

Creative Minds



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'Youth in Action' Programme



**Training Course “Creative Entrepreneurship
For Social Change”**

14 – 22nd of September 2013

Armenia



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

«Creative Entrepreneurship for Social Change» is a training course organized by Youth NGO «Creative Minds» (Armenia) in cooperation with NGO «Ukrainian Youth Centre» (Ukraine) for young people to encourage them to organize, create, and manage a social venture to achieve a desired social change. The main activity will take place between 14-22nd of September 2013 in Goris, Armenia. 9-days training is open for 24 participants from 6 countries: Armenia, Georgia, Italy, Lithuania, Poland and Ukraine.

The aim of the project is to promote entrepreneurship and social initiatives through creativity and non-formal education among young people.

The main objectives of the project are:

- creation of 6 social business plans of the projects by the participants during the training;
- improvement of the skills and knowledge of the participants about social entrepreneurship;
- implementation of 3 ideas of social entrepreneurship of participants during the training;
- support of one orphanage house in Yerevan during the project by the help of business ideas of participants;
- development of ideas of future cooperation;
- promotion of EU programs for Youth.

This training course is designed for youth leaders and young people who are interested in social entrepreneurship and creative ways of making business and supporting their own community.

The project is based on learning-by-doing experience, built on workshops, info sessions, outdoor activities, games, evaluations, theatre performances, practical assignments, group activities, practicing, modeling, etc., in the same time creativity will be the main tool to approach these topics for young people.

During the training participants will have an opportunity to discover themselves, develop their personal, entrepreneur and leadership skills by working alone and in groups to foster creation of their own projects for their society.

Pay attention! The training course provides the **long** outdoor activities, which include assignments in the forest, mountains, rope course, etc., be prepared!

ARRIVAL / DEPARTURE

Arrival: The participants are expected to arrive on 14th of September to Yerevan. The organizers will meet everyone in Yerevan (September, 14, 13:00 / the exact meeting point will be provided in the future).

Please, do not take taxi. In such a case the organisers will be not able to reimburse these costs. If you want to travel by car, please, agree it with the organizers.

Departure: 23rd of September (morning).

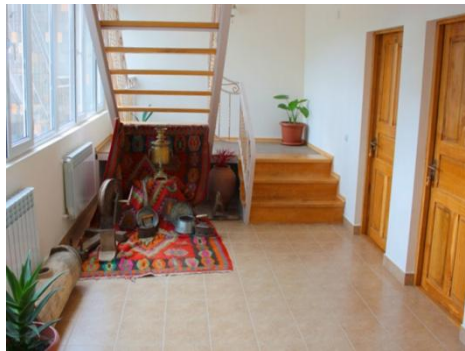
! Please note that the organisers will not cover any accommodation and food costs outside the project dates (September 14-22, 2013).

In case of emergency or any travel changes, please call or send SMS to Sargis Sargsyan +374 77 72 04 33

ACCOMODATION AND FOOD

The first six days of the project (**14 – 19th of September**) will take place in **Goris**, a town in the southern part of Armenia. Located in the valley of river Goris, it is 254 km away from the Armenian capital Yerevan. The hotel is situated on the edge of the forest, surrounded by evergreen firs.

Hotel Yeghevnut



The next 3 days the activity (**20 – 22nd of September**) will take place in **Yerevan**, the Armenian capital.

Please inform the organizers well in advance if you have any special needs e.g. mobility, health care, allergies, dietary needs, etc.

COSTS

The training course will be implemented in the frame of the **EU Youth in Action Programme**.

Accommodation, food and activities are fully covered by the organisers. The organisers will reimburse 70% of participants' travel costs (cheapest mean of transportation, only economy class, no taxi, under the agreed budget) upon presentation of original tickets, invoices and boarding tags.

Find the travel limits here below.

Please Note:

1. Bring original invoices and tickets, print out e-tickets and keep your boarding passes. On all documents the price, currency, name of passenger, date of purchase and travel should be clearly visible, otherwise we will be unable to reimburse the costs.
2. Participant's travel costs should not exceed the travel budget limits, the travel route and dates should also be in accordance. If you have problems to stay within the indicated travel limits please contact the organisers. Please note that the organisers might not be able to reimburse you fully 70% if your travel costs are above the approved budget.

Note if you bought your ticket in your local currency which might be different than EURO, we will calculate your travel costs according to the exchange rates from official European Commission web-site for the month of ticket purchase:

<http://ec.europa.eu/budget/inforeuro/index.cfm?Language=en>

Travel limits

Country	Promoter	Number of persons	Max costs per participant, EUR (100%)	Max reimbursement per participant, EUR (70%)
Armenia	Creative Minds	4	100	70
Georgia	National Council of Youth Organizations of Georgia	4	150	105
Italy	Going to Europe	4	500	350
Lithuania	JAUNIMO ASOCIACIJA „COFA”	4	450	315
Poland	Foundation WINDOW TO THE EAST	4	400	280
Ukraine	Ukrainian Youth Centre	4	500	350

WEATHER

The average temperature in September in this region is:

max. in the afternoon: 25°C

max. at night: 10°C

So please, take warmer clothes and shoes as well, you will need in the evenings and during the outdoor activities.



MONEY

The Armenian currency is called Armenian **DRAM (AMD)**.

Approximate exchange rate is:

1 USD = 410,29 AMD*

1 EUR = 532,72 AMD*

In Armenia dram is used for making buyings. In the shops US dollars and Euros are not taken. However there are many places you may exchange money in. The ATMs are widely spread. However the interest is taken for cashing if using ATM. In public transport they take just cash.



*according to the exchange rate on July 2, 2013.

CHECK-LIST / WHAT TO BRING

1. **Intercultural Evening:** drinks and food from your country and region and any other items that may help you to present your country during the intercultural evening.
2. **NGO fair:** flyers, brochures, promotional materials, etc., to present your organisation to the other participants.
3. For travel and visa reimbursements: **invoices, tickets and boarding tags** related to your travel and visa for reimbursements
4. **Health and Social insurance documents** in case of emergency (the organisers will not cover insurance costs and/or medical costs in the country!). Armenia is not in the European Union, the European Health Insurance Card is not valid!
5. **Clothing:** warm and comfortable clothes and shoes (especially pay attention to the clothes for the outdoor activities).
6. **!!! Sleeping bag** for the outdoor activities.
7. **Medicine** you need regularly as you may not find your usual medicines in local pharmacies.

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See you soon in Armenia!

