

PARTICIPANT GUIDE >>>

Humour
is
SERIOUS
Business
22.-29. March 2021

TRAINING
COURSE.



- WELCOME -

ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME

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Training course on how to use humour as a pro-active and deliberate methodology in the work with young people and with different youth works communities

Velden am Wörthersee, Austria

Monday 22nd March 2021 (arrival day) – Monday 29th March 2021 (departure day)

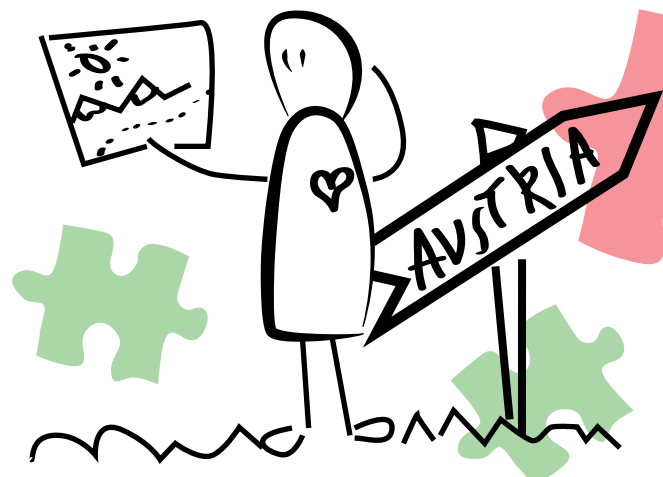
Congratulations!

You are a partner in the Training Course **“HUMOUR is SERIOUS BUSINESS”** and you are among the 31 participants that will take part in the training. There will be participants from Austria, Bulgaria, Estonia, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Portugal, Romania, Spain and the United Kingdom.

You are among these participants, because we believe that you will benefit from the training course. Also, we believe that you will be the one that can share his/her experience with others and therefore be the source of enrichment for the other participants.

We hope that the eight days you will spend at “HUMOUR is SERIOUS BUSINESS” will be for you a vivid and useful intercultural experience. To achieve this, we need to look at some practical needs as well and therefore we have prepared this “participants survival guide” for you, which will help to answer many questions and as well to prepare for the project.

**Read the guide carefully and keep it with you on your travels
(so you can check the information whenever you need to).**



We are looking forward to meet you in Austria!

- THE TEAM -

The team is fixed but you have to wait until you get to Velden am Wörthersee in Austria to check us out. We can tell you that the team of organisers and facilitators are from United Kingdom, Italy, Germany and Austria and we are very excited to work together with you.



And how will we do that? It will be a training course, but it's not like the ones where you can sit back and relax. We will use active methods, based on experimental learning, in combination with practical theory. This means that you will work in workshops, with role plays and exchange the experiences you have and plan concrete future projects.

We are all ready and prepared to meet you soon in our project!

- CONTENT AND ACTIVITIES -

“HUMOUR is SERIOUS BUSINESS” is aiming to provide space and time for participants to examine a multitude of issues, concerns and questions related to the use of Humour in an effort to increase their skills, knowledge and experience of Humour as an effective method of engaging young people.

Participants will come away from the training much better informed and ‘upskilled’ with a clear direction of how they can use humour in their work setting and with a clear plan for developing a locally-based project which they will document to further inform the discussion regarding Humour as a mechanism which can be used effectively in engaging young people.

****WORKING LANGUAGE**

*Whilst many of you speak many different languages the official training language will be **ENGLISH ONLY!***



“HUMOUR is SERIOUS BUSINESS” Training Programme will achieve the following objectives:

- upskilling youth work practitioners in the use of humour as an effective tool for engaging young people and youth work communities;
- enhancing knowledge of the various types of humour so as to increase understanding of how, where, when and why it can be applied;
- increasing awareness of how humour can be used as a pro-active and deliberate methodology in youth work and not just as a natural consequence of and response to specific situations;
- consider cultural differences in humour and understand better how these can be used to support and inform youth work practice;
- providing space and time for practitioners to reflect upon the use of their own sense of humour and consider where it can be altered to support their practice;
- challenge participants to step out of their ‘comfort zone’ in order to appreciate their own commitment to learning;
- developing local humour-based programmes to test methodologies and techniques with a view to informing humour-based practice;
- the development of a number of joint-actions between partner organisations.

- INTERCULTURAL EVENING -

During the training course we plan to arrange an Intercultural Evening. You will present your own cultures – national, regional, personal or any kind of culture you feel you belong to. Further information about what you should prepare and how, you will receive during the training course.

**We will not have a kitchen to prepare the meals for the intercultural evening, so we suggest that you adapt your food and drinks to that reality (we can arrange a refrigerator, if necessary). More details will follow during the training.

*Please notice also there is **no alcohol allowed** during the Intercultural Evening. Please note that alcohol is not allowed on the premises and the training will also be **alcohol-free**. There are some cafes and bars nearby that participants can avail of during free time.*

- MARKET OF ORGANISATIONS -

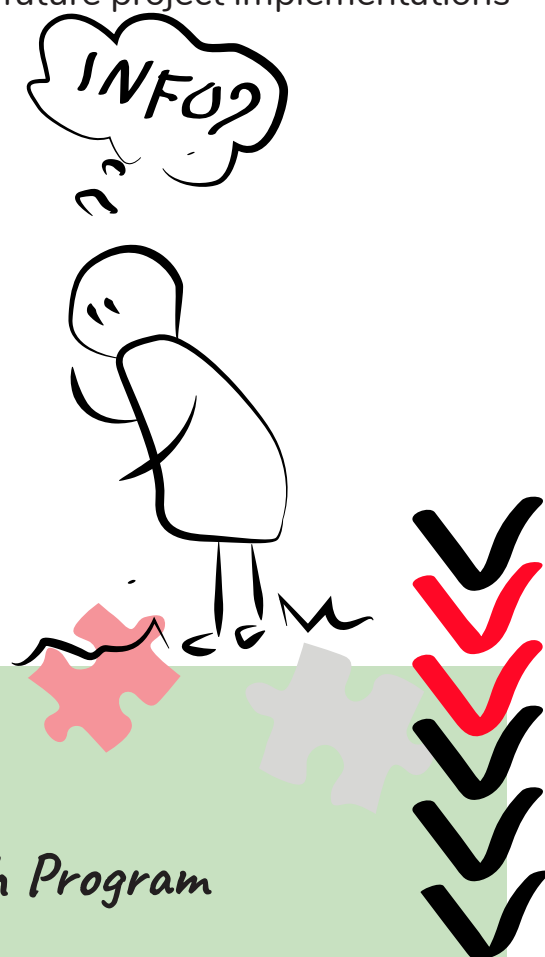
One of the nice side effects of international training is the opportunity to meet new nice and interesting people from different organisations all over Europe. So let us know which context are you recently active in and present your organization and their work.

Bring your promo materials and use your chance to meet future partners!



- PREPARING THE CONTENT -

In this section you can find web-links which will help to broaden your understanding of the Erasmus+ (Youth in Action) programme, non-civic and intercultural education in the European context. These links will be useful for you before the training (in terms of introduction) and after the event (in terms of future project implementations as well as training opportunities).



Check out all of those useful links:

General information on European Youth Program

- http://ec.europa.eu/youth/index_en.htm

Information on the European Youth in Action Program. User's guide is available.

Non-formal education and intercultural learning

- <http://www.infed.org/biblio/b-nonfor.htm>

Formal/Non-Formal/informal Education background.

- <http://www.efc.be/ftp/public/cpi/TCFF%20Intercultural%20Learning.pdf>

Intercultural learning.

- http://www.youth-partnership.net/youth-partnership/publications/T-kits/T_kits
T-kit publications connected with european youth work.

- NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS -

Training Course **“HUMOUR is SERIOUS BUSINESS”** will gather 31 participants from 11 different countries. Check below to discover how many places your organisation have.

Organisation	Country	Total No. of Participants	No. of Trainers	No. of participants fewer opportunities	Travel grant per participant (EUROS)
Europahaus Klagenfurt	AUSTRIA	4	2	0	20.-
Smokinya Foundation	BULGARIA	3	0	2	275.-
MITTETULUNDUSUHING NOORED UHISKONNA HEAKS	ESTONIA	2	0	1	275.-
Europahaus Marienberg	GERMANY	3	1	0	275.-
Tipperary Regional Youth Service	IRELAND	3	1	1	275.-
NUR	ITALY	3	0	1	275.-
ARTILT-D	LATVIA	2	0	0	275.-
Município de Vila Nova de Gaia	PORTUGAL	2	0	1	360.-
Asociatia Minte Forte	ROMANIA	3	0	1	275.-
ASOCIACION GRUPO DESARROLLO RURAL VALLE DEL GUADALHORCE	SPAIN	3	0	0	275.-
The Inside Out Programme	UNITED KINGDOM	3	1	1	275.-



- COSTS -

There is a participation fee of **EUR 30,00** per participant, which you can pay during the reimbursement procedure. Board, lodging and programme costs will be provided and paid 100% by grant from the Austrian Erasmus+ National Agency. But it is recommended to have a personal disposal for drinks, small shoppings, etc.

We have a budget for travel costs. According to the restrictions of the Erasmus+ Programme we can only refund up to some of the travel cost, if the following points are fulfilled:

- Your travel route is from your home town to the venue in Austria (Velden am Wörthersee) and back (if you are not travelling from your hometown, contact us previously).
- You have chosen reasonable and economic means of transportation (e.g. APEX or student fares for flight tickets, cheap airlines, 2nd class trains).
- Your travel dates are according to the programme (two days plus or minus is O.K., if you can prove that this transfer is cheaper, in other cases please contact us previously).
- You have a receipt or invoice for the cost of your plane ticket and the boarding cards or the train/bus tickets. If you go by plane and book an e-ticket please send us a copy by email (info@europahaus-klagenfurt.at).



After you have booked your tickets, please send us the following details as soon as possible:

- >>>> Name of the Traveller (Participant)
- >>>> Date and Time of the Arrival and Departure
- >>>> Price of the tickets

Please send all the tickets and travel information to our project coordinator:

info@europahaus-klagenfurt.at

If you need any suggestions or help with your bookings, please don't hesitate to contact her!

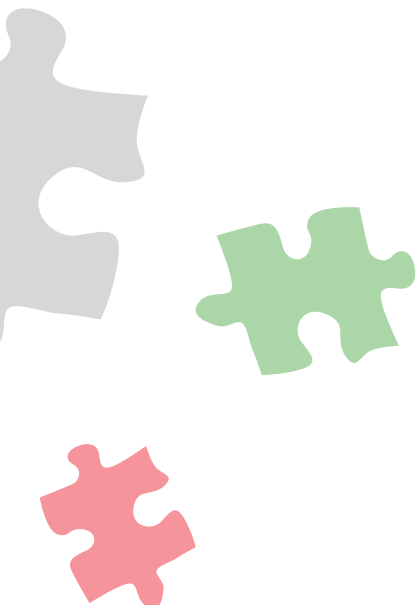
IMPORTANT!

Reimbursement will be made as a wire transfer after we have all the necessary **ORIGINAL documents**. (boarding passes, plane-, bus-, train tickets, etc.).

Charges for wire transfers to non-Euro-countries /non-SEPA-countries **are at participants expense**.

We will not reimburse any amount exceeding the maximum budget for each participant. So please book your tickets as soon as possible.

If you would like to stay longer in Austria, **you can book flights up to 2 days before/after arrival/departure of the dates of the training**. Tickets with the dates longer than 2 days after/before the dates of the training will NOT be reimbursed.



- ABOUT THE VENUE -

We will be hosted:

Youth Hostel Cap Wörth
Seecorso 39 / 9220 Velden



>>>> (http://www.hiyou.at/index.php?article_id=39&clang=1)

We will share nationalities among the rooms. There is a bathroom/shower in each room. Bed linen will be provided by the hostel. **Please take some towels with you.** Breakfast, lunch, dinner and coffee breaks will be provided in the hotel during the whole project.

As you can check in the website, the place offers different activities and possibilities and it can be enjoyed by the participants. Don't forget your **swimming clothes** because there is an amazing lake and an indoor swimming pool in the Hostel Cap Wörth!

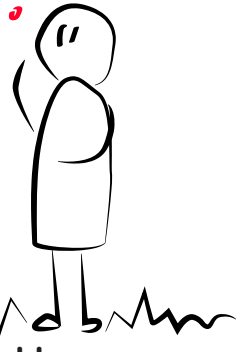
HOW TO GET THERE!

Almost all of you will fly to Vienna International Airport and from there you will have to take a train/bus to Velden am Wörthersee. Each group will be instructed separately in the best way to reach Velden am Wörthersee by e-mail **after confirming the arrival time**. All the groups will be picked up by the organizers at the **train/bus station in Velden am Wörthersee**.

Note: Organizers will not provide any accommodation for additional stay in Austria. If participants plan to arrive a few days earlier or depart a few days later they are kindly requested to inform us and we will be glad to offer assistance with booking a hotel.

- PARTICIPANTS AND PREPARATION OF THE GROUPS -

Please find
Application Form
attached to the letter



Each country will select the participants from **18 years old**.

Target group:

All participants should be committed to participating in all activities and have a willing and pro-active attitude.

We will need the following information about each one:

- Full Name;
- Gender;
- Birthdate / Age;
- Passport Number or ID number with issue and expiration date;
- Phone number and e-mail;
- Special Needs (Allergy, Food restriction, Health restrictions).

- WHAT TO BRING -

Clothes: we don't have any dressing code at our training. So feel free to take whatever clothes make you feel comfortable but remember Austria is situated in the Alps and we advise you to check the weather forecast in advance. Evenings might be cold, and raincoats are advisable in this period of the year. The venue has a big outdoor area and a wide range of free time activities. Pack suitable clothes in order to enjoy being outdoors.

Promo materials with main information to present your Organisation during the evening of Organisation Market.

For Intercultural Evening: Ideas, music, snacks, drinks etc to present your country and culture.

DEADLINE:

All partners have to give information about their participants and the travel details before **15th of February 2021!**

***Failing to accomplish this deadline will give us the right to replace the partnership in accordance of the Programme rules.*

How to apply?

Fill the following documents:

<https://forms.gle/dMkvcUagBuBaViJe6>

- CONTACT DETAILS YOU MIGHT NEED -

>>>> **Marc Germeshausen/Jessica Rath:**

info@europahaus-klagenfurt.at

Please send all queries regarding the organisation of the Training Course to Marc or Jessica.

>>>> **Fergal Barr: thekingisalive@hotmail.com**

Please send all queries regarding the content of the Training Course to Fergal.

See you soon in Austria!

>>>Your Training TEAM<<<