

INFORMATION PACK FOR PARTICIPANTS

Youth Exchange "They shall all be one"
under Program "Youth in Action", Action 1.1

Aim	<p>The main aim of this Youth Exchange is to create possibilities for teenagers to know religious issues from various approaches and to promote dialogue between young people that have different religions, spiritual and humanistic traditions but also are so common and have so many united interests. All activities during Exchange will be based on informal learning methods that will foster better understanding between humans in order to challenge ignorance and prejudices and foster mutual respect.</p>
Objectives	<p>On a more theoretical basis this youth exchange will deepen youth knowledge about the major religions and give a coherent explanation of the historical development of religious ideas, institutions, and practices. During Youth Exchange trainers will tackle some key concepts as the meaning of religion, freedom of belief and freedom of worship, the individual choice not to follow any religion and not to believe in any god but also freedom of religion, religious toleration, separation of church and state.</p> <p>The following concrete objectives have been set in order to reach the aims as described above:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To provide educational support and time for the participants to share and reflect about their own experiences and knowledge in the field of inter-religious dialogue; 2. To disseminate the principles of inter-religious dialogue using different means; 3. To identify common elements in relation with the other religions that help participants built common understanding; 4. To help and support participants in improving their competence (Knowledge, Skills, Attitudes and Values) in the field of inter-religious dialogue; 5. To develop specific methods and necessary tools for better cooperation in the future.
Exchanges	<p>During the Project there are expected to implement 3 Youth exchange visits:</p> <p>2010/01/23-2010/01/30 (Iceland)</p> <p>2010/04/22-2010/04/29 (Italy)</p> <p>2010/09/04-2010/09/11 (Turkey)</p>
Participating countries	<p>Iceland, Italy, Turkey and Lithuania.</p>
Group composition	<p>10 participants and 2 leaders from one country.</p>

Participating organisations	Iceland Hateigskirkja Italy Comune Di Brolo Turkey Kastamounu Youngsters Lithuania PROFAT
Target group	Young people aged between 14 and 15 years that are interested in the Project topics.
Participant profile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> actively practice one of the represented in the Project religions - Catholic (Italy); Orthodox (Lithuania); Protestant (Iceland) and Muslim (Turkey). are open to enrich their knowledge and awareness regarding the other cultures; are committed to prepare themselves for the above-mentioned subjects, previous to their arrival and to do the remote work requested by the team in case of selection; are motivated to undergo youth exchange and able to attend the course for its full duration; are able to communicate in English language - this is only one working language;
Working language	English (language support from the team will be available to certain level - Icelandic, Turkish, Italian, Lithuanian, Russian).
Costs	The 70 percents of travel costs and 100 percent of accommodation and subsistence costs will be refunded by Program "Youth in Action".

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