



## CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

### « Volume Up ! – Make Equality Louder »

Key Action 1 : Youth Exchange



#### **Duration :**

9 days (travel days included) **from the 24<sup>th</sup> October to the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2020.**

#### **Location :**

The Youth Exchange will take place in the centre of Lyon. The participants will be hosted in a social youth hosting place, they will share rooms of 10 beds, and have access to common bathrooms and toilets.

The participants will prepare their own food all together, supported by local volunteers, and will have working rooms at their disposal for their activities near to the hostel.

Some excursions will be organized during the week to visit Lyon.

#### **Participating countries :**

Poland, France, Greece, Spain.

#### **Participants :**

**16 young people from 18 to 30 years old** + 4 youth leaders (4 participants + 1 youth leader for each country). Groups of participants from each country should be gender balanced.

Participants need to be interested in the topics tackled by the youth exchange, and motivated to actively participate to the activities.

### Youth leaders :

Each participant organization will be in charge of recruiting **1 youth leader** from each participating country. Youth leaders must be interested in the topics covered by the exchange and willing to actively participate on the design and organisation of the activities. The role of youth leaders will be the following :

- Attending the planning visit **in Lyon from the 25th to the 28th September 2020** to organise the activities that will take place during the exchange.
- Assisting the participants from their countries with the travel arrangements.
- Preparing the participants from their countries for the topics that will be covered in the youth exchange.

Young people who are interested in being a youth leader for this exchange must apply **before the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2020**.

### Language :

English. Good knowledge would be useful to be able to actively participate in the exchange.

### Background of the project :

Concordia is an organisation of non-formal education which promotes intercultural exchanges. Our traditional activity is the organisation of international volunteer workcamps, and one of its main goals is to allow participants to get open-minded and develop non-formal skills as autonomy and self-confidence, by meeting and living for a few weeks with people from all over the world with different cultural and social background.

This Youth Exchange comes from our wish **to mix intercultural exchanges with the topic of facing inequality and vanishing gender stereotypes in young people's minds.**

We hope that youngsters from your organisations will be motivated to tackle these issues with us, confront our points of view and make this Youth Exchange the most fascinating we can as one more step for building a more step for building a more equal and fair society where everyone has a voice !

Main themes of the Exchange:

- Gender equality
- Active citizenship and participation
- Media and freedom of expression

This Youth Exchange aims to **create awareness about inequality in general, and gender-based inequality, in particular.** It would be an opportunity for youngsters to share different experiences related to this topic both, at individual and national level. Through active participation of youngsters in different workshop about media, freedom of expression, gender equality and discrimination, and the intervention of inspiring equality defenders, they would create their own podcast and find their own and other's voices.

“Volume Up! – Make Equality Louder” attempts to empower young people and make them feel they have something to say, giving them an accessible tool such as **the podcast** to transmit their visions and opinions. Stressing, especially, freedom of expression and active listening as a pillar of a democratic society. Working together to recognise inequalities existing in their national and European context and developing tool to fight them through media.

**Main objectives :**

This Youth Exchange has as objectives to promote equality and non-discrimination, focusing mainly in gender and sexual orientation discrimination. To bring freedom of expression to the fore using media from a critical perspective. Promoting active citizenship among youngsters making them actors in tackling injustices.

**Specific objectives :**

- To make awareness about inequalities and how to recognise them.
- To tackle gender and sexual orientation discrimination.
- To create a safe space to share different opinions and visions from different cultural and social contexts.
- To promote active listening and enriching discussions, fighting against hate speech.
- To help youngsters to engage in their community and their social context.
- To promote this feeling of belonging to the society (at local and European level).
- To highlight both roles of media : on one hand perpetuating women stereotypes and letting them be misrepresented, on the other as a tool of change and empowerment.
- To provide a tool to spread their ideas and to valorise the role of women in media.

**Methodology :**

The methodology (non-formal education, meetings with professionals, discussions) and the structure of the Youth Exchange will encourage an active involvement of each participant in order to develop competences and new tools for personal and social development. Non formal education tools will be used to create a friendly and caring atmosphere, considering each participant in his or her diversity, personality and culture, so that each person can feel free to express him(her)self, share his or her experiences, teach and learn from the others.

The methodology will include interactive activities that will allow us to go deeper into the subject with a different approach to raise awareness about the topic. There will be different kinds of workshops related tot the topic such as role pays, debates, etc. In addition, there will be a radio workshop to show how to create their own podcast, with the ambition to create a common program in a European online platform where each one of them can add the podcast they recorded back to their countries.

All these activities will permit the youngsters to discover new ways of expression, encouraging their creativity and ability to create collectively, gaining self-confidence to express their thoughts and opinions as well as developing technical skills to create their own media content.

**Financial conditions :**

- Travel costs will be covered based on the unit costs of the program. Please note that participants will be reimbursed the real costs of their transport fees up to a certain limit as per information below.

- 100% lodging and food will be covered

Please note that the process of reimbursement will be carried out directly with the applicant organizations and not with the individual participants, after receiving all the tickets and payment proofs. This process should take about 3 months.

<b>Country</b>	<b>Amount</b>
France	0 Euros
Spain	275 Euros
Greece	275 Euros
Poland	275 Euros

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS :

**31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 for the participants (30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 if you want to be a youth leader)**

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