

Refugee-Solidarity Youth Exchange

(30.09.2016 – 09.10.2016, Diyarbakir, Turkey)

About the project: With the partnership of Germany, Bulgaria, Italy, Romania, Serbia and Turkey, there will be a 10 days youth exchange which will be about various aspects of the situation of refugees and why they are leaving their homes. Over two days, we will offer for approximately 600 children workshops on various topics in a big Yazidi refugee-camp which is 20 kms far from Diyarbakir city centre. At the same time we will see the situation in the refugee camp with around 1600 residents. We exchange ideas about the situation of refugees in our own countries. It is about the rights of refugees in general and how to integrate and support refugees. In addition, we will get to know about Kurdish culture and the actual situation of Kurdish people in Turkey.

Project dates: (30.09. – 09.10.2016)

Partner Countries: Germany, Turkey, Serbia, Romania, Bulgaria and Italy

Participants: 5 + 1 group leaders

Age: 18-30

Project Venue: Diyarbakir, Turkey.

Accommodation: Group will stay in the guest house of Youth and Change Association. You can find more details in our facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/diyarbakirguesthouse/?fref=ts>

Some activities will be held in the seminar room of our association and some of them will be in the refugee camp.

Food: Mostly it will be provided in a restaurant and in the guest house but while we will work in the refugee camp, we will have sandwiches for the lunches (breakfast and dinner will be in the restaurant or in the guest house again).

Costs: Through the funding of Erasmus+ we will be able to cover all costs during the stay.

Travel: Travel expenses will be reimbursed according to the Erasmus + Distance Calculator. (For the participants from Bulgaria, Romania and Serbia: 170 € and for the participants from Italy and Germany: 270 €). However, all participants will be picked up from Diyarbakir airport.

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About Diyarbakir:

You can find enough information about Diyarbakir in the webpage of our guest house (<http://www.diyarbakirguesthouse.com/>) but there are few things which we would like emphasize about our city:

- Majority of Diyarbakir is ethnically Kurdish and Diyarbakir is a symbol city for all Kurdish people who live all around the World. You will have a chance to know more about both Kurdish and Turkish people, history and culture.
- Diyarbakir and Kurdish people are well known about their hospitality and we will try to do our best about that (some sightseeing, visiting cultural centers etc.).
- Nowadays there is a big issue in foreigners' heads about "safety" which is pretty understandable after the last awful events not only in Turkey and also in many European countries. Our organization is pretty experienced (we have organized dozens of international projects in Diyarbakir) about international projects and we've already finished all our preparations in order to make an unforgettable memory for all of you.
- Last but not least, Diyarbakir Fortress and Hevsel Gardens Cultural Landscape is in the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage List since June, 2015 ;)