

1968: True Love - Real Utopia

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

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What about?:	1968, Social Movements, protests, social norms, love, sexuality
When?	May 24 th to June 3 rd (Weimar, Germany) & October 7 th to October 17 th (Kalamata, Greece)
Participating countries:	France, Hungary, Italy, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Germany

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Beside this common exchange, reflections and discussions we also want to give space for creative work, getting to know each other and trying out other ways of getting in contact with nature, others and ourselves.

Additionally, to the two exchanges, there are three shorter meetings of the national groups planned: Before the first exchange, between the two exchanges and after the second exchange. They will probably take around half a day and will be planned from the national partner organizations to prepare the exchanges itself.

This project might be interesting for you, if you

- ✓ Want to think about alternative ways of living together in the history and present
- ✓ curious to reflect about love, relationships and what they have to do with our dream for a better world
- ✓ Like to meet new people from all over Europe and learn to know their background and opinion
- ✓ Are between 16 and 21 years old

It is possible, that national groups know each other or be a group already before the youth exchange, but we are also happy, if this project brings together people with shared interested who don't know each other yet.

If you have any questions, please contact the projects partner organization in your country!

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CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS (YOUTH LEADER)

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Who?:	45 participants (16-21 years) + 9 youth leaders (max. 30 years)
What about?:	1968, Social Movements, protests, social norms, love, sexuality
When?	Youth Exchange: May 24 th to June 3 rd (Weimar, Germany) & October 7 th to October 17 th (Kalamata, Greece) Planning Workshops: April 14 th to April 19 th (Weimar, Germany) and September 16 th to 21 th (Kalamata, Greece)
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For the detailed planning and preparation of the youth exchanges there are two planning workshops planned at which the youth leader take part: April 14th to April 19th (Weimar, Germany) and September 16th to 21th (Kalamata, Greece). One part of those workshops is also to support the youth leaders conducting the national group meetings (see below). Therefore, we would like the youth leaders themselves to participate in these workshops.

Role of the youth leaders:

Every national group will have approximately five participants and one group leader. The youth leaders are important for the project, because they will be

- ✓ responsible for the communication between the organizational/trainers' team and the participants before and after the youth exchanges
- ✓ support the members of their groups during the exchanges as a familiar and trustworthy person
- ✓ sometimes support the trainer's team during the exchange with the logistical aspects of a big group
- ✓ take part as regular participants in the program youth exchange (content discussions, creative workshops, other offers)

Establishing a good communication around logistical questions and a culture of trust and caring for each other already inside the national groups from the very beginning is important – especially as we will deal with very personal questions as love, sexuality, gender and relationships.

Additionally, the youth leaders should lead and moderate the three meetings of the national groups (each half a day till one day). The function of those meetings within the framework of the whole project is to build the bridges between the daily life of the participants and the exchanges. We want to avoid that our discussions stay inside the seminar rooms once we leave after the youth exchanges back to our homes. We will raise this question during the exchanges itself and the three national meetings should be the place to exchange in a familiar context about personal reflections, own project ideas, further content discussions, ...

Although we will work further on this during the planning workshops together, the youth leaders should

- ✓ have experience in pedagogical work with young people
- ✓ best have participated in an Erasmus+ training for Youth Leaders or equivalent
- ✓ be motivated to be part of the project and willing to take over the role of a youth leader as described
- ✓ be curious about the topics of utopia, history of 1968, love and relationship
- ✓ be open towards our approach to bring together political discussions with very personal reflections
- ✓ be sensitive towards the diversity of gender identities and ways of loving and living in relationships
- ✓ not be older than 30 years old

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For the youth leader, the participation in this projects offers

- ✓ interesting discussions about 1968, love and visions for a better world
- ✓ meeting interesting people from different countries including youth leaders and facilitators
- ✓ insights into how a bigger project within the Erasmus+ framework is conceptualized, planned and realized
- ✓ possibilities to develop further in the field of youth work and facilitation using the support of the trainers team for the preparation of the national group meetings and - if wanted - the opportunity to introduce own topics and try out to conduct workshops