TRAINING COURSE

**ACT LOCAL, BE SOCIAL**

SUNDAY APRIL 12 – SUNDAY 19 APRIL 2019, Woodrow High House, LONDON, UK

**RECRUITMENT INFORMATION SHEET**

Are you interested in learning how to support young people to create and deliver their own social action campaigns?

Creative Opportunities is delivering a first stage training course for youth workers. We are specifically looking for people who regularly work directly with young people, in order to equip them with the necessary knowledge, understanding and tools to be able to mobilise the young people they work with to campaign on the issues that affect them. This course builds on a previous project delivered by Creative Opportunities in 2018 called [Supporting Youth to Act Local and Be Social](https://creativeopportunities.co.uk/projects/supporting-youth-act-local-be-social/), which looked more broadly at the landscape of campaigning and activism across the UK. During this course, we want to achieve several objectives:

* To learn how to tackle various indicators of inequality and under representation within your work, passing on this attitude to the young people you work with
* To reflect on and discuss issues of identity and community, to learn and collaborate together on local and wider issues that affect young people in your localities
* To develop resilience to various risks or challenges when supporting young people to undertake social action of their own in future
* To develop networks to be able to continue to catalyse positive change in your communities, through leadership, volunteering and civic participation
* To increase the professional development of youth workers across Europe to be able to address issues that affect young people

The training courseis strongly based on experiential learning (learning by doing) and non-formal education, with adequate time allocated for debriefing and reflection throughout the whole program. It will take place over one week, 6 days of training with one afternoon ‘free’. It will be an intense programme, and some activities will take place in the evening after dinner, so applicants must be available for the entire duration.

**The prospective participants (35 in total) should:**

* Work with young people to create social change
* Have an idea about what issues affect young people where they work
* Understand the importance of equality, inclusion, anti-discrimination
* Are open to meeting new people from different countries and spending an intense period of time together
* Are motivated and dedicated to learn and contribute to the training course
* Willing and ready to share the outcomes of the training course with your young people

Some of you may come with more direct experience in one or more areas, and others with less specific experiences, wishing to deepen their knowledge, and are open to changing their attitudes.

The participants should be resident[[1]](#footnote-0) of one of following countries:

**Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Germany, Greece, Italy, Latvia, North Macedonia, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Turkey.** (Priority will be given to applicants selected by the partner organisation).

**We welcome applications from people with physical and learning disabilities, Black and minority ethnic / people of colour, LGBTQ+ folk, refugees, asylum seekers, migrants, women and marginalised genders. If you require support in completing the application or wish to access it in a different format (i.e. large print, verbal), have any questions, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Creative Opportunities or the partner organisation in your country.**

**Financial aspects:**

This project is funded by Erasmus+ (KA1) of the European Union. According to its financial rules, some costs are fully covered, and others are not. Please see below for details:

**Accomodation, food and refreshments:** 100% covered

**Visa costs:** for participants who are coming from / residents of North Macedonia or Turkey will be reimbursed up to EUR 400€ per participant. This can include travel to get your visa, postage of documents, health surcharges etc.

**Travel costs:** will be reimbursed fully up to the stated amount in EUR€[[2]](#footnote-1) below. Please note this is to also cover your internal UK travel from the airport to the venue. Internal UK travel could come to up to €40 return, so please factor this in when booking your flights. You may travel up to two days before/after the training dates, however you must cover any extra food or accommodation costs[[3]](#footnote-2). If you are travelling from somewhere other than the Partner Organisation city, we will need a signed letter to explain why.

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| ***Country of residence*** | ***Cost per participant*** | ***Country of residence*** | ***Cost per participant*** |
| **UK** | €0[[4]](#footnote-3) | **Latvia** | €275 |
| **Bulgaria** | €360 | **North Macedonia** | €275 |
| **Czech Republic** | €275 | **Portugal** | €275 |
| **Estonia** | €275 | **Romania** | €275 |
| **Germany** | €275 | **Slovakia** | €275 |
| **Greece** | €360 | **Spain** | €275 |
| **Italy** | €275 | **Turkey** | €530 |

**Participation fee:** Erasmus+ is a co-funded project. To ensure we create the conditions for an impactful training course, we ask that each participant contributes €40. The participation fee can be discussed on a case by case basis e.g. if some participants are paying more than the limit for travel mentioned above, or are unable to pay. The participation fee will be taken off the amount reimbursed.

**If you are interested in taking part in this training course,** please fully fill in the application form by following this link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeq0oXmRjzowmXp6KhAQq8ZjjDi6ALmg6__ulldQtuKYfzA4Q/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1>

It is also helpful if you **contact the local partner organisation** in the country you live to tell them you are interested in applying.

**Deadline to apply is *10 February 2019.***

**For more information** please send us an email below. We suggest that you read the information presented in the call beforehand and make sure you are completely able to commit to the timeframe.

***We look forward to hearing from you!***

1. applications from people residents in other countries (regardless if they are nationals of the countries mentioned) before will not be accepted [↑](#footnote-ref-0)
2. For those who will be paying their travel in another currency to EUR€, the conversion rate will be based on the [Erasmus+ site](https://ec.europa.eu/budget/graphs/inforeuro.html) depending on the month the funding was paid into Creative Opportunities account (August 2019). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
3. UK National Agency regulations say that we can only reimburse travel costs that make up one journey. This means that the journey we can pay for must be from your home to the venue, with no unnecessary overnight stays. If you wish to travel to the UK to spend some time before the course, we will only be able to reimburse your flight costs, not your internal travel costs. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
4. Although there is no dedicated budget for UK participant travel, we will reimburse the cheapest form of travel from your place of residency to the venue and back. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)