

YOUTH VOICE: We Are Shapers, Not Listeners



Training for Youth Workers: Engage for a Greener Future

**“The greatest threat to our planet
is the belief that someone else will save it.”**

– Robert Swan

GENERAL INFO:

PLACE AND DATE: Nordfyn Højskole, Denmark, November 11th-15th 2019

PARTICIPANTS: 18 youth workers (3 from each organization)

COUNTRIES: Netherlands, Greece, Romania, Portugal, Lithuania, Denmark

LANGUAGE: The working language will be English

OBJECTIVES: (1) to equip youth workers with the skills and methods to engage youth with decision makers on environmental issues; (2) to share ideas and best practices on youth and civic engagement on climate change; (3) to brainstorm and share ideas for a more detailed planning of the next phases of the project; (4) to build and international network of youth workers committed to youth engagement on environmental issues

SUMMARY

This project represents a 4-phase process working towards youth engagement on climate change and environmental issues on the personal, community, and political levels. First and foremost, the project seeks to build the capacity of European youth to initiate and advocate for policy changes that push for a greener future.

During this first phase of the project, youth workers will gather for a training on methods that address youth engagement and active citizenship in the decision-making process regarding climate change.

These initial participants will then return to their home countries ready to mobilize a larger group of youth in preparation for an exchange which will take place in the spring. During this mobilization phase, participants will identify local environmental problems which they will work with during the exchange. In turn, the youth exchange will bring together 60 participants who will work with various non-formal learning methods to create action plans for advocacy to take back again to their local contexts. Lastly, participants will implement their ideas in their home countries and create reports and outputs which will be shared on the projects Facebook page.

ACTIVITIES AND METHODS

The Youth Work Training will be conducted using non-formal education methods including role play, team building, thematic workshops, plenary discussion, creative thinking, field trips, and group work.

The first goal of the training is to prepare participants to mobilize youth in their local context for the Youth Exchange that will occur later in the project. Participants will gain practical knowledge and experience in how to generate political engagement and active citizenship related to climate change.

The second goal is to brainstorm and plan for the future phases of the project, including the local mobilization phase, the Youth Exchange, and the implementation phase.

The topics of the training will include youth engagement, active citizenship, problem identification, solution building, debate, awareness raising and advocacy & mobilization strategies.

The training will include a strong social aspect allowing participants to network, share ideas and best practices, build friendships and learn about other cultures, customs, and environmental issues facing various regions in Europe.

PARTNERS

ORGANIZERS:

Crossing Borders is a Copenhagen-based NGO that has been working since 1999 towards creating space for dialogue, peace-building, and active citizenship by providing high-quality educational activities for youth, educators, and media across the globe. The organization aims to encourage the crossing of all types of borders, from the personal to the geographic, cultural, generational, professional and beyond. All projects and activities at Crossing Borders revolve around the values of diversity and exchange, always on equal terms. These activities can be broken down into four main programs which are (1) international projects, (2) volunteer program, (3) school services, and (4) global studies at Krogerup Højskole. Through these programs Crossing Borders provides an impartial space for dialogue and capacity building that empowers youth to take part in the positive development processes of their respective societies, encourages co-existence, and promotes best-practices and idea sharing.

Our website: <http://crossingborders.dk/>

THE TRAINING WILL HOST 18 PARTICIPANTS FROM THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS:

COUNTRY:	ORGANIZATION:
Lithuania	European Social Entrepreneurship and Innovative Studies Institute WEBSITE: www.europe.institute.com
Netherlands	Stitching Youth For Mobility WEBSITE: youthformobility.com
Greece	Entrepreneurship and Social Economy Group Website: www.ekgreece.com
Romania	Asociatia Young Initiative WEBSITE: www.younginitiative.org
Portugal	Novo Mundo WEBSITE: www.facebook.com/gj.novomundo
Denmark	Crossing Borders WEBSITE: www.crossingborders.dk

PARTICIPANTS:

Participants for the training should have interest, passion, and some experience in the youth work field. They should be concerned and knowledgeable about environmental issues and policies, especially in their local contexts. **Participants should be committed to the full length of the project and should be prepared and willing to carry out the subsequent phases of the project** including the mobilization aspect, attendance at the Youth Exchange if within the age limit, and the implementation aspect. Participants should be above 18 years of age.

TRAVEL COSTS

According to new Erasmus+ rules, the reimbursement of travel costs will be calculated used a specific program called Distance Calculator:

Country of Origin	Country of Destination	No. of Participants	Travel Grant per Participant
Lithuania	Denmark	3	275.00 EUR
Portugal	Denmark	3	360.00 EUR
Romania	Denmark	3	275.00 EUR
Netherlands	Denmark	3	275.00 EUR
Greece	Denmark	3	360.00 EUR
Denmark	Denmark	3	20.00 EUR

TICKET PURCHASE: Once participants have been selected by the partner organization, their information including name, email, and phone number should be sent to the lead organizer at Crossing Borders. The organizer will coordinate directly with the participants about ticket purchase and Crossing Borders will buy the tickets directly. This is done in order to streamline the process and avoid bureaucratic hassles of reimbursement, bank transfers, etc.

In accordance with the guidelines of Erasmus+ **travel must be realized within two days before or after the training.** Accommodation and activities during any additional stay will not be covered by the project.

VENUE AND ACCOMODATIONS

THE VENUE for the event will be Nordfyns Højskole on the Danish island of Fyn. A højskole is essentially a type of non-formal boarding school for adults which encourages holistic learning and personal growth. Højskole are a unique and essential part of the Danish education system. Nordfyns in particular is an international højskole that hosts students from around the world each semester, as well as Danish students. The northern part of the island of Fyn gives a beautiful and peaceful setting for the training surrounded by nature and countryside.

ADDRESS: Fælledvej 11, 5400 Bogense, Denmark

WEBSITE: <https://nordfyns.nu/en/>

ACCOMODATIONS Nordfyns Højskole will also provide the site for accommodations. There will be 3 participants to a room.

GETTING HERE

If it is possible to arrive by train or bus, this is of course preferable from a climate standpoint! Please consider this option seriously if it is at all realistic for your organization given the distance. Trains and busses will deliver you directly to Copenhagen's Central Station where organizers can meet you and guide you to the venue or hostel.

If you are flying, it is best to fly into **Copenhagen Airport, Kastrup.**

FROM THE AIRPORT TO NORDFYN take the regional train DSB to Odense Banegård Center (Odense Central Station). The ride should take about 1 hour and 40 mins. From there, take the 191 bus towards Bogense and get off at Harritslevvej (Nordfyn Kommune). The ride will take 30 mins. The school is located 450 meters from the Harritslevvej bus stop.

As we get closer to the training, we will do our best to organize that as many participants as possible arrive around the same time so that we can all travel to Fyn together. More information to come.

WHAT TO BRING

1. Tickets, boarding passes, and invoices for flights, trains, and busses taken to reach the destination
2. Medicine and insurance
3. Personal belongings such as towels, hygienic and cosmetic products
4. Warm clothes and rain jacket - typical temperatures in Copenhagen in November average between 4 and 7 degrees Celsius
5. Traditional food or drink from your country to share with the group
6. Bed linens or sleeping bags (if you need help with this, let us know!)

HEALTH INSURANCE

Health insurance is not provided by the project and cannot be reimbursed.

However, it is of the utmost importance that participants are safe and insured. **It is the responsibility of each partner organization to make sure that their participants have proper insurance.** We strongly recommend that all participants get the European Health Insurance Card, which works here in Denmark and to have travel insurance.

You can apply for free for the European Health Insurance Card here:

<https://www.ehic.org.uk/Internet/startApplication.do>

Prior to arrival, the organizers will ask for proof of insurance from all partner organizations.

FOOD

All food will be provided by Nordfyns Højskole.

In keeping with the climate-change focus of this project, we will try to ensure that all meals provided by the project will be Vegetarian.

If you have any dietary needs, such as allergies, gluten intolerance, religious dietary restrictions, etc. please inform the organizers at least 3 week prior to arrival.



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IN DENMARK!**