

„Building Bridges through Theatre"

Training Course on working with asylum seekers and refugees using theater methods

Call for partners

After a successful implementation of the training course on working with refugees and asylum seekers in Switzerland this summer, we are planning to apply for a project for the second Round of the Erasmus+ programme, the deadline February, 2nd 2017. The project is a training course for youth workers and young activists already working or willing to work with **asylum seekers and refugees** in different local contexts and moreover how different **theatre methods** can be involved in such work.

We are looking for partner organizations from the programme countries and neighbouring countries willing to be actively participating and involved during the whole project. Please have a look at the description of the training course and if interested, get back to us as soon as possible.

The training course «**Building Bridges through theater**» will gather 30 participants, interested in the topic for 7 days willing to learn more and ready to develop workshops and multiply the effect of the training back in their local communities.

Information about the project «**Building Bridges through Theatre**»

Aim of the training course

The **aim** of the project is to cover the basics on the topic of forced migration and provide space for exchanging good practises from different projects, thus looking to inspire participants to create and participate in better projects in the host communities in which they would work involving different theater methods.

Topics covered

- Asylum seekers and refugees: key words and definitions
- Countries of origin of asylum seekers in Europe: history and cultural differences
- The migration routes in Europe: old and new ways
- The protection system for asylum seekers: legislation, governments and supporting NGOs



- Theater methods for working with vulnerable groups and raising awareness: forum theatre, invisible theatre, impro theatre, documentary theatre etc.
- Stereotypes and myths: in asylum seekers shoes
- Working with asylum seekers: challenges, practicalities and method
- Working with asylum seekers: applying different theatre methods
- Engagement in the field: exchange of good practices and presentation of successful projects and initiatives

Dates and venue of the training course

The training will take place in **October, 2017** (5 full working days and two days - 1 arrival and 1 departure days) in Bulgaria.

Profile of the participants

The training course is for representatives from organizations, willing to start to work or currently working with asylum seekers and refugees.

Working language of the activities – English

Travel costs - Reimburse of the travel tickets will be done according to the rules of the Erasmus+ programme based on distance calculation and at receipt of original documents.

(Distance band calculator, 100-499 km = 180 euro, 500-1999 km = 275 euro, 2000-2999 km = 360 euro, 3000-3999 km = 530 euro, 4000-7999 km = 820 euro)

Insurance should be organized by the participants themselves.

All participants will receive **Youthpass** upon successful completion of the training.

If you are interested in becoming a partner organization and send 2 or 3 motivated participants to the training, please send the attached Partner identification form and Mandate letter (stamped, signed and scanned) by 30th January 5pm CET to cvs.katerina@gmail.com

We will need the original mandate letter as well, to be sent to:

CVS-Bulgaria
P.O.Box 140
1113 Sofia
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For any further questions, please contact us at cvs.katerina@gmail.com

About the “Building Bridges” WG

The Working group is informal: it has been born in June 2015 during a seminar in Switzerland in June and currently doing its first baby steps towards reaching the following goals:

- International Coordination of SCI projects on refugees and asylum seekers
- Working on Communication and visibility
- Maintaining Members Area and knowledge management
- Encouraging involvement of branches and partners in projects in the field
- Facilitate new meetings, making sure that possible trainings and seminars take place and facilitate the follow-up of funding ideas.
- Sharing the [Toolkit](#) with good working practices created during the seminar.

To follow BB WG campaign please click [here](#)

Information about CVS-Bulgaria

CVS-Bulgaria is a non-governmental organisation that has been working in the field of international volunteer exchange since 1998 and was officially registered in 2002 as an organisation working in public benefit. CVS-Bulgaria is a branch of the international peace and volunteer-exchange network of Service Civil International (SCI - www.sciint.org) and a full member of South Eastern European Youth Network (SEEYN - www.seeyn.org).

CVS-Bulgaria aims to promote the values of volunteer work through organising variety of voluntary activities; to motivate young people to be active and participate in volunteer actions - thus taking part in the development of the civil society; to promote and support intercultural understanding and solidarity, social justice and environment preservation.

Main activities of CVS-Bulgaria are: organising short- and longterm volunteer projects, youth exchanges, trainings, hosting and sending volunteers for projects in public benefit in Bulgaria, Europe and the world, as well as working in partnership with other NGOs on local and international level to promote volunteering as a tool for active citizenship.

Since 2010 we are developing **The Refugee project** (www.refugeeproject.eu) - a local project connected with asylum seekers and refugees, in cooperation with Caritas Sofia. Yearly more than 100 local volunteers work in the project which beneficiaries are more than 1000 asylum seekers within different age and ethnic groups. Each volunteer is dedicating at least two hours per week over a minimum period of 4 months. We have different activities (Bulgarian and English lessons, but also art workshops, music activities, sport and games sessions, IT lessons, maths and science and cookery) in all three refugee camps in Sofia - Ovcha Kupel, Voenna Rampa and Vrazhdebna. Over the year we organize excursion and different raising awareness campaigns. Since 2010 we are

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