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Think Like Nature

A project under Erasmus+ Youth Key Action 1: Mobility of Youth Workers

CALL FOR PARTNERS

A project with 3 training courses

„Emotional Intelligence with Forest School” in United Kingdom – May 2017

„Sustainability with Permaculture” in Romania – August 2017

„Lifestyle with Alternative Sustainable Communities” in Spain – October 2017

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Length:

- 7 days in May 2017 for „Emotional Intelligence with Forest School” in United Kingdom
- 12 days in August 2017 for „Sustainability with Permaculture” in Romania
- 7 days in October 2017 for „Lifestyle with Alternative Sustainable Communities” in Spain

Participants, trainers and team: for each training 24 participants from 8 NGOs + 2-3 trainers + 2 local team members. For every training there will be a new selection of the participants and new set of trainers and team members.

Participants contribution: €30 per participant

Place of trainings: United Kingdom, Romania, Spain

Target group: We want to gather youth educators and workers, project leaders, facilitators, trainers, NGO representatives, teachers, volunteers, staff members and other multipliers, who are already involved in non-formal youth education, environmental and community project and in social work, who want to learn “forest school”, “permaculture” and “think like nature” methods, and also new ways how to approach youth and motivate them to be active in their community and contribute to the community.

What to expect: The ultimate goal of this project is to deconstruct and reconstruct together with participants (youth leaders and youth workers), partners and other involved parties (communities and guest speakers) the elements of “Think Like Nature”, offering a fundamentally strong and applicable framework, which is based on innovative non-formal education, nature- and community- inclusive methods that youth leaders and youth workers could use in their work and daily life.

Partners and participants should expect project to be practical, based on real problems and needs, and offer competences and skills that are applicable in participant’s work with youth and personal and community life.

A research* of 24 children from 7 different Forest Schools in UK over 8 months period shows improvements in the children's confidence, motivation and concentration, language, communication and physical skills.

One of the primary objective of the project is to explore the concepts and methodologies of "Think Like Nature", "Emotional Intelligence with Forest School", "Sustainability with Permaculture", "Lifestyle with Alternative Sustainable Communities", and find out together methods, actions and events, which can boost youth's self-awareness, self-esteem, self-development and consequently community development with the help of the nature.

Partners: We are searching for pro-active partners, who connected to environmental projects and preferably participated in the projects related to "Forest School", "Permaculture" or "Alternative Communities". We would like to have long term partnership, which would outgrow the current project to other projects. As a result, we would like to see active dissemination of the results.

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If you want to be partners:

1. Fill the document „[Partnership-form.doc](#)";
2. Send document as soon as possible, not later than **17th August 2016**, to hello@abroadship.org;
3. We will let your organisation know by **24th August 2016**;
4. If selected, we will ask to fill the [Mandate](#) with correct data, signed, stamped, scanned (if project gets approved, it will be necessary to send the Mandate by post);
5. We will ask for an active collaboration and further actions with the selected partners.