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**'OUR COLOURS UNITE US' Youth Exchange**

**11-18 May, 2020**

**Pécs, Hungary**

## 1. ABOUT DIVERSE YOUTH NETWORK

“Diverse Reach - Local Touch!” - The [Diverse Youth Network](#) is an international youth organization that mobilizes large and diverse crowds; we aim to have a social impact in the minds of people at the grassroots and local level. The Diverse Youth Network builds relationships between people and communities to promote diversity and encourage solidarity-based collaborations with the young people of society. The various social groups that the organization wants to bring together share the following values under the banner of our organization:

- tackling inequality, stigmatization and all forms of discrimination
- working to empower the Roma by strengthening their active community and civic participation
- using new, innovative approaches in shaping public opinion
- valuing the culture, languages and traditions of European communities
- strengthening individual and community identity

## 2. OBJECTIVES OF THE YOUTH EXCHANGE:

- 1, to create a safe environment, where 36 participants (+6 group leaders) from 6 countries are free to express their own sexual identity during the project;
- 2, 36 participants (+6 group leaders) to better understand the specifics of LGBT+groups, differences and similarities;
- 3, to identify the key factors increasing homophobia and trans-phobia in their countries and find innovative tools to fight it;
4. to enable the 36 participants (+6 group leaders) to raise awareness about human rights, tolerance, European values, solidarity and equality regarding LGBT+ groups in their own communities.;
5. to develop the civic spirit, initiative sense and organizational skills for the 36 participants (+6 group leaders), in order to take action against LGBT+ discrimination in their countries.
6. to provide a space for international experience and thus to contribute to creating a convergent European society.

## 3. PROFILE OF THE PARTICIPANTS:

This project is designed for young people (aged 22 – 28) who are pushed out of society and for the youth (socially excluded young people, LGBTQI or not) and 'social workers' who empower them to find their place (back) in society. We want to have these 2 target groups equally represented because they both can define problems and solutions on the road to inclusion. Moreover, as we strongly believe in the value of peer education, we want to welcome in this project young people with fewer opportunities but also youth workers who are also facing exclusion situations.

**Date:** 11-18 May, 2020.

**Place:** Pécs city, Hungary

**Hosting/Coordinating organization:** Diverse Youth Network

**Number of participants:** 36 participants + 6 group leaders (**7 persons/country**)

#### **4. PARTICIPANT COUNTRIES:**

- 1. Hungary – Diverse Youth Network**
- 2. Spain – Foro Jovem Toledo**
- 3. Portugal – Rota Jovem**
- 4. Poland – Teczowe Opole**
- 5. Romania – E-Romnja**
- 6. Greece – United Societies of Balkans**

**Arrival:** May 11, 2020 (Monday)

**Departure:** May 18, 2020 (Monday)

Please organize your travel (arrival and departure) for these dates. Earlier arrivals and late departures will be exceptions after discussion with the organizers.

Please check the information about travel arrangements and reimbursement before booking your tickets.

It would be very important for us if the national teams of 7 participants could come with the same flight / train, so that we can get the transportation properly done.

#### **5. ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD**

The organizers cover accommodation and food. This includes breakfast, lunch and dinner with 2 coffee breaks. Options for vegans/vegetarians are available. Food allergies and intolerance will be asked at a later stage.

Participants will be hosted in an actual castle, in rooms of 3 – 5 beds.

The accommodation will be in Pécs.

**Venue:** [Batthyány Kastély Pécs](#) (click for their website on this link)

**Address:** 7630 Pécs, Kastély utca 4.

## 6. ARRIVING IN PÉCS

### FROM BUDAPEST AIRPORT TO PÉCS

1. Once you arrived at the Airport, look for for a blue bus with number [200E](#). The final destination of the bus in NÉPLIGET (Metro Station and Central Bus Station). One ticket will cost you 350 HUF (cc. 1.1 EUR) that you can purchase from the machine on spot.
2. We are working on organizing the travel by organized car – sharing [transport](#) called Oszkár Telekocsi (similar to BlaBlaCar).
3. Upon arrival to Pécs, we will ask the drivers to bring you to the venue, hopefully with everyone on board on May 11 welcoming dinner.

## 7. PÉCS PRIDE 2020

Our youth organization, the [Diverse Youth Network](#), aims to promote equal opportunities for all through the active involvement of minority groups in Hungary. Our programs support mobility opportunities for young people and run a European language campaign, and we believe we can do even more, particularly in the area of human rights.

Our flagship program in 2020 is the **Freedom of My Identity Human Rights Festival** which will be held in Pécs, from May 11 to 16. On the last day of the Festival, for the first time in the history of Hungary, we will be hosting the first LGBT parade in the country, **PécsPride 2020**.

All participants are welcome to join the Pride march with us on board!

Within the festival framework, we organize cultural and gastronomic events, exhibitions, roundtables, workshops and concerts for six days. We look forward to the city of Pécs becoming acquainted with the groups we represent, that they might treat the thousands of minorities living in the city with solidarity and openness. **During the evening programmes we will work to get you to as many events as possible!**

## 8. ABOUT PÉCS

One of Hungary's most beautiful and architecturally significant cities, Pécs makes for an unforgettable youth exchange location. Pécs was one of the European Capitals of Culture in 2009 -- and deservedly so. It is home to the Mosque of Pasha Qasim, a monument to Ottoman-era Hungary on the edge of scenic Széchenyi Square. Participants will be able to visit the distinctive, four-towered Pécs Cathedral (Szent

Péter és Szent Pál székesegyház) and upon request the Zsolnay Cultural Quarter, based around the legendary Zsolnay ceramics factory.

All of these sights and more are easily accessible in and around the city's pedestrian-friendly downtown.

**Weather:** you can count on sunny Mediterranean climate with 20-25 degrees, with a probability for rainy days as well. Before leaving, please check the forecast!



## 9. WHAT TO BRING?

- ⊗ comfortable clothes and shoes for all the week (Pride outfit if you want); extra towel
- ⊗ sun protection;
- ⊗ your own medicines (if you need it);
- ⊗ typical food and drinks for the intercultural nights and also for the coffee breaks
- ⊗ cameras and/or video cameras, technical tools
- ⊗ travel and medical insurance if you wish to (besides your EU Health Card)
- ⊗ good mood, motivation and enthusiasm;
- ⊗ music instruments (if you play it);
- ⊗ board game (if you love it)

## 10. DISSEMINATION

The very important part of this project will be the dissemination and exploitation of the results of the youth exchange. The selection of the participants will be based on this plan, it has to be realistic and well documented with videos, pictures, articles or anything else (such as materials for the Pride, e.g. a flashmob). We are going to create, during the youth exchange, a Facebook Page where all the outcomes of the training course and the follow up activities will be shared partly publicly. In this way the insights of the Page can be measured in: action on page, page views, page previous, page likes, reach, post engagements, recommendations, followers, comments, videos and interactions.

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