



Youth Exchange: My Home Elsewhere

10 days in the Italian countryside. 36 youngsters. Non-formal education, video-making, photography and storytelling... and one question: what is the meaning of home?

Arrival day: 30 June
Activity days: 01-10 July
Departure day: 11 July

!!! IMPORTANT: Check STANDARD TRAVEL and GREEN TRAVEL schedules in Travel and Transportation section **!!!**



ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Youth Exchange MY HOME ELSEWHERE, organized by Primi Piani OdV, aims at exploring the concepts of **home**, the right to have one, **personal identity**, and deepening reflection on social issues as **immigration/integration** and **active citizenship**, through audiovisual/multimedia language, non-formal education and intercultural learning.

“One of the most effective ways to learn about yourself is by taking seriously the cultures of others. It forces you to pay attention to those details of life which differentiate them from you.”

- Edward T. Hall



The main objective of the project is to promote a critical and creative reflection both on social complex issues, like being a migrant in the EU and building a mutual integration, and personal issues, as the intimate need to know yourselves and to be known by the others in your personal story, roots, and culture. Starting from an in-depth analysis of the versatile meaning of Home, this youth exchange will stimulate debate and think about the current challenges to live together in a more and more multicultural society and the strong need to build intercultural identities truly inclusive. Thanks to the use of the audiovisual/multimedia language and various creative non-formal education methodologies, MY HOME ELSEWHERE will provide you with the tools to better know each other and yourselves, to define new narratives, and to become more aware of the importance of living in peace in your own social context and the European level. You will learn how to do promotional videos and pictures with basic equipment to create social impact online through Social Media, at European level and in your own contexts.

THE OBJECTIVES

- To have an intercultural learning experience and meet new realities and lifestyles, by living in a community-based environment.
- To identify and discuss the multiple faces of the “Home” concept both at personal level and at group level.
- To foster reflection, critical thinking, and peer-to-peer dialogue on the topics of immigration/integration and active citizenship, in our current European society.
- To promote the exchange of personal identity-stories to better know each other's points of view and come up with a harmonization of the different opinions.
- To test new forms of multimedia communication to break down prejudices and promote alternative narratives.

- To develop transversal competences and acquire tools to launch, also independently, local awareness-raising campaigns on the topics faced and other social topics.
- To video-record the experience.
- To live a life-experience immerse in the nature, in a friendly and eco-sustainable environment.

ACTIVITIES

The programme will include several activities divided in 3 connected parts:

- **First Part of the YE:** Get to know each other, group contract, team building, intercultural learning.
- **Second Part of the YE:** In-depth analysis of the YE topic through NFE tools, workshops, games, debates, multimedia and audiovisual language and storytelling, balancing theory and practice. Production of multimedia and audiovisual content by the young people (videos, photos, posts for social networks).
- **Third Part of the YE:** public screening (presentation of young people's works); next steps and dissemination; personal development and final evaluation.

The Youth Exchange will be based on NFE principles and methods, taking into account the different needs and motivations of the participants. All the activities based on NFE will promote a learning-by-doing process. We will use a lot of diverse creative methods, such as the audiovisual/multimedia language and storytelling, to guarantee a full involvement of the participants with different learning styles.

Please, keep in mind that the activities could change depending on the needs and expectations of the participants, since we will work through non-formal education methodology. The language of the Youth Exchange will be English.

PARTICIPANTS

36 young people in total: 5 young people (18-25, but we will evaluate candidates up to 30 if truly motivated) + 1 group leader (+23) for each national group.

Participants should be motivated, energetic and eager to be part of an intercultural environment, to learn about new culture, to get out their comfort zone, and to participate in practical workshops.

They should:

- Have a high interest in and be open to learn about the topic.
- Have interest in audiovisual/multimedia language and be ready to acquire/improve skills in shooting, video production, storytelling.

- Have time and interest in being engaged in two pre-departure preparation meetings online, Youth Exchange activities and dissemination events.
- Have a basic knowledge of English: at least 3 people per national group should have an English level good enough to actively participate in discussions, and to support the ones who have difficulties with the language.

PARTNERS

Primi Piani OdV - Italy

Asociación Brujula intercultural - Spain

Associacao Quinta Das Relvas - Portugal

Mostar Friedensprojekt Ev - Germany

MTU Kora Estonia - Estonia

Regionalne Centrum Wolontariatu - Poland

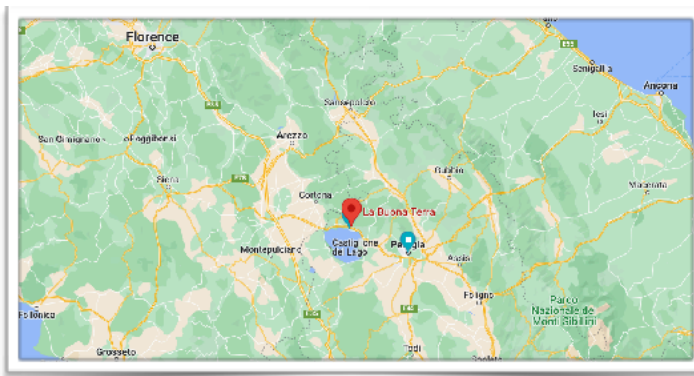
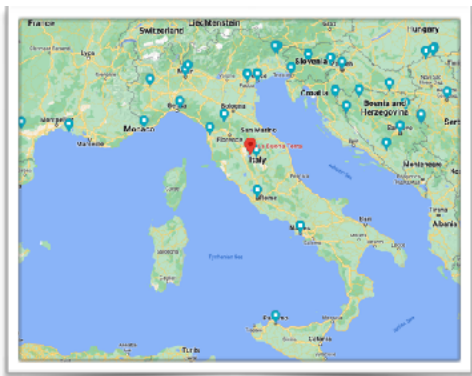
LOCATION & ACCOMMODATION

The Youth Exchange will take place in the educational farm “La Buona Terra” in Passignano sul Trasimeno, in the central Italy. You will stay in a big house, in shared rooms and mixed nationalities. Please keep in mind that the venue is 30 minutes walk from the first shop. The farm gives great importance to self responsibility and respect of nature. Some ground rules will be given during the stay, in order to respect the place, inside and outside, to respect people living in the surroundings, to respect the animals, to control the environmental impact (water, electricity...) and to create a safe and enjoyable environment for the whole duration of the project.

The address of the farm is: Via Campagna 26, 06065 Passignano sul Trasimeno, Italy.

The meals will be mainly vegetarian - a decision taken in line with the values of the the hosting place, since the consumption of meat is not very environmentally sustainable. Please do remember to fill out the online form document that we will send you before the project, about special dietary needs (religion-related restrictions, allergies, etc...).





WHAT TO BRING & PREPARE

- Your ID documents and keep your travel documents like tickets, boarding pass etc. Take really care about travel documents, without them, it will NOT be possible to get the reimbursement of travel costs
- Personal toiletries and towel
- Comfortable clothes for any type of weather condition and activity: Keep in mind that during the project we will be in the countryside, in a farm
- Raincoat, as it could rain
- Spray against mosquitoes
- Sunscreen
- Comfortable shoes
- Slippers /flip-flops (or indoor shoes)
- Water bottle to keep with you during the activities
- Flashlight
- An adapter for the plugs, L type
- Whatever you feel you would need for any time spent away from home (cigarettes, medicines, chocolate... Consider that you will live far away from the village and the shops)
- Anything you want to share with others about your culture/traditions during intercultural nights (food, snacks, beverages, clothes, etc)

EQUIPMENTS

Basically, we will use what we've got! The participants will learn how to optimise smartphones, photo/video cams, mics and laptops. They will be borrowed small microphones to be used with their own personal equipments (smartphones and photo/video cams). Please, bring your own smartphones (mandatory). Also, you are very welcome to bring your own photo/video cams, laptops, and external portable disks. La Buona Terra is a safe environment :)

TRAVEL & TRANSPORTATION

Ground rule: contact the sending organisation/partner to plan your itinerary and before buying your tickets. Primi Piani OdV is not responsible for tickets purchased without consultation.

For the Youth exchange you will be expected to arrive on 30.06. Departure day is on 11.07. Please consider travel time to the airport of departure from Passignano sul Trasimeno. The project activities will start on 01.07 after breakfast and will end on 10.07 after dinner.

Arrival point: Train station of Passignano sul Trasimeno. Once in Passignano sul Trasimeno train station we will come and pick you up by car/van, and we will drive you to the farm (5 minutes by car). If you don't find trains to Passignano sul Trasimeno (first choice), check trains for Terontola - Cortona (second choice) and we'll come and pick you up there.

If you travel by plane, the closest international airports are:

Perugia (PEG): 30 km

Florence (FLR): 163 km

Rome Ciampino (CIA): 188 km

Rome Fiumicino (FCO): 205km

If you travel by green transportation the best option is to take a train from Milan Central Station to Passignano sul Trasimeno.

- 🕒 **IMPORTANT:** Note about train tickets in Italy. If you don't have electronic tickets (as PDF), the ticket must be bought from the ticket office or ticket vending machine of Trenitalia. All tickets must be stamped in the machine prior to getting on the train! 100€ penalty may be applied.
- 🕒 **IMPORTANT:** Check with the respective sending partner the days scheduled for the trip:
 - **Standard Travel** (from Poland and Portugal): up to 2 days prior arrival day, and up to 2 days after departure day;
 - **Green Travel** (Estonia, Germany, Italy and Spain): up to 3 days prior arrival day, and up to 3 days after departure day.

TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

It is fundamental that you keep all your original travel documents: bus and train tickets, invoices, boarding passes... The reimbursement cannot be done without these documents. You will be reimbursed up until a maximum amount granted by the European Commission.

Taxi and first class tickets cannot be reimbursed.

Please, consult your Group Leader/Sending Organization and purchase the proper ticket in advance following their indications.

- 🕒 **IMPORTANT:** If you are travelling with RyanAir and you use their app for the boarding pass it is essential that you make a screenshot of the boarding pass before the

departure. That is because the boarding pass will disappear from the app once the flight lands.

Participants will be reimbursed after the end of the youth exchange, once they provided all the original travel documents, including the train, bus and shuttle tickets of the return trip, which have to be sent by post if they are not digital.

Further and detailed instructions will be given during the project.

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