



Association for protection and education of children and young Roma
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Project name: The role of young people in poverty reduction

Supporter: Youth in Action Programme



Proposed date: 15.07.2011 – 24.07.2011

Proposed place: Struga, Macedonia

Involved countries: Montenegro, Albania, Poland, Lithuania, Italy and Macedonia

Number of participants per country: 5 (4 participants + 1 leader)

Type of project: Youth Exchange

Project summary:

The Role of Young People in Poverty Reduction is an Youth Exchange we wish to promote forms of social and economical development which would help to reduce poverty, hardship and vulnerability amongst people with fewer opportunities. Issue of poverty and social exclusion will be explored through various non-formal learning methods and forum theatre. We will develop and share ideas, how young people could better promote importance of combating poverty in their own communities and realize initiatives and actions with positive impacts on their surroundings. Forum theatre is often used by socially excluded and disempowered groups as interactive form that encourages audience interaction and explores different options for dealing with a problem or issue, The Exchange will gather young people from 6 countries (Macedonia, Montenegro, Albania, Netherlands, Italy and Lithuania and take place in Struga, Macedonia

Project objectives:

The main aim of the youth exchange is to develop organizational, communication and citizenship skills, competences and experience of young people, thus raising awareness of importance of their active engagement in fighting against poverty and social exclusion.

To reach its aim, the specific objectives of the project are:

- ✓ To gain skills necessary for understanding needs of socially excluded and poor young people;
- ✓ To share knowledge and experiences on challenges to combat poverty and social exclusion faced by young people from disadvantaged communities;
- ✓ To give information about important forms of exclusion with the explicit aim of breaking negative stereotypes;
- ✓ To motivate and encourage the young people to act as multipliers and promote initiatives that would foster inclusion of disadvantaged groups, especially the Roma youth;
- ✓ To raise awareness and motivation among all relevant actors about the possibilities to combat poverty and access to social rights of young people with fewer opportunities;
- ✓ To help young participants learn about the ideas, concepts and strategies of combat poverty and social exclusion through engaging in meaningful dialogue, promoting critical analysis, encouraging self-reflection and fostering action;

Profile of participants:

- Between 18 and 30 years old;
- Motivated to contribute to the work of the exchange and to develop or undertake future activities in the areas of young people with fewer opportunities
- Have some experience in leading educational activities with young people;
- Motivated to explore and work on poverty and social exclusion among youth;
- Active within and supported by an organisation or project active in the field of youth, minority, social inclusion
- Have good command in English

Project methodology:

The focus of the project is combating poverty and social exclusion using forum theatre tools. One of the main methods that we will use to explore themes of the Exchange is forum theatre. Theatre gives

people a means to be someone else and thus escape their own world for a while ; finding, at times, creative solutions for their own problems by being, for a moment, in someone else's shoes. Especially those active forms of theatre which do not require much learning of lines by heart, improvisational theatre. Forum Theatre is an interactive form of theatre that encourages audience interaction and explores different options for dealing with a problem or issue. Through Forum Theatre we will give chance to youngsters to raise their own awareness about the problems and the benefits which can result from diversity in a different society. Forum theatre can provide a voice for people who normally struggle to be heard.

Venue of the event

The project will take place in the touristic city Struga, in the hotel Soferino. Here is the FB of the hotel. It is very friendly and just few meters from the beach.

Hotel portal: <http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100002114943654>

Struga web portal: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Struga>

Trainers

Dragan Atanasov – SALOTO trainer

<http://www.salto-youth.net/tools/toy/find-a-trainer/1280.html?&pagerCurrentOffset=3>

Dragan Markovski – executive director of KREATIVE Macedonia

<i>Day</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>II</i>	<i>II</i>	<i>IV</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>VI</i>	<i>VII</i>	<i>IX</i>
<i>Hour</i>								
08:30-09:30	Breakfast Energizer	Breakfast Energizer	Breakfast Energizer	Breakfast Energizer	Breakfast Energizer	Breakfast Energizer	Breakfast Energizer	
	Session 1: Human & Social Rights of social excluded Young people	Session 3: Active European Citizenship & Cultural Diversity	Session 5: Social inclusion/exclusion & Social cohesion	Session 6: Disadvantaged young people	Forum Theatre Workshops Creating common direction of theatre play	Performance of the theatre play	Street theatre performance	departure
12:30-13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>		
	Session 2: Introduction to Forum theatre Workshop: Forum Theatre	Workshop Forum Theatre Session 4: Reality of social excluded and Poverty <i>continuation</i> ... Workshop: Forum Theatre	Workshop Forum Theatre <i>continuation</i> Workshop: Forum Theatre	Session 7: Discussion: Situation of disadvantaged by country Workshop Forum Theatre	Practice the theatre play	Evaluation of the project		
19:00-20:00	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner		
	Leaders' meeting	Leaders' meeting	Leaders' meeting	Leaders' meeting	Leaders' meeting	Leaders' meeting		
	Free time	Free time	Night life	Party break	Farewell party			

Area of working of Progress

Progress in an organization working on the empowerment of youngsters, to help them be active part of the civic society and the community they live in, to represent the voice of the new generation as potential of tomorrow. We are an all inclusive organization and we offer youngsters possibilities to integrate for a future as European citizens.

Our main area of work include: non formal education, intercultural learning, inclusion, human rights, Public awareness on European citizenship, promotion of youth mobility and youth participation; study and research of youth policies and activities, Supporting young people in democratic participation activities with social, cultural and educational topics, environmental activities, campaigns and trainings. We are active in European Youth Programs and other local programs in Macedonia.