

“THEATRE FOR LIVING”

LONG TERM TRAINING COURSE IN THEATRE OF THE OPPRESSED
30TH JULY-8TH AUGUST 2021 (GORNJI GRAD, SLOVENIA) – FIRST TRAINING
AND
21-30TH JANUARY 2022 (WIEN, AUSTRIA) – SECOND TRAINING

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Important - *This is a call for a long term project (Participation in 2 international trainings and local activities is required from participants). We invite all the interested people to read thoroughly the information included in this call. **Read carefully and decide to apply responsibly.** Please contact us before you apply so we can clarify any question!*

Background of the project

Theatre of the Oppressed is a collective rehearsal for reality. The main idea of this methodology is to make people experience and understand how a change of an attitude, behaviour or thinking pattern can have a powerful significant effect on their life as well as lives of people around them.

Theatre of the Oppressed methods are highly adaptable to the needs of different communities, with a large capacity to cover all kind of the social issues: human rights problems, power abuse and oppression in different ways, lack of activism, discrimination, exclusion, poverty, marginalization, xenophobia, etc. and through a creative approach provides a space for people to reflect, find solutions to these topics and transfer the solutions in their lives.

This project is an answer to the needs of various youth organizations that need competencies in new methods for improving the situation of their direct target groups (the ones directly affected by the problems mentioned and not only).

The main goal of the project is to increase the capacity of youth work sector to raise the participation and involvement of young people in social processes and change.

More specific Objectives of the project are:

- To introduce innovative methodologies in youth work field;
- To raise the capacity of partners to operate at European level and in International mobility projects;
- To stimulate the exchange of best practices in youth work field in using theatre for social change;
- To increase the quality of the youth organization projects;
- To develop and improve skills in non-formal education in general, and in particular in Theatre of the Oppressed methods for European youth workers;
- To stimulate the development of a network of Theatre of the Oppressed;
- To improve project management, communication, team leading and motivations skills for youth workers;
- To develop pro-active attitudes and the sense of initiative among the partners members and also among their beneficiaries.
- To increase the level of active participation among the direct and indirect beneficiaries
- To contribute to the development of employable skills among direct and indirect beneficiaries.

The structure of the project is like this:

- Selection and preparation participants (May-June 2021)
- **First residential training course** for developing basic competencies in Theatre of the Oppressed methodology (Forum Theatre and Joking) (**Slovenia 30th July – 8th August 2021**)
- **Practice phase 1 in each community** (August-December 2021) (each team will have to prepare and implement a forum theatre performance on a topic relevant for the local community for least 50 young people) with a support manual and coaching from the educational team;
- **Second residential training course** for advance competencies in Theatre of the Oppressed methodology with a focus on Legislative Theatre (**Wien/Austria, 21-30 January 2022**)
- **Practice phase 2** (each team will have to prepare and implement a new round of performances, of Legislative Theatre for at least 30 people) – February – April 2022
- **Evaluation of the whole project**—online (April 2022)
- **Follow-Up activities** - after April 2022 in the local communities

***selected participants have to take part in both training course and practice phases!**

Profile of the participants

- Be youth workers, leader's coordinators, facilitators and trainers from active NGOs that have mission and objectives that are related to human rights, inclusion and empowerment of young people;
- To be over 18years old;
- To have **basic relevant experience** that entitles them to multiply easily a new method;
- Interest in Theatre of the Oppressed** or theatre as a tool for social change (*it doesn't mean previous experience – please read the notes below*);
- Motivated to act as multiplier in this field;
- Have good command of English language;**
- Available to get **involved in all the project activities** (mentioned above) for the whole duration of the project (until April 2022);
- The participants should be resident of one of following countries:** Austria, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Romania, Germany, Croatia or Italy.

***NOTE:** applications from people residents in other countries than the one mentioned before (*regardless if they are nationals of the countries mentioned before*) **will not be accepted;**

***NOTE:** This training program is designed for youth workers which are **NEW** to the field of **using theatre as a tool for social change!** *People with previous experience in theatre of the oppressed field are welcomed BUT they need to be aware that this training is not for advanced people and also that the way methodology is used by our experts might be different then the way they use it. If you are experienced and you are not sure if this program suits you, write to us!*

Costs:

This project is funded by Erasmus + (KA1) of European Commission. According to its financial rules some costs are fully covered some not, like following:

- 100% costs of board and logging** will be fully covered (for both trainings in Slovenia and Austria);
- Travel will be fully covered** (from the country of residence – which has to be on the list mentioned before-no exceptions allowed) up to certain limits (based on the distance) band and the equivalent in financial support – more details will be included in the info pack) upon the receipt of all original tickets and invoices.

• **The transport and visa cost will be reimbursed** either at the end of each training course either through bank transfer after the trainings, after receiving the documents in original (depending on the documentation provided on the spot and the accounting rules of each country)

**If for the participation in the training, additional requirements is necessary (e.g. PCR tests, etc.) updated financial information will be made available to the potential or selected participants.*

• **There is a returnable participation fee** for making sure all the quality conditions for an impactful long term project are met which is 50 euro. The participation fee will be paid during the first training course and returned to the participants in the second training course (*conditioned they will deliver the practice phase and participate in the second training!*)

Feel free to ask any additional questions. If you are not sure if this training is suitable to your learning and professional needs before deciding to apply.

For more information please send us an email to but make sure you have read all the information presented in the call before addressing a question.