



youth exchange

REFUGEE LIFE

A STORY BEHIND

31.10. - 9.11.2016, CZECH REPUBLIC



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ABOUT THE PROJECT

„REFUGEE LIFE: A STORY BEHIND“ is a 8-day multicultural **youth exchange** taking place in Zbýšov u Brna, Czech Republic within the dates **31st October — 9th November 2016**. It invites **30 young people** 18-30 years old coming from **6 countries** (Czech Republic, Ukraine, Romania, Greece, Hungary and Bulgaria) to meet their own values and unique situations of people who became refugees.

It is about **going beyond your prejudices**, **overstepping comfortable playground** and opening up for a **totally new experience**. We want to learn as a team how we can **use differences** for the benefit of everybody involved and how to share what we already have — our **time, compassion and resources**.

This exchange is addressed to people wanting to **bring change to social environment** they live in and to make an **impact on social dialogue** by **becoming creative** in their own actions. It is an opportunity to develop your qualities and experience self — esteem and self trust as well as **respect and support** for every other person around. We will use **self-development methods**, outdoor activities, youth involvement and joyful creativity.



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THIS YOUTH EXCHANGE IS FOR YOU IF YOU ARE

- **18-30 years** old
- a registered inhabitant of the Czech Republic, Ukraine, Romania, Greece, Hungary and Bulgaria
- motivated to experiment within an international environment
- **curious to discover** the world of a refugee with an intention of creating a connection and **mutual understanding**
- willing to explore, get inspired, learn, play, inquire, reflect and take actions on a spot
- physically and mentally ready to take on **8-10 hours per day** of programme
- **able to work in English**
- highly motivated and willing to actively participate during the whole time of our youth exchange

Priority is given to the **less-opportunity youth** (poor areas, minority members, social obstacles etc).

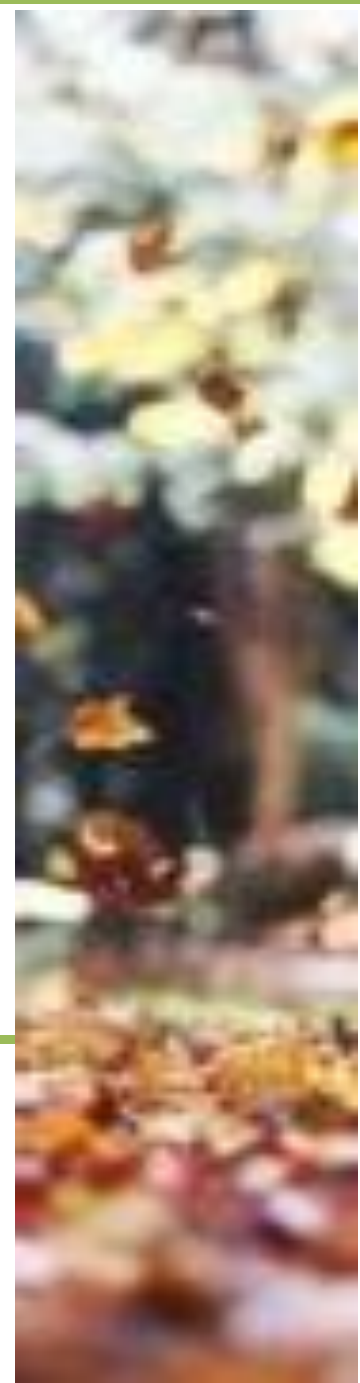
YOU WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRACTICE

- Personal leadership skills and cooperation skills
- Planning and organization skills
- Social mapping and networking skills
- Understanding your own personal working style
- Flexibility in working in international groups, ability to identify and use your potential

YOUTH EXCHANGE METHODS

Experiential learning

Our youth exchange method is based on learning by experience. We invite participants to point out where they find themselves at the moment in their learning process, what they want to learn and how they want to develop themselves.





The method is focused on an experience of an individual and is connected to the specific needs and the level of learning of the participant at the moment. The program is a tool for the participant, not the other way around.

Peer and cross-age education

Participants will have the opportunity to learn from each other, being of same/different age and different backgrounds. They will deal with same questions in different ways, which will enrich everyone's perspectives and help creating friendships that will hopefully extend beyond the scope of the exchange.

Simulated situations

Participants will be faced with solving problems in various contexts. To succeed they will need to expand their personal limits, to go beyond what they have done so far.





Outdoor

Some parts of the program, participants will work in different environment. Outdoor activities provide opportunities for going out of one's comfort zone. By this they will become more aware of how different situations and environment effect on them. Constant changes will give them new perspectives. By this method they will easier distinguish what kind of environment supports their work style.

Coaching and open sharing

We will create space and let participants develop their ideas, share, encourage others to express themselves and let them to understand the balance between work and review of what is done. We will deal with the maintaining a belief in personal ideas.

OUR APPROACH

The approach used in this project is based on **empowerment** - we intend to create a safe environment for learning. We find it important not just for young people, but for everyone **to become active learners through their whole lives**. With our approach we would like to support the development of your skills and attitudes. Methods we use are applied through **nonformal education** and **learning by doing** concepts: open workshops, individual tasks, working in couples/small or big mixed groups, sharing of experience and giving feedback. Program includes improvement of key competences, selfdirecting and selfassessment, outdoor activities and creative expression.

The learning process is designed as a whole and this requires fulltime participation.



Arriving late, leaving early and missing workshops is not allowed.

We planned the follow up of the youth exchange in such a way that it will give you the opportunity to become actively involved in improving your environment, whilst putting in practice what you've discovered in this youth exchange.



DAY TO DAY PROGRAM

DAY 0: ARRIVAL (31.10.2016)

You arrive between 4-7 PM, settle yourselves in the new environment, we have dinner together, we do registration. You'll have time to relax after travels and we will go through an introduction of this event.

DAY 1: TEAMBUILDING AND OUR RESOURCES

Getting to know each other, sharing our cultures, meeting our interests and values. We give information on the programme and youth exchange methods. We will set ground rules to create safe learning environment and talk about goals and purposes of the youth exchange. Intercultural evening.

DAY 2: I CAN BRING CHANGE

We will share good practices and define our own skills and motivations, explore our roles in a team, making a decision process and finally set our goals for this exchange.



DAY 3: SEEING THE NEED

We will make teams for volunteering with refugees and start with our creative solutions. Working in groups, preparing materials and making first draft for a program in a refugee camp „Zastávka u Brna“ for kids and adults. Discovering skills and knowledge that we can bring to society.

DAY 4: VOLUNTEERING STEP 1, CITY SAFARI

First visit to Zastávka u Brna, getting to know people currently living there. Spending time with them during the program prepared by teams. After visiting Brno for a City Safari, exploring corners of the city.

DAY 5: VOLUNTEERING STEP 2, FREE EVENING

Organizing activities in Zastávka u Brna, mid-term evaluation, giving and receiving feedback. Adjusting the program according to the needs of participants and refugees.



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DAY 6: VOLUNTEERING STEP 2, CULTURE NIGHT OUT

Last day spent in a refugee camp, closing-up with everybody involved. Group evaluation and evening together at a cultural event in Brno / surroundings.

DAY 7: THROUGH OUTDOOR TO INCLUSION

A day full of outdoor activities — high ropes, trip in the woods and team work during selected tasks. Open event in the evening to meet locals and to share results of the exchange.

DAY 8: CLOSE-UP AND FAREWELL

We will reflect on what we have achieved, YouthPass: summarizing the learning outcomes. We will also plan a follow up and dissemination of our results and search for other options to bring positive change in our environment. By the end of this day we will have a farewell event and close our youth exchange.

DAY 9: DEPARTURE UNTIL 10:00 on 9.11.2016



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REFUGEE LIFE: A STORY BEHIND TIMEFRAME



Arrival day: Monday, 31st October 2016 between 4-7 pm

Start of the programme: Tuesday, 1st November 2016 at 9 am

End of the Programme: Tuesday, 8th November 2016 around 9 pm

Departure day: Wednesday, 9th November 2016 until 10 am

We expect you to participate on the whole programme.
It means coming later or leaving earlier is not allowed.

If you arrive 1-2 days earlier or leave later, arrange your own accommodation for the extra time.



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VENUE AND ACCOMODATION

During the youth exchange you will live together with other participants in 2 group accommodations. One is situated in **Zbýšov u Brna** town close to Brno city. The accommodation **PAMIR** is designed in a country style, you will be sharing rooms in smaller groups of people; there are shared showers and toilets. There is **wifi** available. From here it will be close to go to Refugee camp. The last 2 days we will spend in **Jacob Brno** hostel to discover this city as well :), and all listed above is also available there.

Not far from our guesthouse Pamir (500 metres) you can find Muzeum průmyslových železnic (Industrial Railways Museum). In your free time you can visit a small village called Neslovice (5 kilometres from our Saloon) where you will find a miniature golf and other sports attractions. It is also possible to visit castles in Náměšť, Rosice and Oslavany. You can also spend some time at the castle Veverří or at the ruin of Tetkovský's castle or at nature reserve Mohleno — Hadcova step.

GETTING TO PAMIR

Nearest airports: Prague: 212 km - Brno: 40 km - Viena: 150 km

You can search for local transport in the Czech Republic on: jizdnirady.idnes.cz

More information will be provided in the Confirmation letter.



COSTS AND FEES

This youth exchange is funded through Erasmus+ programme, thus accommodation, food, materials, the programme and the travel costs up to the maximum allowed amount are fully covered.

Participation fee is 30€ per person and you pay it upon arrival.



MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF TRAVEL COSTS

Czech Republic – 20€

Ukraine, Romania, Greece, Hungary and Bulgaria – 170€

According to the rules of the Erasmus+ programme you can get your travel costs reimbursed up to amount stated in the table above, depending on your country of origin. If your travel costs are lower or same as this amount, you get reimbursement of 100% of your real travel costs. If your travel costs are higher than the maximum reimbursable amount, the difference is covered by you. That's why we recommend to **book your ticket as soon as you receive the confirmation letter**, since they are often much cheaper when bought in advance.



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To be eligible for reimbursement, we ask you to keep all your tickets, boarding passes and invoices (originals). **ONLY** if you have the travel tickets, boarding passes and invoices we are able to reimburse your travel costs! We will only reimburse your travel cost if you participate in the whole exchange. The reimbursement is done after the project, once you send us the originals of the tickets.

APPLICATION — SELECTION — CONFIRMATION

Fill in the application from provided and send it to your sending organisation from your country (find the contact below), **latest by the 25th August 2016**. We ask you to fill in the application and answer all the questions in it.

SELECTION

Ukrainian initiative will make the selection of the projects participants in agreement with the partner organisations from your country. Selection is made based on quality of application.





CONFIRMATION

If you are accepted for the project you will receive a "Confirmation letter" with more practical information. **DO NOT** buy tickets until you get our confirmation!

As soon as you get your confirmation letter, you may book your tickets and inform the organizers about your arrival and departure time. We require that you take part during the whole youth exchange. Arriving late, leaving early and missing workshops is not allowed.

If you wish to arrive earlier or leave later, you should arrange your own stay in the Czech Republic. Your stay during the days not included in the program of the project will not be covered by organizers.



PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

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ABOUT US

Ukrainian initiative of South Moravia is a non-governmental organisation (NGO) active in the field of cultural dialogue and personal development and volunteering, both on the local and international level. We are mainly young people aged 17-35, students of law, medicine, languages and social work, as well as IT experts and project managers in different organizations and companies. Our main vision is to create and keep a base for Ukrainian minority in the south region of Czech Republic and to support them in their integration into Czech society. At the same time to contribute to mutual understanding and cooperation of people from different cultures on different levels.

We focus mainly on local and international events. We both create and deliver them or we cooperate with foreign organisations as project partners. At the same time, we are engaged in promotion and support of volunteering.

The youth exchange will be facilitated and partly delivered by **Marija Wazi** who is a trainer and social worker with 7 years of international experience of running youth exchanges on selfdevelopment, intercultural, media and communication topics. She has delivered 12 international trainings and youth exchanges as a main trainer and assisted on over 20 as a team member.



CONTACT

For any kind of logistical questions, clarifications or if you would like to know more, contact our partner organization from your country. When arriving for this event or in case of questions when your sending organization asks you to approach us, contact us via:

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