while working with young people as a target group;
- To share experiences and best practices of integrating young migrants in youth organizations.

## Profile of the participants

- Youth workers aged 18-35
- Who are ready to actively fight against extremism, discrimination and intolerance against refugees and migrants in their countries;
- Who want to transfer the knowledge they gained in the project to the youth in their organizations and countries;
- Fluent in English;
- Resident of one of the participating countries.
- Available for the whole duration of the Training Course.

**Important!** This is a Training course for YOUTH WORKERS only!

# Travel Information



It is possible to reach Yerevan through 4 airports: Yerevan International Airport (Armenia), Gyumri Airport (Armenia), Tbilisi International Airport (Georgia) and Kutaisi Airport (Georgia).

**If you arrive to Yerevan International Airport:** The participants landing in Yerevan will be picked up by the organizers.

**If you arrive to Tbilisi International Airport:** We will arrange a bus for you from the Tbilisi airport to Yerevan. The price of the bus is 15 EUR one way.

**If you arrive to Kutaisi Airport:** You have to take bus to Tbilisi (cost 20 GEL) and join the bus that will bring you to Yerevan.

**If you arrive to Gyumri Airport:** The transfer from Gyumri to Yerevan will be organized by the organizers.

# Arrival and Departure Information



**19<sup>th</sup> of June** is an Arrival Day. Make sure you arrive to hotel between 12:00 to 18:00. We will have a welcome dinner altogether at 19:00. The official program starts on 20<sup>th</sup> of June.

**26<sup>th</sup> of June** is a Departure Day. The check-out should be performed after the breakfast.

**NOTE!** You can arrive to Yerevan or Tbilisi couple of days earlier or stay couple of days longer to see around or to travel a bit. However, this should be done at your own expenses. The Hosting organization can help you to find a hostel for extra days, but you should bear those extra costs.

# Tickets & Registration

You should make a small research and purchase the cheapest tickets. The deadline to purchase the tickets is **19<sup>th</sup> of May!**

**NOTE!** The ticket should be consulted with us before you buy it. You should **consult** the tickets with the Project Manager,

She will help you to find the best option. **Only after the confirmation, the ticket can be bought.** Please do this before **May 10.**

Once the participants buy the tickets, they will be asked to fill in an online **Registration Form** till **1<sup>st</sup> of June**. This will help the trainers' team to develop the program that meets the expectations of the participants!





# VISA information

**None of the participants needs to hold visa** to enter Armenia. Armenia has a visa-free regime with all the countries that are involved in this project. In case you arrive to airport in Georgia, it also has a 11 visa-free regime all the countries involved in the project.

## Financial Conditions

Country	Organization	Number of Participants	Travel cost per person
Armenia	Armenian Progressive Youth	4	0
Belarus	Ligadobrovolnogotrudamolodezhi	2	275
Czech Republic	European Youth Center Breclav	2	360
Denmark	Danish Youth Team	2	360
Georgia	International Center for peace and integration	2	180
Italy	Identities	2	360
Poland	INPRO	2	360
Portugal	Experimentáculo Associação Cultural	2	820
Romania	ASOCIATIA GEYC	2	275
Spain	Consejo De La Juventud Valenciana	4	530
Ukraine	Society Initiatives Institute	2	275

## Partner Organizations and Travel Costs

**100% of the total travel expenses will be reimbursed.** Reimbursement will be done in **EUR**, regardless of the currency indicated on the ticket and receipt/invoice. Any tickets purchased in a local currency other than EUR, will then be converted and calculated according to the exchange rate of the month given by the European Commission.

**NOTE!** Please check travel budget limits above. If travel costs exceed the amount budgeted in the project, the organizers will only be able to reimburse participants the maximum travel costs indicated in the travel budget. You are therefore strongly advised to consult the tickets with us and book your flights well in advance.

**Important!** According to sustainability regulations of the hosting organization, only the tickets that are bought 1 month before the activity starts can be reimbursed. This means that the deadline to consult us and have your ticket purchased in **May 19, 2017**.

**Reimbursement:** All the participants will receive the travel reimbursement on spot, in cash, during the last 2 days of the Training Course.

**IMPORTANT!** In order to receive the travel reimbursement, every participant should attach the following documents to the reimbursement form:

- **Tickets** (there must be price and name of the person stated on it).
- **Boarding passes** (in case of loss – please get a confirmation from the airlines, that the flight was taken)
- **Invoices** – yes, even if you have a ticket, our accounting still needs an **INVOICE**.
- **Online Check-in** should be made before your leave Yerevan to make sure you give as Boarding Passes from the way back as well.

**Participation fee!** There is a participation fee of **40 EUR**.



# Insurance

Please keep in mind that you are self-responsible for sufficient insurance (illness/personal liability/cancellation/theft etc.). Hosting organization takes no responsibility for the individual insurance. Make sure you have a travel insurance valid in Armenia from 19 to 26 of June.

# Accommodation

The participants will be accommodated in Hotel Capital in Yerevan city centre. Here is the web-site of the hotel: <http://capitalhotel.am/>

The Capital Hotel is a friendly and comfortable hotel located in Aygedzor area of Yerevan - one of the most beautiful areas in the city centre with a beautiful sight to ravine from balconies. It is located on 10 minutes walking distance from the city centre and 5 minutes from the Metro Station and [Lover's Park](#).

## Free Services:

- Wi-Fi Internet
- 24 hour Reception and Security
- Medical Service
- Outdoor Swimming
- Satellite TV
- Phone
- Air conditioning
- Hairdryer
- Single use sanitary-hygienic items

## Other Services:

- Laundry and Dry Cleaning
- Lobby Bar
- Cars Rental
- Bar
- Souvenirs and Gift Shops/

## Rooms:

The accommodation will be organized mostly in Triple Rooms, 3 participants per room. There are also 2 large Family suite rooms that will accommodate from 4 to 5 people each.

Here are some photos from the hotel.



**Address of the Hotel:** Aygedzor 53 B, Yerevan, Republic of Armenia



# Language



The language of the course is **English**. Participants should be able to communicate in English.

# Intercultural Evening

During a special evening we will share characteristics from our culture. We ask you to bring foods and drinks to share! You can also think of some other things to share with the group from your culture: stories, dances / songs etc. In case you play an instrument, it might be very nice to bring it. Just no power point presentation or country promotion videos, as it would be the best if you can share something in your own words! By the way, to present something from your culture does not mean it has to be something from your country: it can also be from a region, a city etc. To make the **Intercultural evening** more connected to the topic of the Training Course, we would like to ask you to pay special attention to the food & drinks & snacks that you are going to take with you – make sure that you have some **typical things that your family uses and also something very typical that from your city**.



# Homework and Daily Program

Two weeks before the Training Course, trainers will send you a small homework to complete in your Country groups. The Daily program will be also sent together with the homework.

# YOUTHPASS Certificates



All participants will receive a Youth Pass certificate in the end of the Training Course. Upon their request participants will get also Annex to Youth Pass with 8 Key Competences.



# Facebook group



Please join the Facebook group of the project and let's start getting to know each other.

Link to the Facebook group will be shared with selected and confirmed participants only.

# Deadlines

**May 10<sup>th</sup>** – The participants are chosen by the sending organizations.

**May 19<sup>th</sup>** – The tickets are bought by the participants.

**June 01<sup>st</sup>** – The Registration Forms are submitted by the participants.

**June 05<sup>th</sup>** – The daily program and the homework is sent to the participants.

**June 15<sup>th</sup>** – The arrival list and the airport pick up information is sent to the participants.

# The organizers



**Armenian Progressive Youth NGO (Armenia)** is based in Yerevan, Armenia. It was founded in 2009 by a group of young people in order to promote personal and professional growth of young people in Armenia and supporting the Civil Society development. Today it counts 10 employees, local and international volunteers, hundreds of members and followers, thousands of direct and indirect beneficiaries from Armenia and all over the European continent. The organization has already 6 years of experience in the fields of non-formal education, youth policies, volunteerism, human rights, gender equality, active citizenship and participation. The mission of APY is to promote active citizenship and active participation of young people in civic life, to increase the activism of young people and contribute to the development of civil society in Armenia. The organization acts as an information source for hundreds of EU projects and implements lots of local and international projects.



**Youth Council of Valencia (Spain)** has been created with an objective to foster the participation of young people in social, economic, political and cultural development of Valencia. The Youth Council of Valencia is the main body of representation and coordination of Valencian youth associations and non-governmental organizations. It's a public body with a private structure which functions in a consensus with other youth organizations and is aimed at creating a common frame among the organizations which will allow them to act as recognized interlocutors by local governmental structures. The aims and objectives of Youth Council are: to foster and ensure the local participation of young people in political, social, cultural life of the city of Valencia, especially in the issues which directly affect the young people, supporting them to develop their skills and get engaged in active citizenship. It also aims to disseminate the values of human rights, peace and freedom among youth,

# Practical Information

## The venue – YEREVAN



Training Course will take place **in Yerevan – the capital of Armenia**. Yerevan is a political, administrative, commercial & financial, as well as cultural & educational centre of Armenia. The population is about 1.2 million people. Because of the fact Yerevan is one of the oldest cities in the world; it hides many beautiful and interesting places. To speak about Yerevan sightseeing and its endless number of attractions is absolutely impossible but your visit to Yerevan will not be complete if you miss out any of these sites – Cascade Complex, Victory Park, Matenadaran, Saryan Park, Vernissage, Erebuni Fortress and more. You can find the complete list of places to see here: <http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g293932-Activities-Yerevan.html>



### Weather in Armenia

Armenia is usually referred to as a sunny country. Its climate ranges from dry subtropical to cold. The mountain peaks are covered with eternal snow, while their slopes are lined by alpine meadows. September is the ideal month for visiting Armenia with pleasant temperature and virtually no rain, except for possible thunderstorms in the mountains. More info: <http://www.bbc.com/weather/616052>

### Currency in Armenia:

Armenian national currency is the Dram (AMD). There are ATM machines and banks all around the city. Payments with VISA/Master Card credit cards are possible in most of the supermarkets, cafes, shops and restaurants. For the small local shops it's always good to have some cash. The exchange offices are located in the banks and some big supermarkets. No passport is needed to exchange money.



1 EUR – 520 AMD

1 USD – 470 AMD

1 GBP – 624 AMD