

Value Our Values
youth exchange
with a focus on self-development, tolerance, creativity and cooperation

Venue: Hortobágy, Hungary (a village in the middle of the Hortobágy National Park)

Dates: 24 June - 3 July 2019 (8 days + 2 travel days)

Topic: Value Our Values - a source of self-development, tolerance, creativity and cooperation

Age of participants: 14-18 years (the group leaders have to be older than 20!)

Number of participants: 5+1 from each country

Number of countries: 5

Accommodation: stone houses (with separate bathrooms for girls and boys), the house has Wifi and solar energy supplied air-conditioning

Working language: English and body languages

This aim of the youth exchange is

- to raise the awareness of young people of their inner and community values while being in nature and doing outdoor activities individually or in groups,
- to highlight shared values and initiate tolerance and acceptance for other cultures
- to empower them to realize needs, plan and take actions and make a change in their smaller or larger communities,
- to realize their own strengths and goals by doing voluntary work in the bird park of Hortobagy (in the middle of the Hortobagy National Park).

Activities: workshops on international and intercultural communication and acceptance, team-working and team-roles, learning-styles and self-development, photography/ video workshop as self-expression, treasure-hunting in the pusta, horse riding, carriage-ride at the nature protected areas, traditional handcrafts in practice, trip to Debrecen (40kms away, the second biggest town of Hungary).

Possible voluntary work to be done on location - will be agreed by the group members, under the supervision of the workers: cutting grass, painting the gates, the fences, the bike stands, re-painting some of the recovery rooms

Financing: The exchange will be financed according the Erasmus+ Programme rules (cost of accommodation and food will be covered by the organisers, international travel cost will be reimbursed based on the distance calculator (http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance_en.htm) after the submission of the necessary documents. There is no participation fee for this youth exchange.

The youth exchange is organised by Hang-Kép Egyesület (Sound Picture Association), Hungary. The association is training young people to prepare photos, videos and animations on local and international values. We have 11 years of experience with organising youth exchanges and training courses. Our organisation is continuously working with local and international volunteers. We have a wide network of NGOs, we have been working together with the Bird Hospital Foundation for 15 years.

Procedure:

Applications should be collected by the partner organisations from their countries, selecting a team leader + 5 participants. After selection the partners send the list of participants with the application forms and parental agreements to the hosting partner to hangkepe@gmail.com **till 15th May 2019.**

About the location:

Most of the activities and the voluntary work will take place in the facilities of the Bird Hospital Foundation (Madárkórház Alapítvány - www.madarpark.hu). The Foundation's goal is primarily the veterinarian treatment of protected birds and their release to freedom in nature following their recovery.

The Bird Saving Station operated since the summer of 2002 has been one of the interesting tourist attractions of Hortobágy. The bird hospital is open to visitors, however, due to hygienic reasons entry into the operation room and into the lab is not allowed. There are a lot of children groups and professionals coming to visit, who like animals and nature and wish to get to know the activity of the bird hospital. The treated patients can be seen in the flying rooms and outdoor big voliers.

The Bird Hospital is annexed to the Bird Park, where - besides the outdoor voliers - there are other facilities too that help the engagement of the visitors and help the visiting children enjoy nature. These are: natural playground, flying eagle slides, small traditional hill with the flora of the pusta, speaking raven, etc.

The accommodation of the youth exchange will be about 10 minutes walk from the Bird Park.

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