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# SYMPOSIUM

> AN OUTDOOR YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME <

Hopeland, Argos, Greece

3-10 MAY 2018

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# INTRODUCTION

▼ Come back with us against the stream of time. In the ancient age when nature was still wild and, old Gods were powerful.



Visit the cradle of Western society, ancient Greece and its biggest city-states. Become the hero of your nation - a wise Delphian, a powerful Spartan, a clever Athenian or a masterful Corinthian - and enter eternal struggle in the heart of the country which can unite only when facing a bigger danger.

▲ Meet the Gods, build your name, be the driving force of unpredictable events and stand together with your fellowship in all your glory for the final Symposium.

# METHODS & APPROACH

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## LARP

Live Action Roleplay

We are using a method inspired inspired by live action role-play & simulation games where everyone can become a hero of free people in Ancient Greece.

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## OUTDOORS

as a tool for learning

We use outdoors as a learning process. What can be more powerful tool to connect with others other than checking your resources and cooking for your meal outdoors?

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## LEARNING BY INVOLVMENT

The experiential method is here to allow each participant to create a unique experience based on their involvment in the learning process.

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## COMMUNITY LEARNING

“Our strength will grow through community”

We use the exapmple of a community in an ancient Greek city-state and learn more about diversity and inclusion. Create specific story, become challenged and share your skills with others.

## HOW WE DO IT?



### **MORE FACTS ABOUT SYMPOSIUM**

- ▶ Inclusion of everyone from various backgrounds, places and social groups
- ▶ Community, challenges and nature are elements you should expect
- ▶ Spend a week outdoors with 40 participants from Greece, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Italy, Lithuania, Latvia and Spain.
- ▶ Reveal your powers and become a hero of free people in Ancient Greece

## WHEN?



### ARRIVAL

**2nd of May until 16:00**

You have to be able to reach the centre of Athens by 16:00 when our bus will depart to Hopeland. Arriving later is not an option.

### PROGRAMME

**3rd to 10th of May**

The programme is taking place outdoors in the fields of Hopeland and it does not include touristic parts. If you want to visit Greece extend your travels up to 2 days on your own costs

### DEPARTURE

**11th of May after 13:00**

There will be a bus taking you to Athens centre and airport arriving at 11:00 the earliest at the airport. Leaving earlier is impossible.



## PRACTICALS

### **COSTS**

Accommodation, food and training materials are provided through co-funding from Erasmus+ programme.

### **PARTICIPANTS' CONTRIBUTION**

We ask from participants to contribute to the programme by investing 50€. We are open to alternative ways of contribution. This programme is for everyone

### **TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT**

Latvia, Lithuania, Spain 360€, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Rep and Italia 275€ & Greece 180€.

FOR WHOM?

# TARGET GROUP

## THIS PROGRAMME IS FOR YOU IF:

- You are coming from Greece, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Rep., Italy, Latvia, Lithuania or Spain.
- You are 18-30 years old (one exemption per country possible)
- You are willing to live and learn outdoors for a week (meaning basic conditions: tent, outdoor cooking, limited shower)
- You are willing to be part of a learning community
- You are interested in LARP (live action roleplay) activities

*\*Priority will be given to people with fewer opportunities to participate in programmes like this.*

THE PLAYERS

## WHERE?

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# HOPELAND

### THE PLACE

Hopeland is situated on a hill near the village Malandreni which is 4 km away. Basically, it is in the middle of nowhere because in the nearest village you can find only a few small shops for limited shopping and coffee. The nearest town is Argos which is 12 km away where you can find anything from small shops to supermarkets, banks, post office, and bus station.

Hopeland itself is located inside a 7.7-acre piece of land, with age-long olive trees, other fruit trees as well as native herbs and it is surrounded by a forest and boasts for 5 oversize yew trees (which are protected by the local Forest Protection Service), as well as a 400-year-old oak tree.

There is an organic farm and some chickens in the garden. In the area, there is a lot of greenery, old oaks, olive trees and almond trees and in general mediterranean flora which makes the venue a real sustainable place.

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Food will be only vegetarian, because of the sustainability focus of the venture, however, it will include every kind of food group like vegetables, eggs, fruits, dairy, bread with all the essential nutrients, such as carbohydrates, fats, proteins, vitamins, or minerals. We will take into consideration any specific diets of the participants, food intolerances and allergies. The food material will be locally produced in the farm or it will be locally sourced.

The training site of Hopeland is an alcohol-free and drug-free area. We believe that human beings can reach the utmost of their potential without consumption of substances.



### ABOUT HOPELAND



## WHO?

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## THE NGO

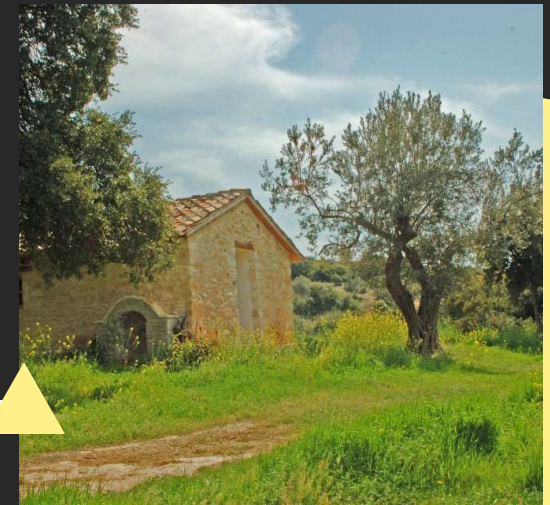
Hopeland-Elpidohori is a venture that aims at creating and supporting activities for parents and children regarding the Environment, Tradition, Culture and Personal Development, while also promoting sustainability in all levels. It aims at setting an example of self-sufficiency.

Some of its main objectives are natural building, natural farming, recycling, respect for nature and reducing the ecological footprint. Its facilities are also offered to other projects that share common goals and values.

## THE TEAM

Symposium is going to be facilitated by an international team of youth workers experienced in LARP, Outdoor learning and experiential learning.

They are going to be assisted by an international team of volunteers who have prior experiences in the thematics of the project





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# SYMPOSIUM

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*"The truth is that we isolate a particular kind of love and appropriate it for the name of love, which really belongs to a wider whole"*

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