



# **CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS**

## **BACK TO THE STREETS: RECREATING CONNECTION IN THE SOCIAL SPACE**

**FRANCE**

**12<sup>TH</sup> - 21<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2022**

## THE PROJECT:

The last couple of years have had a big negative influence on people's mental wellbeing and especially, the one of youngsters. Frustrations push youngsters to more radical ideas and behaviour and unity, acceptance and inclusion within the EU is suffering. In order to promote and maintain a constructive society in which difference is accepted, we see the need to reconcile people by creating a safe space for debate and organise activities that influence positively one's wellbeing.

There is a tradition of performing art that can provide just that: **Street performance.**

The outside space of our cities are accessible to all but the lack of social trust stops many people from engaging in conversation with strangers despite their strong need for social interactions.

The goal of street performing is to capture the attention of a crowd and break the barriers between individuals in order to create a social event in which people are involved, that is interesting, entertaining, make people reflect or discuss, laugh, express themselves...

The goal of this training course is to teach youth worker a combination of social theatre and circus pedagogy activities applicable to the public space. Our project objective is to teach youth workers the codes, methods and practices of street performing (theatre and circus) as a tool of social engagement. The idea is that youth worker will be able to facilitate the creation of street events with youngsters, giving them the opportunity to express themselves, create dialogue with others, recreate social bonds...

We want to enhance the capacity of youth workers to support their target groups by:

- Developing new pedagogical competences in street event, project management and animation techniques that enable them to offer activities and programs that better respond to the needs of individuals and address the needs of the disadvantaged.
- Giving them an opportunity to exchange good practices on inclusion and diversity
- Giving them methods to empower their youngsters to actively participate in their own learning process.
- Developing their creativity

## THE TEAM

The project team is an international, multidisciplinary team, who is really motivated to work on this project! The trainers' team is composed of Denis Crovella, Anja Mikič, Jose Branco and Karina Falkenstein. The whole team, including the trainers are really open-minded people and have a lot of experience in international youth work on the topics of social theatre and circus pedagogy.

## PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES AND NUMBER OF PLACE PER COUNTRY

Country	Number of participants
Austria	2
Cyprus	2
Czech Republic	3
France	2
Italy	2
Latvia	2
Poland	2
Portugal	2
Spain	3
North Macedonia	3

## PARTICIPANTS PROFILE

The training course will take place in **Gelos, France**, from **12th to 21st of August 2022** and it will bring together a group of **24 young people from 10 partner countries**. The project is targeting youth workers, trainers, coordinators and facilitators from all fields of non-formal education who are motivated to learn about street performance.

We are looking for youth workers/youth leaders who are **over the age of 18** with a good level of English, who will be willing and committed to participate actively in ALL sessions (about 8 hours a day):

- All participants **HAVE TO BE OVER 18 YEARS OLD** and **HAVE RESIDENCY IN THE SENDING COUNTRY**.
- There should be a gender balance; half of the participants should be male and half should be female.
- All participants should speak and understand English.
- Participants should already be involved in youth work or be motivated to get involved with it.
- Participants should be interested in making follow up international projects.

## WHAT WE OFFER

Thanks to the financial support of the Council of Europe through the Erasmus+ Programme, we offer the following conditions:

- Food and accommodation during the training course will be provided
- Travel costs will be reimbursed up to an agreed limit depending on the sending country:

France	Austria, Czech republic, Italy, Latvia, Poland, Portugal, Spain, North Macedonia	Cyprus
23 EUR	275 EUR	530 EUR



## THE VENUE: GELOS (FRANCE)

The Training Course will take place in Gelos, a village situated in the south-west part of France, close to Pau. Our venue is located in the center of the village and all the facilities are nearby.

### LIVING:

- Participants will be accommodated in **3 to 4-bed rooms**. Rooms are simple and without any luxury.
- There are several bathrooms around the house that we can use.
- You can drink water from the tap.
- Bed linen will be provided, but please bring a towel!
- The complete hostel is a non-smoking environment, so you have to go outdoors to smoking.
- There is one small shop in walking distance (but be aware that it will be closed on Sundays)
- Unfortunately, it is not possible to wash your clothes at the hostel.

### EATING:

We will have meals at the restaurant, Le Bistro du Pradeau, situated across the street from the accommodation, starting with dinner on the 12 of August. On the 21 of August, breakfast is included as well.

Simple but delicious : During breakfast you can choose what you want to eat from a buffet. Lunch and dinner will be a common dish according to everyone's dietary needs.

You can make our tea breaks more interesting! Bring a food item from your village, city, family, community, region, or country to share with the others.

## HOW TO GET THERE

### By bus or train

There are train connections to Pau, for example with the TGV from Paris, Bordeaux or Toulouse. There is also a night train from Paris to Pau, with which you can travel comfortable over night.

Check the best prices and all the options on SNCF website.

Usually the cheapest buses are the Flixbus, Ouibus or Blablabus ones but you can find cheap Eurolines buses as well.

**Airports** are situated in Pau, Tarbes/Lourdes, Biarritz, Toulouse, Bordeaux, or San-Sebastian.

There are cheap flights from all over Europe to these airports. Check Ryanair, Volotea, Easyjet but you can also look other website like Skyscanner, Momondo, Opodo, Kayak or Expedia.

## HOW TO APPLY

Please fill in the application form: <https://forms.gle/SGGKBiFRu3nJAeie8>

**Deadline** for applications is: **1st of July 2022**

For any questions related to the application, please contact us at [lavilla64@orange.fr](mailto:lavilla64@orange.fr)