



## Call for Participants for the Youth Exchanges

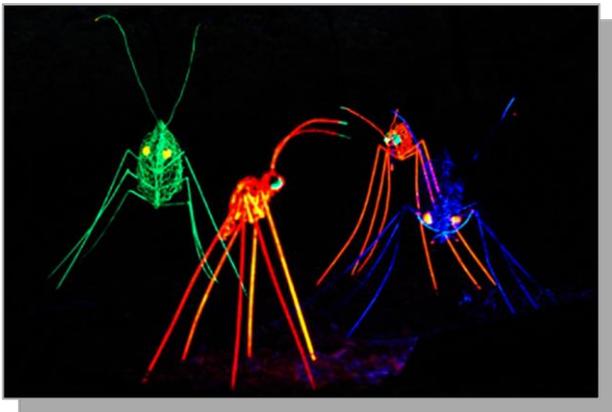
### “Better Together 2.0”

Kastellaun, May 21<sup>st</sup> – June 5<sup>th</sup>

IJGD in cooperation with Erasmus+ and Association MAGNET is inviting you to join a teenage youth exchange Better Together 2.0, which will take place in Kastellaun, between May 21<sup>st</sup> and June 5<sup>th</sup> this year. Below you will find short description of all needed information regarding the project.

#### Project Description:

“Better Together 2.0” is an IJGD project which is running for the second time since 2016, when it was implemented for the first time. It is originally designed as an educational programme for teenagers age 16-18 from Germany, Serbia, Albania and Macedonia, but should now be opened for an additional group from Asia. Both Youth Exchanges will take place in Kastellaun, in the western part of Germany. Participants will have their days divided into two equal parts. In the mornings the participants will take part in a volunteering project of some sort, more description below, and in the afternoons, participants will take active part in workshops linked to topics like inclusion, interculturality, environmental sustainability, gender equality and active participation.



Participants will be working on renovation of the surroundings where the youth centre is located and the preparation for the big neon lights festival, which will be hosted by the centre. The work will include preparing the forest where the festival will take place, as well designing the neon light figures for the festival. The working part will be supported by professionals who have been implementing the festival since several years in Kastellaun and will support the creativity and arts.



### **Free time:**

In the free time, participants will have an opportunity to take part in 4 different **excursions**:

1. Visit of medieval fortress and old town of Kastellaun
2. Visit to Cologne, its old cathedral and picnic on the river Rhein
3. An afternoon in the forest adventure park with different climbing games
4. Picnic at the longest suspension bridge in Germany, Geierlay, which is 360m long and 100m tall



### **APV:**

Advanced Planning Visit will start on April 30<sup>th</sup> (arrival day) and end on May 2<sup>nd</sup> (departure day) for the first project. We will announce the dates for the second one at a later date. As this is a teenage youth exchange, leaders who want to apply to coordinate the national groups should meet the following minimum standards:

- they have passed an international training for workcamp and youth exchange leaders
- they have participated and/or lead at least 2 international camps or youth exchanges before



### **Accommodation:**

Participants will be staying in the youth centre FUNtasie in Kastellaun, a medieval town in west of Germany. The centre has rooms with 4 beds in which participants will be sleeping, large working space and big garden around it. The centre also has a forest climbing adventure park, where participants will have an opportunity to have a teambuilding activity.



### **Meals:**

Participants will be in charge of preparing the food for each other for breakfast and dinner, while the lunch will be prepared by a professional cook.

### **Youth Exchange Location:**

Kastellaun is a medieval town located 35km from Koblenz.

### **Nearest Train Station:**

Koblenz

### **Nearest Airports:**

Frankfurt Hahn, Frankfurt International, Cologne/Bonn, Dusseldorf

### **Travel costs:**

275 EUR for participants traveling from Serbia, Macedonia and Albania

180 EUR for participants traveling from within Germany

### **How to apply:**

Please submit your filled applications to the project coordinator by April 26<sup>th</sup> to email address [dusan.milojevic@ijgd.de](mailto:dusan.milojevic@ijgd.de)