

YOUTH EXCHANGE

# Story Tell A Right

youth for exchange & understanding  
CYPRUS

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DYMES VILLAGE,  
CYPRUS



Dear friends of YEU Cyprus,

It is with great delight and supreme enthusiasm to announce, that time is running fast and we are getting closer and closer to the youth exchange “StotyTell A Right”.

Between the 2nd and 11th of September 2018, 8 days of activities plus 2 travel days (one before and one after) YEU Cyprus will be meeting 42 participants from 7 different countries (Cyprus, Armenia, Greece, Egypt, Estonia, Bulgaria and Ukraine).

Bring your positive energy and motivation, because lots of work and commitment is expected from everyone, but at the same time have no fear; we promise lots of fun too! We might already know some of you, but in any case, we are so excited to be meeting all of you. And we can, definitely, promise that this youth exchange is going to be another memorable activity. Are you ready to take this challenge?

This project will take place in the beautiful mountains of Troodos, Dymes Village. Be ready to open your mind and soul for what is to follow in order to spread your ideas and expertise back to your countries. We have no doubt that you will all be the best ambassadors of the particular knowledge and experience. So... get prepared for this unique experience and see you soon!

See below some more information about the project, as well as what you have to prepare before coming to Cyprus.

Best wishes,  
YEU Cyprus Team

## **YOUTH FOR EXCHANGE AND UNDERSTANDING CYPRUS (YEU CYPRUS)**

YEU Cyprus was established in 1995 as a Cypriot local civil organization (NGO), aiming to foster closer co-operation and better understanding among the young people of the world by exchanging information, experiences and ideas, on cultural, educational and social issues. YEU Cyprus is affiliated with YEU International platform. It is a full member of Cyprus Youth Council (CYC) - the official coordinating body of Cypriot Youth Organizations. It implements several activities including workshops, field trips and training courses and it organizes and participates in various international and local events to foster tolerance and mutual respect among youngsters. Visit our website for more details about YEU [www.yeucyprus.org](http://www.yeucyprus.org) or find us on facebook <https://www.facebook.com/yeucyprus/?fref=ts>

### **StoryTell A Right**

Human rights education is a human right itself and this topic is often ignored in schools and in formal ways of education. Hence, young people are not aware of their own rights which lead to the non active societies and citizenship, to the empowerment of toxic leadership and to the increase of unemployment and exploitation. Thus, the reason of this project is to make young people more aware on issues of discrimination and civil rights in order to decrease the radicalisation of small communities which are more sensitive in such topics.

The overall aim of the project is to improve the level of awareness of young people, including marginalised youth, in the topic of human rights, anti discrimination and social inclusion in European and non-European countries. Including countries with different religious background, we are aiming to promote diversity, intercultural and inter-religious dialogue by using non-formal educational activities. Participants will be equipped with skills and digital competences, in order to be able to transfer the knowledge and fundamental gained through this exchange, to their local communities. Such skills include storytelling techniques, as well as, video making and editing.

## Objectives:

- To increase awareness about the human rights education and its importance in participants' countries, while also getting to know the situation of other countries; European and non.
- To develop participants' skills to be able to search and learn about social issues and inclusion. This knowledge can then be used to build their future, since they can use it to enrich their career opportunities, and it will also allow them to enhance their critical thinking.
- To promote intergenerational integration and the exchange of viewpoints: Young people will be actively involved with older people in some activities of this project.
- To enhance visual communication skills and the creativity of participants by the familiarisation with storytelling and video making techniques in the context of understanding the importance of civic awareness.
- To develop active participation, social and civic responsibility and the competence of empathy as a skill by exploring NFE methods and techniques. Not only will participants engage in NFE activities, they will also get the chance and space to coordinate their own NFE workshops; through a co- working space.
- To promote intercultural values and diversity through inter-religious dialogue by developing interpersonal and intercultural skills of the participants that will lead to new international friendships and future collaborations.
- To provide participants with a deepened self-knowledge and develop their communication in English, as well as, in their mother language.

Bringing together a group of people from different EU and non countries we want to raise awareness and understanding of other cultures and countries and promote European and global citizenship and identity by the presentation of the realities in each participating country. Participants have the opportunity to expand their network, in a personal, but also in a

professional way, with international contacts. At the same time, this project will inspire young people to get involved with volunteering activities and initiatives.

### **Profile Of The Participants**

- 5 participants aged 18-30 years old and 1 group leader with no age limit.
- Basic knowledge on human rights education or photography or video making or story telling
- Desire to explore human rights awareness and violation in European Union and its surroundings
- Desire to learn and practice storytelling and videography techniques in the context of understanding the importance of human rights education and social inclusion
- Interest in learning about other cultures and sharing their skills and knowledge with other participants
- Interest in exploring non-formal education techniques
- Interest in improving their group management skills, in the context of a youth exchange (applicable only for youth leaders)
- Desire to organise and facilitate non-formal education activities for youth (applicable only for youth leaders)

### **Partners**

- YEU Cyprus
- Sdruzenie Aktivno Balgarsko Obshtestvo (Bulgaria)
- MTÜ Risti-Rästi (Estonia)
- United Societies Of Balkans Astiki Etaireia (Greece)
- Armenian Progressive Youth
- Cross Culture Youth Group (Egypt)
- Youth Initiative of Cities (Ukraine)

## Timetable of Activities

| STAR: StoryTell A Right              |  |   |   |                         |                 |                         |   |  |   |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|---|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|---|--|---|
| Day 1                                | Day 2  | Day 3   | Day 4   | Day 5                   | Day 6           | Day 7                   | Day 8   | Day 9  | Day 10                                    |
| Monday<br>2/9                        | Tuesday<br>3/9   | Wednesday<br>4/9                                | Thursday<br>5/9   | Friday<br>6/9           | Saturday<br>7/9 | Sunday<br>8/9           | Monday<br>9/9                                     | Tuesday<br>10/9  | Wednesday<br>11/9                         |
| A<br>r<br>r<br>i<br>v<br>a<br>l<br>s | Introduction to the programme. Icebreaking and getting to know each other! | The soup of human rights & Human Rights history | Introduction to Storytelling  | Storytelling Stations   | Video Shooting  | Study Visit in Limassol | CoW Space   | Dissemination of Results & Project Ideas for a More Inclusive Future | D<br>e<br>p<br>a<br>r<br>t<br>u<br>r<br>e |
|                                      | Sharing of expectations  | Human Rights World Cafe                         | Storytelling our Human Rights - Part 1                                      | My life is not a show!  | Video Shooting  | Study Visit in Limassol | Private Screening & Feedback                      | Project Ideas for a more Inclusive Future                            |   |
|                                      | Youthpass  | Human Rights in our own reality/country!        | Storytelling our Human Rights - Part 2: Inspiration Walk Around the Village | CoW Space               | Video Editing   | Exploring Limassol      | Final Touches, Editing & Preparation of the Venue | NFE, Erasmus+ program & Delivery of the Youthpass                    |   |
| Get to know each other               | Let's Bond - The Human Rights Challenge!                                   | Take a step forward!                            | Storytelling our Human Rights - Part 3                                      | Scripting               | Video Editing   | Exploring Limassol      | Public Screening in the village!                  | Final Evaluation   |   |
|                                      | I'm unique because..!!   | Intercultural Evening I                         | NGO Fashion Show!   | Intercultural Evening I | Free Evening    | Free Evening            | TedX Evening                                      | See you soon Party!  |   |

## What To Do/ Bring

- ✓ Bring laptops and cameras (at least one per country)
- ✓ Something unique from your own country like food and/or pictures/maps etc. for the intercultural evening.
- ✓ Bring your own towel (maybe two as we will have free time in the sea side) and personal hygiene.
- ✓ Material from your NGO so that you can present it in the NGO fair.
- ✓ All your boarding passes and invoices of the purchase of your tickets.
- ✓ Any medicine you might need
- ✓ Creative, innovative and sustainable ideas
- ✓ Your smile and good will to work constructively with everyone ☺

## Venue

The Youth Exchange will take place in the old primary school of Dymes Village that has been turned into a modern camping site. Participants will be accommodated in dorms of 6 or 7 people, separately for males and females, with a private bathroom. Sessions and workshops will take place in the big room of the venue or in the big yard under the forest as well as in nearby villages and the city of Limassol. The venue is equipped with the necessary first aid kits.

Dymes is a small village in the mountainous region of Limassol and is at the heart of the "Pitsilia" region, between the villages of Kyperounta, Pelendri and Agros, at a distance of 59 kilometres from Nicosia and 40 kilometres from Limassol. Dymes is built at an average altitude

of 960 meters above the sea level and receive an average annual rainfall of about 750 millimetres. Mainly vines for winemaking varieties, vegetables, and fruit-trees are cultivated in the village's region. The village of Dymes is known for its apple production, which is ranked amongst the best varieties of Cyprus. A few olive, carob, almond, and walnut trees are also cultivated. The traditional houses, the ascending roads, the irregular terrain, the vine-arbours, the small yards with the tall fences, the tiled and tin roofs of the houses, and the picturesque upper-floors compose the basic image of the village. The houses, most of them made with local stone, are -to a great degree -in harmony with the natural environment.



## **Weather**

The average temperature in Dymes Village during September is usually 25°C. Minimum temperature is 15°C and maximum 28°C. Make sure that you have enough warm clothes and something to protect you in case of rain.

You can have a look at the temperatures, before coming to Cyprus, here:

<http://www.cyprus-weather.com/>

## **Traveling To Cyprus**

In Cyprus, there are two international airports that you can use; the Larnaka and Paphos airports. Be careful since travelling from *Ercan Airport cannot and will not be reimbursed as it is not an official airport of the European Union.*

**Please, send us your reservation for travel tickets as soon as you book them at [projects@yeucyprus.org](mailto:projects@yeucyprus.org)**

- Tickets must be from your country of origin to/from Cyprus. No other tickets can or will be reimbursed. Transit tickets are also eligible.
- You are allowed to come only 2 extra days before or after the project dates, but accommodation and food for cannot be funded.
- Please be in Cyprus on the 02/09 no later than 18:00 since we are going to the venue by a private bus and there is no other way to reach the village.

The documents needed to complete your reimbursement:

1. Boarding passes (you will NOT be refunded without them!)
2. Flight tickets (which include your flight details, your name and the amount)
- 3 Bus or train tickets

\*Please note that for non-electronic tickets, we will need the hard copy/original ticket or receipt

Documents must be sent within two weeks of the end of the exchange to this address:

YEU Cyprus  
27 Ezekia Papaioannou Str., 1075,  
Nicosia, Cyprus

➤ Travel refund to the participants will be done by bank transfer (to the sending organisation's account or to one of the people of the team account) collectively for each team of participants, after all the travel documents will be received by YEU Cyprus. The reimbursement will be made within two months following the end of the project after we receive all the relevant documents from the participants.

## Traveling Days

02/09/2019: Arrival day

You should be in Cyprus before 18:00 as we will book a private bus to drive the group from Larnaca city to the venue.

11/09/2019: Departure day

We will arrange a private bus from the venue to Larnaca or Paphos airport according to the needs of your flights. The bus will depart from the venue at 09.00 and it needs one and a half hour for both airports. So, we recommend you to book tickets after 12:00

## Travel Expenses Amounts

| COUNTRY  | PARTICIPANTS | AMOUNT (EUR) per participant |
|----------|--------------|------------------------------|
| CYPRUS   | 6            | 20                           |
| GREECE   | 6            | 275                          |
| ESTONIA  | 6            | 360                          |
| EGYPT    | 6            | 275                          |
| UKRAINE  | 6            | 275                          |
| ARMENIA  | 6            | 275                          |
| BULGARIA | 6            | 275                          |
| TOTAL    | 42           |                              |

*\* 30 euros for each participant will be deducted from their initial budgets for the bus to and from the venue. The meeting point will be in a central and accessible point that will be announced after we collect all the tickets.*

*\* Participants who need a Visa to visit Cyprus we will arrange it in collaboration with the sending organisation*

### **Application:**

If you are interested to participate in the YE please fill up the application form:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSchQxmXYDDKgVmKGI4SQN1WYGlo1LJz\\_RUsDX1YCISa9UiN2Q/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSchQxmXYDDKgVmKGI4SQN1WYGlo1LJz_RUsDX1YCISa9UiN2Q/viewform)

There is no participation fee for this Youth Exchange.

### **Emergency Contact:**

If you face any problems before meeting us, please, do not hesitate to contact (email or call) us: +357 99 573646, or [projects@yeu-cyprus.org](mailto:projects@yeu-cyprus.org)

