



CONTEXT

The lack of motivation of young people to be involved in community development is one of the ongoing challenges of contemporary Europe. Especially passive participation of youth in social and civic life of community is observed in rural and deprived areas. It is becoming of essential importance to integrate rural areas in society and promote active citizenship of its residents.

Development of stronger communities is highly interlinked with an increase of active participation and inclusion of young people in their community life. In this sense there is a constant need for innovative methods, which would ease the process of youth's involvement and also give them an inspiring environment to develop their potential. There are several methods to increase the role of youth in social life of community. And the one proved to be successful in this sphere is participatory community art method.

Community art activities allow participants to engage with art in a unique way and experience different forms of artwork, that also reflect the needs of current community. Community art brings together all collective ideas and initiatives through creative and artistic actions fostering positive change in the society.

Participation and active involvement of all community members in the creation process is an essential element of success and development. Each member is included in the process with the forms of art expression they feel comfortable and competent. Community art is different from public and urban art with its participatory and social change components.

Despite the usefulness and potential described above, participatory community art methods are not very wide spread and far away of being in the standard tool box of youth workers. This field is still underdeveloped especially in the EECA region and it would be therefore highly beneficial to educate multipliers in this field.

The proposed TC "Let's Create ART Together" therefore wants to gather 27 youth workers and youth leaders from program and EECA partner countries to explore the potential of community art methods in (international) youth work.

"LET'S CREATE ART TOGETHER" TC

PROJECT DETAILS

Dates: 5 – 14 May 2017

Place: Tsaghkadzor, Armenia

Working language: English

Submission date: October 4

Partners: 5 from program countries + 5 from EECA region

Type: KA1, Training course

Applicant organisation:

ABROADSHIP.ORG (UK)

Hosting organisation:

**UNIGROWTH
DEVELOPMENT
CENTER (ARMENIA)**

OBJECTIVES

- To equip youth worker and leader from Program and EECA partner countries with the knowledge and competences to use community art methods in their work with young people
- To give the tools to the participants on organization of community art events, which they will be able to apply in their local context
- To form a network among like-minded organisations and individuals with an interest in long-term cooperation in the field of the training
- To develop follow-up projects for young people, which will make use of the new knowledge and competences gained during the training

NEXT STEPS

If you are interested in becoming a partner in the project, please fill in the following online application form until **September 5th, 2017**.

<http://tinyurl.com/jaf8mbm>

PARTICIPANTS PROFILE

Youth workers and youth leaders:

- involved in community work
- having previous experience in the field of social work or youth work with young people
- interested in learning how to use community art as an inclusion method with their target groups
- interested in developing further co-operation and follow - up projects with social change component for young people
- being able to communicate fluently in English.

THE ROLE OF PARTNERS

For detailed information about the requirements and the role of partner organization, please have a look at the following document:

<http://tinyurl.com/j3vxo2s>

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