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Project Title

" Youth Against Exclusion "

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Project Summary

Objectives

Our goal through this project is to play our part in driving inclusiveness, tolerance, and acceptance amongst different nationalities, religions, and socio-economic groups. Our focus will be on the minority groups who do not have a voice & we will be instrumental in initiating a ripple effect felt across many countries which cannot be ignored.

" Youth Against Exclusion " will encourage participants to raise awareness of their own cultures. Our goal is to empower them to respect cultural diversity & foster mutual understanding between people from different countries driving European integration.

Our primary objective for the project is:

- To create a sense of resilience among youngsters through creating a comprehensive sense of belonging and identity
- To cultivate the importance of different values
- To reach common objectives in a universal environment and create common values.

By implementing the venture, we would like to give the participants the chance, especially people with fewer opportunities to:

- Come to Morocco for an enriching cultural experience
- Participants will get a new experience of living apart from home, family, and friends
- Meet others with different backgrounds
- Improve their sense of tolerance
- Share practices and encourage them to be active members of their societies.

Activities

" Youth Against Exclusion " main project (Activity1): 30 participants (including 6 group leaders).

Activities will be designed in a way that participants will have role-played processes, through which they realize their response in a specific situation. The best way to learn is to do, it is crucial in embedding the meaning in their minds ultimately driving behavioral changes without them realizing it. In activities, the focus will be on themselves, their environment, working style, reactions, and way of thinking. Workshops will play an important part where they implement what they learned.

During the project, we are going to offer inclusive games, workshops, presentations, study visits so that participants will be able to share practices, identify each other's uniqueness and respect it.

Our activities will cover the below areas and ensure we reach our participants at the unconscious level where most of our biases are driven. We need to keep in mind that

- What we do every day and how we unconsciously exclude people.
- What is the cost of segregation, non-tolerance, and discrimination and what are the long-term consequences; - How do they produce other problems.
- What we can do to create change in order to make an impact on local communities.

PARTICIPANTS:

The project is going to bring together 30 young people (aged 18-26) from 6 nationalities. To achieve a wide diversity of participants, our team is working together with partner organizations, which will each select 5 participants including their group leader from Estonia, Lithuania, Italy, Georgia, Morocco, and Egypt. We are going to include young people, volunteers, active citizens integrating them with people of fewer opportunities & backgrounds of cultural differences, social obstacles, educational difficulties, economic obstacles, and geographical obstacles. By using our inclusive methods, we are going to ensure their equal/ proactive participation and ways of learning/ developing skills.

Impact

The issue of social inclusion, exclusion, and integration is not only imperative in the attainment of things such as achieving equal education but also promoting equality and improving societies as a whole. Unless we pay closer attention to the issue of social inclusion/exclusion/integration, some segments of the population will continue to be excluded from progressing. We cannot continue to do our "business-as-usual". Social inclusion, as an overarching goal can play a critical role in promoting sustainable human development and integration.

We want to play our part in helping establish a just and lasting peace; we want our participants to go home understanding that human beings must respect one other, in all their diversity of beliefs, culture, and language. Differences within and between societies should be neither feared nor repressed but cherished as a precious asset of humanity.

We want to empower our participants to find their own way in life and create success by adopting a proactive attitude and becoming more aware of their potential. We expect participants to become aware of their thoughts and take action beyond thoughts alone.

As a minimum half of the participants are young people who have fewer opportunities, their new experience and the knowledge that they will gain participating in this project will give them the opportunity to:

- change their attitude and behavior
- Improve their self-confidence (they have probably faced the problem of integrating themselves)

We want participants to become more proactive in life and local communities by getting engaged in creating new projects and campaigns for their communities and transfer the knowledge and experience acquired during the exchange to others.

Partner organizations in our project will develop & improve their skills and competencies. Promoters from different parts of Europe, North Africa, Caucasus countries will share best practices and methods - the tools that can be useful for each of us. In the end, we will build strong and sustainable partnerships which promote diversity, tolerance, empowerment, inclusion, participation, and community-minded action from which important steps can be made in driving change. Everyone will be encouraged to participate, and partnerships will be facilitated.

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