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“Art4Youth” is going to be a youth exchange organized in Osterholz-Scharmbeck in Germany which will include 35 young people and 8 group leaders from 7 different countries: Spain, Croatia, Lithuania, Greece, Romania, Italy and Germany.

Countries: 7 countries

Age of participants: 18-30 (group leaders 18+)

Country group size: 5 participants + 1 group leader

Place: Osterholz-Scharmbeck, Lower Saxony, Germany

Venue: A group house, youth center

Days of activity: 10 activity days (including traveling days)

Time: 25th of April - 04th of May 2020.

[Short info about the exchange:](#)

The idea for this project was born during the exchange in Croatia where youngsters were discussing their passions, but also the problems that they are seeing in their communities and the changes that they would like to make. On the last day of the exchange, participants made a different groups according to their interest and started working on writing Erasmus+ exchange on which they would love to participate or organize it. For some of the participants it was easy decision to team up and they decided to focus on the topics of environment protection and finding the ways how to reduce pollution in their own local communities and subsequently on Earth. Since they all love and do art in one or the other form (photography, dance, handmade jewellery, painting), they decided to include art in their project. Art can be powerful tool for youth to become active and make the change in their community, or to raise awareness about environment protection.

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The youngsters decided to organize the exchange in Germany because they believe that Germany is a good example of country where environment protection is an important issue.

Goals of this project are:

1. To show how art can be used for youth activism and discussing important topics with the focus on environment protection
2. To give tools to youth from 7 different countries, empowering them to make the change in their local community
3. To share with 43 young people and group leaders how recycling and upcycling can help us produce less garbage and use our resources in a better way and to help them share these results with their peers and other youth from their local communities
4. To create safe space where youth can explore their creativity and try different forms of art and share their culture and values with others

[Participant profile:](#)

The youngsters should come from the local community of the partner organization, but that shouldn't be a limiting factor, so if there are youngsters from other regions, they are more than welcome.

There will be 5 participants and one group leader from each partner organization. Participants will be between the ages of 18 and 30 years old, and the leader should be 18+ with a stable link to the sending organization and an active role in it, preferably a youth worker or at least an experienced member. Participants don't need to have a good knowledge in English, they just need a great willingness to be a part of a multi-cultural group.

Previous experience in art is not required but participants should show initiative for learning new art methods, working with other young people. All partners should do their best to create gender balanced teams (3+3 including group leaders)

[Preparation pack:](#)

After the selection of all participants, we will send you the preparation pack in which you will have more info about the venue, workshops, your tasks and Germany.

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The venue :



We will be accommodated in a youth center/group house in Osterholz-Scharmbeck, close to the city of Bremen, Germany.

The accommodation will be simple. Participants will be sharing rooms with 4-6 people from same gender but different nationalities. Some of the rooms are with private and some with shared bathrooms.

You can find more information and photos about the venue here:
<https://kulturgruppenhaus.de/en/new-home-2/>
<https://www.facebook.com/KulturGruppenHaus/>

Travel to Germany and other important info:

It is not allowed to come to the venue of the exchange one day later or to leave one day before the designated dates. We can only reimburse tickets that are on/before 25th of April and on/after 04th of May 2020.

According to the rules from the National Agency in Germany, it is acceptable to come to Germany maximum 4 days before the exchange and to stay in Germany maximum 4 days after the mobility (but not more than 7 days in total!).

Don't throw any ticket or boarding pass. You will need to send all of them after the mobility. If you lose any of the tickets or boarding passes, we won't be able to reimburse you for them.

On Erasmus+ projects, there is maximum amount that can be reimbursed for the travel of participants, according to the distance from your country to the city where the project is being organized. If your tickets cost more than that amount, you are responsible for covering the difference as Erasmus+ is co-financing program.

Maximum travel costs per participants are:

Lithuania, Italy, Croatia, Romania, Greece, Spain = 275 €

Germany = 180 €

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To know your exact travel costs, you need to check the **distance calculator** that you can find on this link: https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/distance-calculator_en

After opening the distance calculator, you need to check what is the distance between the place where you live and Osterholz-Scharmbeck where we will stay during the exchange.

Here are the maximum travel costs for the projects in Erasmus+, according to the distance:

Amount
For travel distances between 10 and 99KM: 20 EUR per participant
For travel distances between 100 and 499 KM: 180 EUR per participant
For travel distances between 500 and 1999 KM: 275 EUR per participant
For travel distances between 2000 and 2999 KM: 360 EUR per participant
For travel distances between 3000 and 3999 KM: 530 EUR per participant
For travel distances between 4000 and 7999 KM: 820 EUR per participant
For travel distances of 8000 KM or more: 1500 EUR per participant

INSURANCE

All participants from European Union countries need to bring their European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) with them. You can get it for free in your country and it is very useful for you whenever you travel outside of your country. Participants coming from outside of EU should acquire travel insurance. NaturKultur can cover your costs for insurance up to 15 euros so please take that in mind while purchasing insurance.

In the attachment we are sending you a document in which all the rules regarding the travel to our projects are explained in details (first page of the document). Please read it carefully and contact us in case you will have any question.

We are also sending in the attachment **Confirmation of Participation**. Read this document and apply only if you agree to everything written in it. On the first day of the exchange, every participant will need to sign this document.

For further questions don't hesitate to contact us. See you soon! ☺

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