

'Meet&Act' Youth Exchange Summary

The Meet&Act project is a mobility project, which includes youngsters from three EU countries: Netherlands, Romania and Hungary.

The project's overall goal is to PROMOTE INTERCULTURAL LEARNING BY EXPERIENCING DIVERSE NON-FORMAL THEATRICAL METHODS AMONGST THE 21 PARTICIPATING YOUNGSTERS, COMING FROM THREE DIFFERENT REGIONS OF EUROPE: WEST, CENTRAL AND EAST.

PARTICIPANTS:

The Osono Theatre (RO) initiated this youth exchange project, after meeting **STET The English Theatre** (NL) at a youth seminar organised in Spain in April 2017 and found it a great opportunity to work closer together, having similar profiles in the educational field. **Bakelit Multi Art Center** (HU), a previous partner of the Osono Theatre, joined the project by relying on the expertise of Osono and in the hope of learning new methods in the youth sector and enlarging its partner network.

The project focuses on bringing together youngsters from three different cultures. Based on good practices of the involved NGO's the team will do its best to create an environment for sharing, understanding and exploring. With the tools of theatre, drama pedagogy, storytelling, role-playing and forum theatre the youngsters will be involved in exercises which can facilitate communication and cooperation amongst themselves.

The 21 youngsters participating will include 14 youngsters having disadvantaged backgrounds. Theatrical exercises, the use of common language (English) and coworking will bring them closer. The tangible result of the project will be five short performances, developed by the youngsters: with some mentoring and minimal directing of the youth leaders. The performances will last between 15-20 minutes and they will be developed on the basis of three keywords: **Present, Human and Aspiration.**

The co-working in the development of the short productions will allow the youngsters to discuss their perspectives, to debate, to share and to create common grounds for understanding. Each exercise practiced during the exchange will highlight and reflect upon personal competencies of the youngsters. All three NGO's believe in the force of art, and especially theatre, which can bring together and formulate common attitudes, feelings, decisions in a small group.

The project will involve youngsters with fewer opportunities and their presence underlines the value of understanding and promoting diversity. Through this project we will be addressing issues like: prejudices about western, central and eastern European culture, the role of youngsters in the European Union. Theatre will serve as a tool for sharing skills, how to represent personal and common interests in nowadays society.

The youth exchange will take place in **July 2018 for eight days in Sfantu Gheorghe, Romania.** The youngsters will also visit the nearby Saint Anne lake - the only volcanic lake in East Europe and Brasov: a multi-ethnic city, next to Sfantu Gheorghe. We believe the youth exchange will bring 21 youngsters together who will become more aware of their role and place in society. Through the art of theatre they will experience the force of sharing, understanding and creation. The short productions will be the tangible results of the project and will be visible for a wider public, promoting the ideas and values of the Erasmus+ program.