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Social Entrepreneurship: Turning Passions Into Solutions

Youth Exchange

Yerevan | Armenia 22 June- 1 July, 2017



Summary

Countries: Estonia, Armenia, Georgia and Turkey

Location: Yerevan, Armenia

Dates: 22 June- 1 July, 2017

Coordinator Organization: SARA

Hosting organization: “Youth Life” Educational NGO

The main aim of this Youth Exchange is to create a platform and a process where young people experience empowerment themselves and are equipped to empower others in their communities through exchange of ideas, stories, attitudes, techniques and tools that promote social entrepreneurial spirit and skills of young people in general and marginalized youth among refugees/asylum seekers and migrants in particular.

Over the past two decades, the citizen sector has discovered what the business sector learned long ago: There is nothing as powerful as a new idea in the hands of a first-class entrepreneur. This is more important now than ever given the current context concerning young migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in Europe. The frustration and disempowerment of the disadvantaged youth in general and these young migrants and asylum seekers in particular can breed low self-esteem, low motivation, cynicism and radicalization.

Social entrepreneurs are individuals with innovative solutions to society’s most pressing social problems. They are ambitious and persistent, tackling major social issues and offering new ideas for wide-scale change.

Rather than leaving societal needs to the government or business sectors, social entrepreneurs find what is not working and solve the problem by changing the system, spreading the solution, and persuading entire societies to move in different directions.

Social entrepreneurs often seem to be possessed by their ideas, committing their lives to changing the direction of their field. They are visionaries, but also realists, and are ultimately concerned with the practical implementation of their vision above all else.

Learn and share!

Participants of this project will be encouraged to facilitate/co-facilitate, share and present topics within the theme of the project. We aim to create a mutual learning environment where everyone can share and learn at the same time. The project is geared towards young people with fewer opportunities and the new comers to this field.

Unforgettable intercultural experience!

The project aims to provide a unforgettable and rich intercultural experience where people from different countries and culture bring their touch and insights to the project creating a synergy of learning and new friendships.

Discover Armenia!

Participants will have opportunities to discover Yerevan and Armenia. Participants will be given self-structured free time mainly to engage in activities of their choice. Optional excursions and trips will be organized making stay both as relaxing and fun as possible!

Arrival and Departure dates

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Arrival: 21 June 2017 in Yerevan (Hostel check in by 11:00 am)

Departure: 2 July 2017 from Yerevan (Hostel check out by 11:00am)

Note: Bear in mind that according to the guidelines of Erasmus+ program the travel back must be realized by participants on direct way within maximum of 2 days. In case of longer stays or indirect travel (holiday travel, etc) there is no chance of reimbursement. **Always get the approval from organizers for your flight before purchasing it.**

Early arrivals or late departures are at the responsibility of the participants to pay for stay. If you arrive early or leave later than the dates above you have to cover your own accommodation or food.

Participants profiles:

32 Participants

- Residents of Estonia, Armenia, Georgia and Turkey
- Age limit: 20-30
- Gender balance: Equal number of male and female participants will be invited.
- Residents of Hungary, Armenia, Georgia and Turkey.
- Priority given to participants with fewer opportunities.
- Be committed to attend the full duration of the course and implement follow up and dissemination activities after the project.
- Preferable: ability and willingness to contribute to lead a session or facilitate a group activity

Registration of participants is final only upon purchase of flight tickets and/or payment of the registration fee.

Registration fee

All participants have to pay **35 EUR registration fee**

Since **Georgian participants** will not need to purchase travel tickets (transportation will be organized by the host in Armenia) they need to transfer the registration fee in advance to Armenia as a confirmation of participation.

Accommodation and food

The project will be implemented in the frame of the Erasmus + Programme:

Accommodation and food will be covered 100% by the organizer.

In Armenia, participants will stay in JR's House Hostel <https://www.facebook.com/jrhostel> in the heart of downtown Yerevan where all major attractions are within walking distance.

Towels are available in the rooms. There is WiFi Internet Connection in the reception hall

Participants will share rooms. 3-8

Participants will be provided with three meals per day & a coffee break.

Important notice on food: Please, keep in mind, that the provided food may differ from the food you are used to have in your country, and, even in case of providing food for special groups, e.g. (if you are heavily meat eater or vegetarian) it may not fully meet your

expectations. We strongly recommend participants to inform the organizers IN ADVANCE about any special needs.

Travel and reimbursement

Travel expenses will be covered 100% according to Erasmus + limits as follow:

Country	Calculated start city	Maximum Reimbursement amount
Estonia	Hiumaa	EUR 270
Armenia	Yerevan	EUR 0
Georgia	Tbilisi	Fully covered due to short distance
Turkey	Istanbul	EUR 170



Important! Please read carefully!



- **Maximum reimbursement amount** is the maximum amount a participant can be reimbursed. Anything above this amount will have to be covered by the participant.
- **To be reimbursed:** Participants must fill in the reports and provide the following documents latest 2 weeks after the training:
 1. Tickets (Airline, bus, train, etc): Original or electronic
 2. Invoice
 3. Flight boarding passes
- **Travel will be reimbursed via bank transfer** after the project and after submission of all travel documentation including return boarding passes (Does not apply to Georgia)
- **Calculated Start city** is the point where travel distance is calculated in the project. While you may start your travel from anywhere in your country, if your start location is not the city mentioned above then you need to provide organizers with some other information. If this is the case, please consult with organizers
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For Participants from Georgia

We will schedule a bus to pick all Georgian Participants from Tbilisi center and bring to Yerevan. Return will also be organized. Further details will be provided.

For Participants from Turkey



Direct flights from Istanbul to Yerevan are offered at 180 EUR as of from AtlasGlobal (<https://www.atlasglb.com/en>).

There are also flights as low as 100 EUR from Istanbul to Kutaysi (Georgia) through AtlasGlobal from where you can take a minibus ride to Yerevan directly.

Important! See Visa notice for Turkish participants below

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Visa:

EU and CIS member state citizens do not need a visa to enter Armenia. In case of need, you can apply for e-visa here <http://www.mfa.am/eVisa/>

Please, check the validity of the passports before the departure!



Important

For Participants from Turkey: persons with regular passport only can obtain visa on the border to Armenia. Persons with "Green Passport" are not eligible to participate in this project due to impossibility to get a Visa to Armenia.

Local Money:

The Armenian Currency is called ARMENIAN DRAM. In the shops US dollars and Euros are not taken. There are many places in Yerevan where you may exchange money (from Euros and US dollars). We recommend using cash instead of credit or debit cards as fees usually have to be paid when withdrawing money in Armenia.

The approximate exchange rate is:

1 USD - 477 AMD ; 1 EUR - 529 AMD;

You can always check the exchange rate at: www.cba.am

Taxi services in Yerevan

Should you need a taxi ride from Airport to hostel in Yerevan, we can help you arrange a safe and friendly taxi ride with 10 EUR. You can also share this ride with up to 3 people. The company also issues an invoice so that this amount is calculated into your reimbursable amount. If you need one, contact organizers for more information.

Armenian Mobile Phones:

There are three mobile operators in Armenia: Beeline, VivaCell-MTS and Orange. In case you need an **Armenian Mobile/Sim card**, please inform the organizers and we'll help you get one!

Things to bring and do

Mandatory!

- Bring Healty food and drinks from your country/region for the intercultural evening (We kindly ask all participants to bring some national drinks, snacks and music from their home countries, as a contribution to the intercultural evening, please bring already prepared snacks/food, you will have possibility to cook.
- Bring sweets from your countries as we are going to have intercultural coffee breaks

- Your Country Flag
- Medicine, if you have allergies/or you periodically need medicine, please bring what you may need!
- Within 30 days after the end of the course participants must implement a dissemination activity in their country and send to projects.youth@yahoo.com a small written report with pictures and explanation.

Recommended!

- make sure you have an insurance (travel, health, accident, liability), to inform you this costs cannot be reimbursed, its fully on participants
- Music, games, photo camera, cash, Photo camera
- laptop (we will have wifi access in the reception of the hotel)

Organizers:

The EX in Armenia will be implemented by “**Youth Life**” **Educational NGO** in cooperation with its partners and is responsible for organization, administration and logistics of the training course in Armenia.

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