



Youth Exchange “All Different-All Equal”

Thessaloniki, Greece, 28.9. – 4.10.2012.

Brief description of the exchange:

The Center of Hellenic Sign Language (KENG) with the financial support of Youth in Action is planning a youth exchange which will take place in Chalkidiki and Thessaloniki, Greece, from the 28th of September until the 4th of October. For 7 days, 18 young people (half Deaf and half hearing) from Croatia, Turkey and Greece will participate in this exchange. The main themes are equality and inclusion of disabled youth in society. More specifically through our project we plan to:

1. Promote equality among Deaf and hearing from different European countries
2. Develop strong links among all the participants no matter whether they are Deaf or hearing and by doing so we hope to show a good example that people can imitate
3. Diminish stereotypes that are held from both sides
4. Invite the public to participate in an event about equality and inclusion organized by the participants
5. Create video material which will promote equality among Deaf and hearing and suggest to the public different practical ways that this can be achieved.

During the exchange we will have the support of interpreters of International Signs so that we can assure the full involvement of all participants in the project. However, we plan to allow some time where the Deaf participants can teach International Signs to the hearing participants and exchange opinions on how they can all communicate in the best possible way with the aim of empowering the more direct communication among the participants. Moreover, the program will contain icebreakers and team-building games, working in smaller teams with Deaf and hearing participants from different countries to create and present workshops or informational videos, constructive conversations in the big group and information exchange about what is happening in the different countries regarding disability.

Application process

There are 6 places for participants from Croatia, age 18+. To apply for the exchange, please fill out the application form provided and send it to Croatian partner Syncro – Synergy Croatia at **synergy@synergy-croatia.com**. Application deadline is **5.9.2012**.

Costs

This is a Youth in Action project that covers 100 % of costs of food and accommodation, and 70% of travel expenses. Please make sure you keep the original invoices and tickets as well as boarding passes to receive a full reimbursement.

Schedule of the Exchange

Day 1 28/09	Day 2 29/09	Day 3 30/09	Day 4 01/10	Day 5 02/10	Day 6 03/10	Day 7 04/10	Day 8 05/10
	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	
Arrivals	Ice breaking games	Team building activities	Workshops on the use of webpages	Free time-getting to know Chalkidiki	Departure to Thessaloniki	Visit Kemal Ataturk's house and other important landmarks of Thessaloniki And Visit to "Mediterranean Cosmos"	Departures
Arrivals	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
Meeting with all participants and team leaders at a meeting point in Thessaloniki	Workshop on International signs	"ask me what you want to know"	Information about the main theme of the forthcoming event	Free time-getting to know Chalkidiki	Hip hop bus and sight-seeing with interpreter of international signs	Giving the Youth passes to all participants at Cosmos' amphitheater	
Departing to Chalkidiki	Workshop about the Deaf culture	Separating in teams and preparation time for brief theatrical shows.	Splitting in smaller teams with different responsibilities for the event	Event organized and presented by the participants (inviting the local community to participate in the event and get to know the participants)	Visit to the school of teaching sign language ("KENG")	Dinner	
Informing about	Workshop	Presentation from every	Preparation	Event and	Visit to the Deaf club	Event organized by the	

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