

YEU CYPRUS EVS program

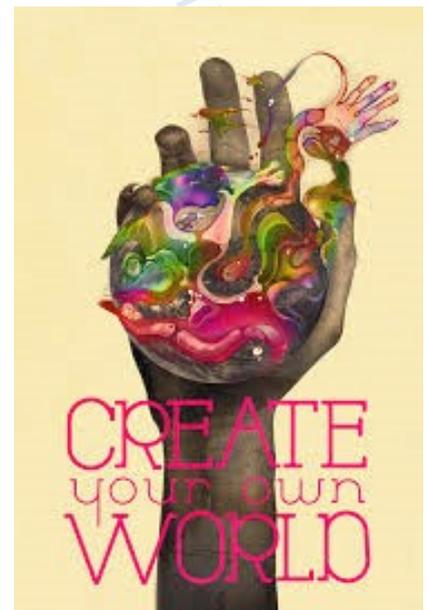
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youth for exchange & understanding



WHAT?



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"Create your own world II"'s mission is to organise different leisure time activities for young people, in order to help them find different creative ways to spend their free time. At the same time our aim is to help them learn some new things, such as speaking a new language, as well as developing a new skill, such as dancing and playing a musical instrument.

One of our goals will be to help them be more active citizens, by organising different events for the society and promoting volunteerism. A lot of young people in Cyprus are at the moment unemployed and quite frustrated because they do not feel that they are productive in any way. There are also a lot of young people that may be asylum seekers, political refugees or even human trafficking victims. These young people do not have the same opportunities as others, especially because they are not really implemented in the society. A lot of them do not have friends or hobbies and in many cases, not even some creative ways to spend their days or learn something. Our goal is to promote the inclusion of these young people to the society and help them find ways to use their energy in a creative way. We will also organise events that will show them the opportunities they have abroad and how they can travel and at the same time learn new things.

Through different actions, including non formal education and a variety of other tools, such as Human Library or Theatre of the Oppressed, we will try to make people understand that they have different ways to be productive and creative. The volunteers will get lots of versatile experience from youth work and will gain lots of knowledge about leading different kinds of youth groups. We will give them the opportunity to plan activities and be part of developing old ones. They will also learn about youth information and about different kinds of office work like reporting and planning. Volunteers will have the chance to participate in the diffusion of youth mobility programmes, supporting the implementation of workshops, supporting the search for partner projects and the organisation of local and international seminars.

The countries that are going to be involved are Spain, Czech Republic, Italy and Croatia and the project will last for 9 months (July 2015-March 2016)

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YEU CYPRUS

YEU Cyprus stands for Youth for Exchange and Understanding Cyprus and it is a non-political, non-governmental organization (NGO) based in Cyprus. It was established in 1995 with the aim to foster closer co-operation and better understanding among the young people of the world through the exchange of information, experiences and ideas. YEU Cyprus is one of the biggest youth organizations in Cyprus numbering more than 1000 members. It is considered to be one of the most active organizations of the island realizing several activities both on international and local level.

YEU Cyprus is a full member of the Cyprus Youth Council and is represented in the CYC Board. It is also a member of the Advisory Body of the Cyprus Youth Board, the semi-governmental organization responsible for youth issues in Cyprus. YEU Cyprus is affiliated with the YEU International platform which is under the European Youth Forum umbrella. YEU Cyprus is represented in the CYC Board and the YEU International Board.

YEU CYPRUS ACTIVITIES

YEU Cyprus organizes and participates as a partner in various international and local activities. On international level, YEU Cyprus organizes and delivers training courses or exchanges on different topics, focusing always on the youth's development, awareness raising and capacity building. The methodology of the activities is based on non-formal education and experiential learning. YEU Cyprus also gives its members the opportunity to participate in international activities abroad such as in partner's training courses, youth exchanges, European Voluntary Service (EVS), seminars, SALTO events and the YEU International Youth Convention

On local level, in attempt to bring youngsters together and make them aware of different topics, YEU Cyprus organizes Theatre of the Oppressed, Human Libraries, workshops and seminars on different topics (for example human trafficking, non-formal education, volunteering), street festivals, laughter festival, geocaching, field trips and other activities.

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For more information have a look at our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/pages/YEU-Cyprus/525556094194458> or our webpage <http://www.yeucyprus.org/>

PREFERRED PROFILE OF VOLUNTEERS

The volunteers must have

- ✓ **The necessary competencies and motivation** to work with young people of different backgrounds and with different interests.
- ✓ the **willingness and openness** to learn new things, including working with the computer.
- ✓ **Good knowledge of the English language** (both oral and written).
- ✓ Preferably **over 20 years old**,
- ✓ **open-minded** towards different working methods, different languages and cultures and be interested to make new experiences in an intercultural environment.

Volunteers are chosen regardless of their ethnic group, religion, sexual orientation or political opinion. We do not require any previous qualifications, educational level, or a specific experience.

TASKS OF THE VOLUNTEERS

YEU Cyprus will maintain an office in the old city of Nicosia where the volunteers will be working some hours each day and helping the organisation with its daily activities. Namely, the volunteers will be working together with our staff in participating and organising events such as Human Library, Theatre of the Oppressed events, art festivals, teaching English or their own language to young people, as well as organising different other workshops for young people. **The volunteers will work approximately seven hours per day and five days a week.** In case there are activities during the weekend, the volunteers will be given the next two days free. The volunteers can take two days free per month.

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Our organisation has its own accommodation facilities, where the volunteers will be hosted near our office, so there is no need of local transport. Each volunteer will have their own room and share kitchen and bathroom facilities.

The volunteers will have the opportunity to learn and work with the methods of non-formal education and to be introduced, to learn and work in the whole process of developing, implementing and disseminating a youth projects under the Erasmus plus program (such as training courses and youth exchanges) which are coordinated from our project managers. Greek language lessons will be provided during the whole project, to help the volunteers learn the language.

PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATIONS

1. Fill in the application form and send it to your sending organization. **PLEASE write your name and surname in the name of the file!!!** The sending organization will review all applications and send us the applications of their recommended volunteers.

2. The form should be sent to us until **15/3/2015**. Candidates will be pre selected for **skype interviews** and after that the final selection will be carried out. Due to the special conditions of the project we need volunteers SPECIFICALLY interested in the project and not driven only by the desire to live in the island.

We look forward to meeting you!!! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us at:

info@yeucyprus.org



The YEU Cyprus team