



"Drums for Peace" projects status

So far in Drums for Peace there has been approved a number of five youth exchange projects, while six applications are still pending answers from the national agencies.

Of the five youth exchange projects, one will take place in Portugal being hosted by GAIAC, three other will happen in Denmark, to be hosted by Guldborgsund Ungdomsskole, ARTTRAIN and UKS, and one more will be hosted by Helsinki Pioneers in Finland. They will all be carried out this summer and will offer the young participants the chance to spend one week together while doing artistic activities led by professional artists, all of which to end up with a public performance.

Waiting for approval there are other six submitted applications for projects such as youth exchange, training-course or strategic partnerships.

Should it be approved "Reach out" will be a 2 year strategic partnership coordinated by CultHus in cooperation with partners (including Drums for Peace) from Denmark, Italy and Lithuania.

"In this actual project "Reach Out" we will again implement workshops in schools with artists from other countries, but now we are also interested in implementing a research project, which follows the students before, during and after the workshops in order to measure what the young people did learn, and what this does mean to them", (Bo Otterstrøm- international

project manager). Here Drums for Peace will be in charge of carrying out the research, which will be based on analysis of data collected through both qualitative and quantitative methods.

"When CultHus & Arttrain in 2010 implemented their first project of this kind, the feed-back from teachers was a.o. that now the corridor-walkers, those that leave or are asked to leave the classroom, now were active and constructive", (Bo Otterstrøm).

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"Art and Technology Empowering Youth Work" is yet another strategic partnership project that was applied for in April, and if approved it will be coordinated by Helsinki Pioneers in cooperation with Arci La Quercia (IT), ARTTRAIN (DK), GAIAC (PT), ACTOR (RO) and EXPERIENCE (UK). It is planned to last for 12 months and it aims at making a significant contribution to the quality of youth work by integrating participatory arts with the youth workers' activities, thus to better address their group target's needs, in a more creative way. Among its most important activities, the project will produce a research-based DfP methodology booklet on how arts are used in Drums for Peace in order to em-

power the youth. It also will train a number of 62 youth workers and artists to provide them with hands on experience on how to use participative arts in working with youngsters, and finally it will be creating a smart-phone application to be used as evaluation tool for youth projects. The project will have impact on approximately 200 people and will especially target youth workers, artists, project leaders, teachers, school institutions and art centers, as well as decision makers and authorities dealing with educational and youth matters.

Looking forward to a favorable answer from NAs there are also our partners who have submitted grant applications for the European Voluntary Service. Thus, if approved, GAIAC will host in Porto EVS volunteers from LCYC, ACTOR and Municipality of Cinisello Balsamo. Similarly CultHus will host EVS volunteers from GAIAC and Municipality of Cinisello Balsamo, in Nykøbing, and who will work at the local culture house.