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CID EVS "Ajde Makedonija"



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About Center for Intercultural Dialogue

The mission of the Association Centre for Intercultural Dialogue is to promote and support intercultural understanding and cooperation, peace and solidarity through active youth participation in the society, and especially through volunteer involvement on local and international level. The CID runs 2 youth centers in the area of Kumanovo, Macedonia involving over 2000 young people annually in long-term youth work programmes. CID is an EVS hosting and sending organization and is actively involved in the Youth in Action programme.

Objectives

1. Promoting and supporting sustainable community development through active youth participation within youth
2. Enhancing intercultural dialogue and cooperation locally and internationally
3. To implement equal opportunities policy
4. Providing sustainable development of the organisation and organisational structure
5. To improve public and international relation

CID is a member of SCI and YEU International and supporter of UNITED against racism.

Within the project the hosting organization Center for Intercultural Dialogue is involved in providing EVS trainings for SALTO SEE RC. The CID has hosted over 15 volunteers (on long-term and short term EVS) in the past years and has managed to accumulate these experiences into several internal guidelines such as Mentor guidelines, support for EVS guidelines and list of in-house trainings for EVS volunteers in CID. Jointly with the EU partners the organizations involved are experienced in working with the European Voluntary Service and in this regards are able to identify which are the next steps needed to increase the quality of EVS projects. The CID is promoting volunteering since 2006, currently developing the municipal strategy and volunteer service in Kumanovo.

About the Project

The Project "Ajde Makedonija: Exchange of European Experiences in Youth Work" is aiming to explore and exchange best practices in the field of youth work development in the region of Kumanovo. The volunteers will learn how to contribute to creating links between youth policy, youth research and young people by providing educational workshops and information services for youth from disadvantaged areas (rural areas and suburbs). During their work the volunteers will have a chance for experiential learning (learning by doing) which will be facilitated by mentors of the hosting organization.

The activities will focus more specifically on the following aspects:

- With regards to the local community in Kumanovo:
 - To develop new tools for local youth work in interethnic groups including tools that use dance, theatre, music and drawing
 - To make youth work accessible to young people with fewer opportunities so they can benefit the most from the youth activities and can increase the quality of life in the area where they live
 - To have more lasting effects in local youth work focused on intercultural dialogue.

- With regards to the personal development of the EVS volunteers:
 - To develop competencies of volunteers to become youth workers and be able to transfer best practices from one to another organization
 - To understand how to develop quality youth work activities on local, national and international level and to be motivated to act as multipliers.

Overall the project is linked with promotion of European Citizenship through youth work as it is one of the few sustainable ways to promote the ideas of respect for Human Rights and Equal opportunities to different communities. Some of the well-developed practices in Macedonia (the MultiKulti youth center often acknowledged by UNICEF as an exemplary center) will be a great space for learning and development of the volunteers. The volunteers will work with local youth workers who are well-trained and experienced and can offer space for learning.

Art and Culture

Using art and culture in different youth work activities the volunteers will become multipliers and will share best practices among their sending and hosting organizations.

The project will have the following objectives in the hosting communities:

- To engage local youth in a diverse range of activities, such as the provision of education and youth work services that will support the local dialogue of different youth groups in Kumanovo, as well as offer space for intercultural learning and European awareness
- To provide space for sharing opinion and discussion through using artistic methods and practices (photos, theatre, wall-painting etc.)
- To improve the local intercultural dialogue - especially between the Macedonian and Albanian youth which rarely have time to meet and communicate.

Dates:

Start date of the project:

01 march 2013

End date of the project:

01 may 2013