

Tech-ing Up Non-Formal Youth
Work

Mobility of youth workers

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About us

At "Amazing Youth," our non-profit organization is focused on empowering young people to bring about positive change in their communities. We believe that young people have the passion, creativity, and energy to drive meaningful progress, and our goal is to give them the tools and support they need to make a difference. We were founded in 2020 with the main aim of providing activities and socialization opportunities for youth. Despite their differences, young people are the future of the world, and no one should be left behind. Amazing Youth wants to empower young people to actively participate in society in order to improve their own lives and address issues that are important to them.

Our main objectives revolve around environmental issues, social inclusion, non-formal education, entrepreneurship, and technological development. These areas are all closely connected and require a holistic approach to truly make an impact.

In terms of environmental issues, we are committed to promoting sustainability and protecting the planet for future generations. This includes working with young people to raise awareness about the importance of environmental conservation, as well as supporting initiatives that reduce waste, protect natural resources, and promote clean energy.

Non-formal education is also a critical part of our work. We understand that traditional education systems do not always meet the needs of all young people, and so we support initiatives that offer alternative learning opportunities. This includes programs that focus on experiential learning, mentorship, and real-world problem solving.

Overall, our organization is dedicated to empowering young people to create a better future for themselves and their communities. By supporting initiatives in these key areas, we hope to help young people make a positive impact in the world and build a brighter, more sustainable future for all.

Experience

Last year, we had a youth exchange on environmental protection, with a focus on the problem of fires that are affecting all of Europe, especially Mediterranean countries, due to climate change.

In total there were 60 participants from Greece, Spain, Italy, Italy, Romania, Bulgaria and Malta.



Our program focused on strengthening cooperation between partner organizations and promoting sustainability and climate change projects. We also aimed to educate participants about the interconnectedness of climate change and ways to prevent fires, particularly during hot summer days. We raised awareness of climate change among youth workers and leaders, and encouraged them to engage in global climate action. Additionally, we sought to disseminate knowledge by acting as multipliers and sharing the skills we acquired during the program with our local communities.



We also emphasized the importance of living sustainably and integrated climate-friendly solutions into our local projects. We learned about forest protection and the individual responsibility for cleaning up forests and removing combustible materials from dangerous areas.



Overview of the training course

The objective of the project is to train and equip young people with the skills to use technology to create their own educational programs. The aim is to empower young people to take ownership of their own learning and to become active agents in their own education.

From a youth work practice perspective, the objectives of the project are as follows:

- To provide young people with the necessary knowledge and skills to create their own educational programs using technology.
- To enable young people to become more independent learners and to take responsibility for their own learning.
- To encourage young people to be more creative in their approach to learning and to think outside the box.
- To promote collaboration and teamwork among young people, as they work together to create their own educational programs.
- To foster digital literacy and technological competence among young people, equipping them with the tools they need to navigate the digital world.
- To provide young people with an opportunity to develop their leadership and communication skills as they design and present their educational programs.

Overall, the goal of the project is to empower young people to become active agents in their own learning, to develop their digital skills, and to become more confident, competent, and creative learners.

We aim to implement a variety of activities that are engaging and informative for our participants. We have planned for a total of 9 days, with a balance of morning and afternoon activities each day. These activities include:

- Icebreaker activities to help participants get to know each other and feel comfortable in the group
- Workshops on non-formal education and design thinking, which will help participants to develop their own educational programmes using digital tools
- Interactive sessions on electronic game design and website creation, which will help participants to develop their technical skills and learn how to use digital tools effectively
- Photography and videography workshops to allow participants to develop their creativity and learn how to create visually appealing content
- A day exploring Elafonisos Village to give participants an opportunity to learn about the history and culture of Greece

- Daily feedback sessions to ensure that participants are engaged and have a chance to reflect on what they have learned

In terms of the number and profile of participants, we are expecting a total of 30 participants from 5 different European countries Greece, Romania, Spain, Italy, Bulgaria. We aim to have a balance of male and female participants, with a mix of ages and backgrounds to ensure a diverse and inclusive group. Our participants will include youth workers, educators, and individuals with an interest in digital media and education.

Mobility dates

At 10/06/2024 the bus will depart from Athen's airport at 15:00 and will arrive in Elafonisos at 20:00.

! NOTE!

All participants must book their air-tickets at 10/06/2024 or before, with arrival time at Greece before 14:00!!!

- Project first day: **11/06/2024**
- Project last day: **20/06/2024**

Same with the first day, the departure will be from Elafonisos by bus the early morning to Athens.

!NOTE!

All participants must book their air-tickets at 20/06/2024 or after, with departure time from Greece after 18:00!!!

Place

[Elafonisos](#) is a small island located off the southeastern coast of the [Peloponnese](#) in Greece. It is known for its crystal-clear waters, sandy beaches, and traditional fishing villages. Simos Beach is a popular spot on the island, known for its sandy beach and crystal-clear waters.



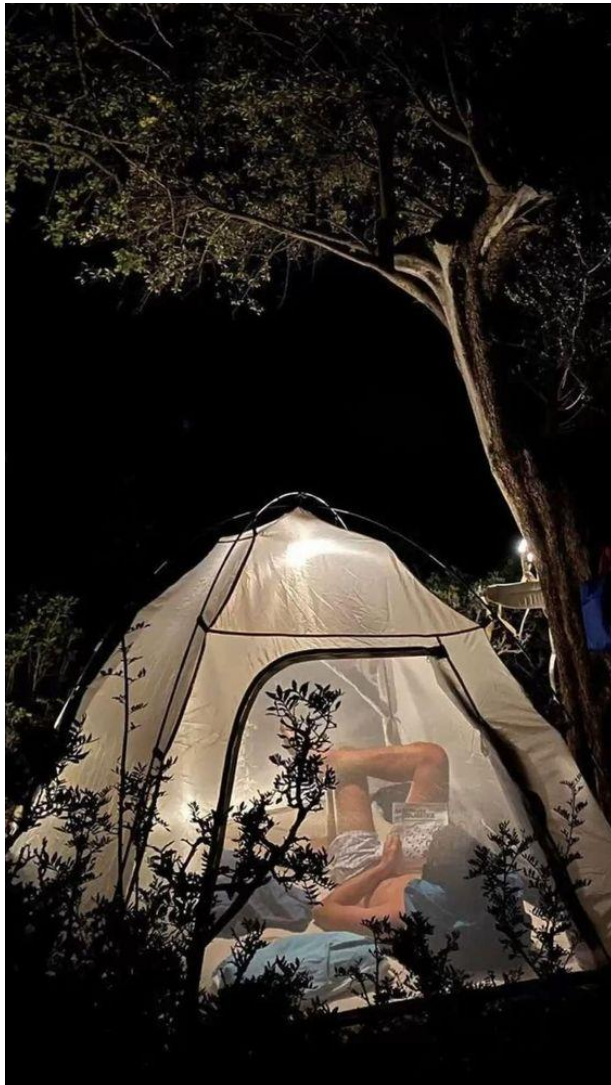
There is a camping site called [Simos Beach Camping](#) located near or on Simos Beach, which offers a range of accommodations and amenities for campers, such as tent and RV sites, restrooms, and possibly other facilities like a camp store or snack bar.

The camping site is a popular destination for tourists who want to enjoy the natural beauty of Elafonisos and spend time on the beach, while also having the convenience and amenities of a campground.

We will stay in a tent with two participants per tent. The tents along with the sleeping mattress will be provided by the organizers, but it is advisable to bring sheets and inflatable pillows in order to have a comfortable sleep.

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All camps have electricity supply, but we recommend you bring a power bank if you want to charge several devices at the same time.



Activities

The program offers a variety of activities to engage the participants and help them make the most of their experience. These include ice-breaking and team-building activities, such as games and problem-solving exercises, which will allow the participants to get to know each other and build a sense of teamwork.

In addition, the program features informative and training sessions on topics such as the Erasmus+ program, non-formal education, and environmental awareness. These sessions will provide the participants with valuable knowledge and skills that will be useful throughout the program.

Practical tasks, including building shade and beach clean-up, will give the participants the opportunity to put their teamwork and problem-solving skills into practice. And group work and discussion activities, such as the development of a handbook and the creation of videos, will encourage collaboration and critical thinking among the participants.

We strongly encourage all participants to join in these activities and make the most of this unique opportunity to learn and grow with their fellow participants.

Partners

[Amaita Intercultura APS](#) (Italy)

[Asociatia Euroactive NGO](#) (Romania)

[SPORTSROOM](#) (Bulgaria)

Brisa Intercultural (Spain)

Youth workers

A youth worker is an individual who works with young people in a variety of settings, including schools, community organizations, and youth centers. Youth workers may be responsible for organizing and facilitating educational, recreational, and social activities for young people, as well as providing support, guidance, and mentorship.

Youth workers may work with young people of different ages and from diverse backgrounds, and may focus on a wide range of issues and areas of concern, such as education, health, social development, and personal growth.

Youth work is often based on the principles of non-formal education, which emphasizes experiential learning, personal development, and social and cultural exchange. Youth workers may use a variety of approaches and techniques, such as workshops, group discussions, role-playing, and outdoor activities, to engage and support young people.

In addition to working directly with young people, youth workers may also be involved in advocacy, policy development, research, and other activities that support the well-being and empowerment of young people.

To be eligible to work as a youth worker in an Erasmus+ training programme, people must meet certain criteria. These criteria may vary depending on the specific programme and the country in which it takes place, but in general the following eligibility conditions apply:

- Youth workers must be at least 18 years old.
- Youth workers must be citizens or legal residents of a country participating in Erasmus+.
- Youth workers must have relevant experience of working with young people, either on a professional or voluntary basis.
- Youth workers must have a good level of knowledge of English, as this is the working language of the programme.
- Youth workers must be able to demonstrate a commitment to non-formal education and to the principles of the European Youth Pact.
- Youth workers must be able to work as part of a team and adapt to different cultural environments.
- Youth workers must be able to commit themselves for the duration of the programme and be available for any necessary training or preparation.
- Youth workers must be willing to follow program rules and regulations and respect the host community and environment.

It is important to note that these are general eligibility criteria and that specific programs may have additional or more specific requirements. It is always best to check with the youth organization participating as a program partner for the exact criteria of the specific program.

Safety rules

There are a number of safety rules that should be observed in an Erasmus+ program that takes place in a camp. These rules are intended to ensure the well-being and safety of all participants and may include the following:

- Follow all instructions and guidelines provided by the organizers and staff of the program.
- Familiarize yourself with the camp facilities and the location of emergency exits and equipment.
- Take care when participating in physical activities and follow any safety rules and guidelines provided.
- Use caution when using camp equipment and facilities, such as cooking stoves and bathrooms, and report any problems or concerns to the staff.
- Respect the [rules of the camp](#) and the surrounding community, including any fire regulations and noise restrictions.
- Keep your personal belongings safe and secure, and report any lost or stolen items to the staff.
- Stay within the designated areas of the camp and do not leave the camp without permission.
- Follow all rules and guidelines related to the use of technology, including the use of mobile phones and internet access.
- In case of an emergency, follow the instructions of the staff and seek medical attention if necessary.

Travel budget

Elafonisos is 350 km from Athens. For this purpose, we will rent a bus that will take all participants from Athens airport directly to Elafonisos island.

For this reason, it should be calculated that the expenses of each participant will be 82 EUR for both routes with the bus.

Details of the costs allocated for each participating country to cover the airtickets:

Italy: **193 EUR.**

Spain: **278 EUR.**

Bulgaria: **193 EUR.**

Romania: **238 EUR (green travel).**

Important notes:

- 1) Keep original invoices and tickets and keep your boarding passes.
- 2) The price, currency, name of passenger, date of purchase and travel should be clearly visible on the tickets/receipts, otherwise we will be unable to reimburse the costs.

! Note: Reimbursement of travel costs will only be done upon presentation of all (including return tickets) original tickets, receipt/invoices and boarding passes.

Please remember to bring the original invoice – there will be no reimbursement without the original invoice and tickets. All invoices and tickets should be in English.

Please, pay attention and select English language when you will be doing booking your tickets.

! Note: Please make copies of all tickets and invoices and together with travel details form (you can find it in attachment) email them to before attending the project. This will be very helpful for the organisers to begin processing the budget and reimbursement data so that all payments may be made as efficiently as possible.

If you are travelling as a group, buy a group ticket.

In order to receive up to 100% of your travel reimbursement, please make sure you fit into the travel budget allocated per country.

Proper equipment.

As far as accommodation is concerned everything will be under the responsibility of the Foxies team such as tents, sleeping mats, electricity supply machines in each tent.

What the participants will need to have is:

- sunscreen
- swimwear
- Sheets
- inflatable pillow (like the ones you have for airplane travel)
- light clothing
- hat
- towel for the sea
- towel for after shower
- sandals
- **A very big smile**

Weather

