

## CALL FOR GROUP LEADERS: QUEER SUMMER CAMP



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We're looking for **1 group leader for the italian, spanish, french and greek group** for the youth exchange called "**Queer Summer Camp**" that will take place from the **2nd to the 10th of July 2024** in the beautiful place called "La Città dell'Utopia" located in Rome.

Project funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union with the support of the Agenzia Nazionale per i Giovani.

### Activity dates

1. Online meeting organized on April 2024
2. In person Advanced Planned Visit: 3rd-6th May 2024
3. In person Youth Exchange in Rome: 2nd-10th July 2024 (day) (2nd July arrival day – 10th July departure).
4. Follow-up online meeting (between september and october 2024)

### Venue

Rome, Italy, at "[La Città dell'Utopia](#)" (Via Valeriano, 3f)

### About the project

The LGBTIQ+ community is constantly exposed to a strong LGBTIQA+fobia (directly or indirectly) that causes stress, trauma, loneliness, isolation, lack of self esteem, anxiety, etc. Young LGBTIQ+ people are especially vulnerable to that and face additional difficulties such as rejection from their own families, distrust in opening up with others (which makes it difficult to make friends and or to find peers in similar situations), discrimination and bullying during school years, and so on.

There is a need for safe spaces where LGBTIQ+ youngsters\* can share experiences and feelings, explore reality and themselves through different artistic methods, improve their leadership skills and create a stronger community consciousness that promotes diversity and civil engagement for an active citizenship.

\*(We define as LGBTIQ+ youngsters those who identify with one or more categories inside the acronym LGBTIQA+. We are talking about persons who suffered or are suffering discrimination

because of their sexual orientation, sexuality, gender expression or gender identity).

## **Objectives**

A group of 25 young people from Italy, Spain, Ireland, Greece and France will participate in a collaborative program designed to reinforce international community bonds among young people who have faced discrimination due to their gender identity or sexual orientation with the aim of:

- To create a safe, creative and playful space of personal and mutual care (from a transfeminist perspective) where peers can connect and exchange good practices on the topic of dealing with LGBTQIA+phobia (through the workshops that will be facilitated, through an Open Space, through a possible project lab/networking session etc).
- To develop a community in the form of a network/local group, where peers can develop strategies against LGBTQIA+phobia (through creating a social media group/page, through setting up meetings and discussing strategies, resource sharing etc).
- To raise awareness about LGBTQIA+phobia and its consequences through the creation of an online campaign/final event/artistic results (a comic book, a book, posters, songs, videos, a theater piece, comic stand up, drag race, living library, etc.) that can display their dreamed reality as LGBTIQ+ young people and present and future European citizens.

As a final result, participants will be able to go back to their countries with an international network of peers from the LGBTIQ+ community, with tools in order to create movements and awareness in their own countries and having found inner resources to deal with discrimination and loneliness.

## **Methodology**

Different methodologies will be used:

- Use of positive adult references
- Empowerment through sharing experiences, awareness of structural violence, collective caring and confrontation with negative and limiting beliefs.
- Self-connection and inner transformation through meditation, breathing, music and dance.
- Artistic creation as a tool of self expression, healing and transformation.

Since the community is a major target of society's hate, frustration and phobia, sharing with equals, positive adult references, self-connection and inner transformation are all very important parts of the process.

To heal is possible through life in community, spiritual practice, artistic creation, therapeutic spaces and connection with the ones who fought before us. To heal is essential in order to be able to create a healthy and effective change in our society.

Through personal life stories and presenting some successful projects from different countries, youngsters will have the chance to be inspired and to connect with their own desires and ideas.

Since they will come from different countries and contexts, we will create spaces for them to share from their own perspective and from a local point of view.

## **Tasks of the group leader**

### **BEFORE the Youth Exchange**

- Participate in 1 online meeting with the organizational team
- Participate and support the project coordinator in the **advanced planning visit (APV) in Rome from the 3rd to the 6th of May 2024**
- Be responsible for collecting communication materials during the APV such as pictures,

videos and small interviews about the experience, which are going to be posted and shared by the participating organizations in real time during the APV.

- Help with the logistics of your group (organize trips, prepare meetings with the group, collect specific needs)
- Assist in the selection and preparation of participants and activities

### DURING the Youth Exchange

- Be responsible for your group (its well-being, motivation and team spirit)
- Support the implementation of the project and its activities
- Daily evaluation with the group
- Feel responsibility for the exchange program

### AFTER the Exchange

- Participate in 1 online follow-up meeting with the organizational team
- Support with the reporting
- Assist with the administration (collect tickets, photos, reports, assessments, etc.)

## **Requirements**

The ideal group leader:

- be between 18 and 35 years old;
- has experience in working with young people, coordinating groups and non-formal education methods;
- has the interest, motivation, and willingness to follow the project from its beginning to its end;
- has a good knowledge of English and can translate for the participants if necessary;
- has a positive and proactive attitude;
- is very patient, tolerant, and open minded;
- has good organizational skills;
- can cooperate with the organizational team;
- feels responsible for the group, especially for the participants that come from disadvantaged backgrounds.

## **Economic conditions**

This project is granted by Erasmus+, meaning that all the essential costs of the activities are covered: accommodation, food, travel costs up to a maximum amount per country,.

Maximum travel reimbursement:

Servizio Civile Internazionale - Agedo	Italy	180 €
Servei Civil Internacional	Catalunya	275 €



VSI Ireland	Ireland	275 €
SCI France	France	275 €
SCI Hellas	Greece	275 €

## Application

If you are interested in the position as group leader for Queer Summer Camp, please fill out [THIS FORM](#) by **10th March 2024**. For any questions or doubt, you can write to [formazione@sci-italia.it](mailto:formazione@sci-italia.it)