

TRAINING COURSE
“COMMUNICATION WITH NO WORDS”
IVANČICE, CZECH REPUBLIC
(DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION 31st OF JULY 2017)

BASIC DATA

Place: Ivancice, Czech Republic

Arrival day: 07.10.2017 (Saturday)

Departure day: 15.10.2017 (Sunday)

Activity days: 08.10.-14.10.2017

Hosting organization: Stredisko volneho casu Ivancice

Working language: English

ABOUT ORGANIZERS

Stredisko volneho casu Ivancice is a centre for leisure time activities. It provides a special – interest education and services in the area of upbringing, education and edification for the general public. It works with children, youth and adults. It prepares for them hobby groups, occasional and open events, holiday and spontaneous activities. It establishes Youth clubs and Information Youth Centre. It participates in national and international projects. It hosts EVS volunteers from 2009.

Academy of innovation appeared as informal movement in 2013, as reaction to the current needs of young people of different regions of Russia. Since 2015 organisation was registered, in order to provide more educational opportunities for youth, especially intercultural and international projects which impact is so valuable in the current social and political situation. The organisation was established by youth workers, representatives from business and educational sectors willing to cooperate together for common good.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

There's no denying the fact that communication is one of the greatest people's abilities. On the one hand, it is a form of self-expression, discussion, negotiation, problem solving, conflict management and many others. Through communication, we can transfer out thoughts, attitude and message to others. Moreover, it is the interaction between the individual and society.

On the other hand, ability to communicate is not a universal remedy to the world's main challenges. Conflict is one of the side effects of inefficient communicational process, and even in modern progressive and advanced society, we face a lot of problems caused by misunderstanding, lack of empathy, lack of respect, non-constructive expression of emotions and feelings, and simply by lack of communication skills. If verbal communication is, something that we have more control of, non-verbal communication is often a “blind spot”, something that we are less to be aware. However, though it we almost always show our real emotions, thoughts and feelings, even if we want to hide them As a result, the messages we transmit through body language sometimes contradict the oral message, and might cause conflict and misunderstandings.

Nevertheless, we truly believe that all the biggest world's problems could be solved simply by ability to communicate with each other meaningfully.

Nowadays our society has been dealing with many challenges and young people as one of the most vulnerable groups that often reacts to those challenges not in a constructive way, by violent protests, sympathizing to radical and extremist movements, showing violent behavior towards migrants and marginalized groups.

With this LTTC, we'd like to tackle the competence of youth workers to build and to facilitate the meaningful communication process with young people with marginalized background.

One of our main aims for this project is to foster non-violent communication in educational process addressing current challenges such as intercultural dialogue in the work with refugees or preventing radicalization of young people through different forms of art including drawings, sketching, comics, different forms of theatre, dance etc.

OBJECTIVES of the training course

- To discuss youth work realities in different countries and ways of communication with multicultural groups
- To discuss what non-violent communication is its features and ways to ensure it in different youth work settings. To share positive and negative practices among participants.
- To discover different layers of meaningful communication: rational, emotional and kinesthetic and to experience them.
- To reflect on the effects of non-verbal communication, and how it's linked with the personal attitudes;
- To become conscious about personal body language when working in multicultural environment;
- To explore different forms of art that can serve building a non-violent communication process in the multicultural groups.
- To discuss benefits and limits of various communication tools

This LTTC will consist of two phases:

First activity will be focusing on exploring visual tools of communication such as drawing, sketching, doodling, etc., if approved it will take place 7 – 15 of October 2017 in Czech Republic. We expect our participants to focus on self-expression and communication through art. They will try to convey different emotions by using color and form.

The second activity is a continuation of the first part, but it will be dedicated to plastic kinds of art (theatre, dance and bodyworks), so the participants will learn to express themselves using their body and voice, will become aware of personal body language and self-expression. If the training is granted, we expect it to happen 14 – 22 of April 2018, in the Czech Republic.

PARTICIPATION

Countries: Russia, Turkey, Ukraine, Czech Republic, Poland, Germany, Croatia, Hungary, Georgia, Latvia, Belarus, Italy

Participants: 24 participants after 2 (over 18 years old), 2 Russian trainers, 2 Czech organizers

It is required to participate throughout the duration of activity and do not come later or do not leave the activity earlier.

THE PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

The training course is open for youth leaders, youth workers dealing with young people, staff from NGOs and active volunteers.

Criteria for selection:

- Some experience in the topic of youth empowerment and high motivation to explore this topic
- Shared expectations and clearly defined learning needs
- Openness for and appreciation of non-formal learning process in high diversity context
- Commitment to go through whole long-term learning process including responsibility for self-directed learning & learning outcomes as well high level of motivation and discipline, ability to deal with procrastination that might appear during the on-line learning phase
- Commitment to reflect on personal learning process and ability to assess critically learning outcomes
- High commitment for follow-up activities and networking

TASKS TO BE DONE BEFORE

- **fill in the application form and send it till 31.7.2017 to istitutomorcelliano@gmail.com**
- book travel arrangements, ensure short-term visa (if necessary) and health insurance
- that would be great if you can also bring visual materials (photos, newspapers, posters) related with the topic for the training – we will make an activity with exploration how to “read” hidden radical messages from media, so such materials will be more that helpful

REIMBURSEMENT TRAVEL/VISA COSTS

The first financial costs of this project can be **1.7.2017**. It means that before this date it is not possible to reimburse anything.

Our organization reimburses the travel and visa costs based of **actual costs**. Travel costs to the maximum which is determined by the European Commission and visa costs by 100% to the maximum of the project budget.

Country	Maximum travel costs for one participant
Poland	180 EUR
Germany	180 EUR
Croatia	275 EUR
Hungary	180 EUR
Russia	360 EUR
Turkey	275 EUR
Georgia	360 EUR
Latvia	275 EUR
Belarus	275 EUR
Italy	275 EUR
Ukraine	275 EUR
Czech Republic	20 EUR

Country	Maximum visa costs for all group
Russia, Turkey, Georgia, Belarus, Ukraine – 12 persons	840 Euro

Participation fee: there will be 50 EURO participation fee for each stage of LTTC that will be deducted from the travel reimbursement

Visa costs

- the visa costs will be reimbursed after receiving all visa documents together with the travel costs
- the visa documents are: **ORIGINAL** bills, **ORIGINAL** or electronic bus/train tickets, invoices

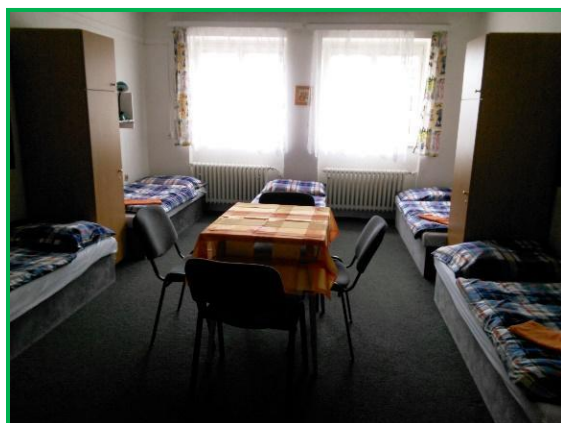
Czech Republic is in a Shenghen zone, so you need to apply for the short-term visa beforehand.

Invitation letters will be prepared as soon as we receive an application from participants.

ACCOMODATION AND FOOD

The participants will be accommodated in our organization. At the disposal 2, 3, 4, 5 beds-rooms, WC and showers are common in the corridor, WIFI in the training room, towels, bed linen.

Meals will be standard for all the participants (breakfast, coffee – breaks, lunch, dinner). Any special requests regarding the meal (e.g. vegetarian, allergies, special diet) should be communicated to the host organization before the start of the activities. Accommodation, meal and activities costs are entirely covered by the host organization





HEALTH INSURANCE

The health insurance is not provided and will not be reimbursed from the project grant. All participants are strongly advised to purchase private travel instance.