International Seminar

“DIY – Do It Yourself, Do It as a Youth-worker – creative solutions for unemployment among young artists”

13-19 September 2015, Wolimierz (Poland)

Info Pack for PARTICIPANTS
“The job is what you do when you are told what to do. The job is showing up at the factory, following instructions, meeting spec, and being managed.

Someone can always do your job a little better or faster or cheaper than you can.

The job might be difficult, it might require skill, but it's a job.

Your art is what you do when no one can tell you exactly how to do it. Your art is the act of taking personal responsibility, challenging the status quo, and changing people.

I call the process of doing your art 'the work.' It's possible to have a job and do the work, too. In fact, that's how you become a linchpin.

The job is not the work.”

— Seth Godin, *Linchpin: Are You Indispensable?*
Dear participant,

We are really very happy, that You will come to the Seminar and ALL of US will have chance to meet, exchange experience and learn from each other!

We do not put unrealistic aims to overcome unemployment in the world. However, we aim to bring together people with common concern about employment in art sphere and fresh ideas and strong will to change something .... - and to find creative solutions that can be implemented locally and succesfully

Every participant is Co-creator of International seminar “DIY – Do It Yourself, Do It as a Youth-worker – creative solutions for unemployment among young artists”. Everyone is welcomed to lead workshops, discussions - We are looking forward to meeting You!

With warm greetings

Stacja Wolimierz Team
GENERAL INFORMATION

ORGANISER
Foundation for the Support of Alternative and Ecological Cultures (Poland)

PROJECT FUNDED BY
Erasmus+, EU program for education, training, youth and sport
http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus

THEME
Solutions for unemployment among young artists

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES
Armenia, Belarus, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Egypt, Georgia, Italy, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine

NUMBER OF PAX
30

DATES AND DURATION
7 days, 13th – 19th of September 2015.

Arrival day - 13th of September,
Departure day - 20th of September

VENUE
Mountain village Wolimierz, Poland.
ABOUT THE SEMINAR

The main aim – through exchange of experiences, practical workshops, inspiring discussions – to make PARTICIPANTS aware of what kind of mentoring and support require artists, so to gain/maintain employment;

Seminar aims to support personal/professional development of participants, by improving their mentor /couch competences, discovering own strengths and gaps

All the Seminar activities will be carried out with methods of non-formal education, in the context of Self-directed learning :
Interactive discussions, Practical workshops on art-therapy, entrepreneurial education, Youth empowerment and Self-empowerment
Tools : simulation/role games, drama/theatre tools, inspirational meetings with local art entrepreneurs and yoga in the morning =)

In the end of Seminar participants will create electronic Manual for Youth workers, that are eager to support employability of young/future artists” containing advices/ methods/ inspiring conclusions developed during Seminar.

During the seminar participants will lead Open workshops for local young artists

During the Seminar participants will lead workshops/activities on the topics connected with the theme of Seminar

PARTICIPANT PROFILE

☒ there is No Age limit
☒ to have strong motivation and knowledge on seminar topic
☒ to be voluntary and/or professional youth worker, teacher, couch working directly with artists or to be an artist that are interested in the topic of employment – with some interesting ideas and creative approaches
☒ to have possibilities to implement Seminar results/outcomes after coming back home
☒ to be available to attend the full duration of seminar
☒ to have a good level of spoken and written English
☒ to possess passion for exploration and willingness to play
ABOUT THE PLACE

The Seminar will take place in Wolimierz - a mountain village in Lower Silesia, south-western Poland.

The village has an approximate population of 317, no ATM and amazing night sky with astonishing stars.

Activities will take place at Wolimierz Station (in Polish - Stacja Wolimierz)

Stacja Wolimierz is authentic railway station that at the moment functions as an alternative eco-art center.

In 1991 a group of young puppet actors came to the village Wolimierz and started to live in destroyed, but beautiful village at the foot of the Izery Mountains. Young activists started Foundation and thanks to hard work, soon the ruined premises of the former train station turned into alternative eco & arts center –Stacja Wolimierz.

Abandoned rooms are turned into theater hall with a stage, gallery for exhibitions, café, guest rooms with facilities, space for art and music workshops; around the station: biodynamic garden, camp field and open places for creation and imagination .... Railway platform in front of the Station turned into open stage ...and of course there are forest, meadow and mountains...

With the help of hundreds of friends, volunteers from all over the world, Station became a truly unique place in Poland.

Everyone can come to the Station and get involved in its everyday life. To plan and create space, cook, organize events and share living space together... Station exists on voluntary basis and intercultural environmental exchange... Here there is integration between local community and great artists, farmers and youth, volunteers from all over the world, circus performers, actors, musicians, travelers, good people...
PROJECT DETAILS

PROJECT COSTS
The food, accommodation and all other project costs will be fully provided and paid by the organizers.

TRAVEL COSTS
70% of travels costs are paid by the organizers. Please, check the attached table of travel costs per country. All the calculations were made by Erasmus + distance calculator http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance_en.htm
As organizers, we do not have any influence on the amount of travel costs – it is calculated automatically according to the "google map distance" between Your home town and Stacja Wolimierz
30% of travel costs have to be paid by participant

According to rules of Erasmus + Program You are kindly asked u to use only 2nd class of trains or plains or buses.

ACCOMODATION
Participants will live in guest house «Dom Goscinny PRZYDEBIE».
Participants will stay in rooms for 2 people.
THE ADDRESS:
Wolimierz 58, 59-814 Wolimierz, Poland
Tel. +48 (0) 507 107 354
E-mail: agro@przydebie.pl http://www.przydebie.pl/

FOOD
Participants will get 3 meals per day.
There is possibility to have vegan and/or vegetarian food, from local farmers and cooked by local “Queen of healthy and eco-food”

★ Checklist – what you need to bring with You:

☑️ PROOF OF ALL THE TRAVEL EXPENSES you wish to reclaim:

If you come by plane, please be sure to bring evidence of the sum actually paid (invoice, copy of credit card slip) and a copy of the ticket and your boarding passes, or in the case of an email booking, the print out of the reservation confirmation and financial transaction, and also boarding passes;
DO KEEP ALL FLIGHT/TRAIN/BUS TICKETS, BOARDING CARDS, INVOICES ETC WITH YOU !!!

☑️ Warm clothes, because its Poland, because its autumn
* but plz don’t get crazy, don’t bring winter clothes, “autumn” doesn’t mean “winter”, and “Poland” doesn’t mean “The North Pole” hahaha =) ☺

☑️ Comfortable shoes for walking in village realities and comfortable clothes for freely moving in the space

☑️ Things typical for your country – national food, drinks for intercultural evening, something interesting ….

☑️ Electronic and physical material of/on your organization to make a little presentation of your organization