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22 Participants from 10 countries



Intercultural
Communication
and Personal
Development
through Forum
Theatre for
International
Voluntary Service
Group Leaders



The Netherlands

Training: 16-21
June

Evaluation:
October 2020

What is this project about?

International Voluntary Service workcamps (hereafter IVS camps) allow youth to work together in an international team and develop various skills and attitudes: cross-cultural communication and appreciation/understanding for cultural differences on the one hand; self-development, increased self-confidence, teamwork, communication and problem solving skills and many more. Group leaders play a big role in facilitating these learning processes.

This training course and evaluation seminar called *International Volunteer Service for Life* (hereafter *IVS4Life*) aims to provide the **IVS group leaders** with innovative skills to **facilitate cross-cultural communication and self-development in their IVS camps**. During this training, we especially would like to introduce **forum theatre** as a method to prepare group leaders for their IVS camp, with the aim to use this method back home as well. We have the following objectives of *IVS4Life*:

- To increase IVS camp group leaders' skills, knowledge, attitude and confidence to facilitate their IVS camp young volunteers' cross-cultural exchange and personal development;
- To provide IVS camp group leaders with practical methods, including forum theatre, on team building, group process, problem solving, cross-cultural communication, reflection and evaluation;
- To develop an action plan for the IVS camp group leaders to lead their IVS camp;
- To implement the lessons learned;
- To evaluate the activities and develop recommendations;
- To create international collaborations.

How does the project look like?

- (1) A **training** to equip IVS group leaders with the theatre and facilitation skills in order to increase their competences and confidence to facilitate intercultural learning and self-development in their IVS camps. During their stay, participants will be invited to practice with forum theatre and other non-formal education tools. This training will take place from 16-21 June 2021 in the beautiful forests in Lage Vuursche, the Netherlands.
- (2) Each participant will **lead an IVS camp** in their own country between July and early October to implement the lessons learned and test out what works and what is challenging for them. It is a condition that selected participants will need to get approval from their sending organisation to guide an IVS camp in order to participate in *IVS4Life*. All arrangements for leading the camp will be done by the participant and the sending organisation.
- (3) An **evaluation seminar** during which all the participants will share their experiences. They will also develop conclusions and action plans for future international cooperation. This seminar will take place in the Netherlands from 29 October – 1 November 2021.

Participation criteria

Anyone who recognizes him/herself in below criteria is welcome to apply for *IVS4Life*:

- Have some experience in theatre, international volunteering, cross-cultural communication and/or leading a group
- Willing to learn more about forum theatre, cross-cultural communication and facilitating self-development
- Be part of the full project experience: training-implementation-evaluation, including leading an IVS camp in July-August-September-early October 2021
- Interested in creating friendships with IVS camp group leaders from all around Europe
- Minimum 18 years old
- Sufficient level of English to express oneself during the training course and seminar

Arrangements

- **Accommodation and meals** during training and evaluation seminar are provided
- There is **no participation fee** for the training and evaluation seminar

- **Travel compensation** for the training and the evaluation seminar are per event as per below.
 - EUR 275 for each event for participants from Estonia, Finland, France, Italy, Latvia, Poland, Serbia, Slovenia
 - EUR 360 for each event for participants from Turkey
 - Train tickets (return) for Dutch participants

Please note that you will need to be based in one of the countries listed below and travel to/from your country to be eligible to receive this travel reimbursement. **Please do not book any tickets until you are confirmed to participate in IVS4Life!**



About SIW

SIW Internationale Vrijwilligersprojecten (SIW International Volunteer Projects) is a Dutch non-governmental, non-profit voluntary service organisation that was founded in 1953. The mission of SIW is to stimulate people to broaden their horizons. This is achieved by bringing volunteers into contact with different cultures. Every year, SIW sends approximately 150 volunteers abroad. Besides that, SIW organizes around 5 IVS camps in the Netherlands every year

in cooperation with Dutch organizations like the Dutch State Forestry, Emmaus (international charitable movement to combat poverty and homelessness) and asylum seeker centres. SIW is part of international networks like CCIVS, the Alliance and SCI.

About IVS4Life

IVS4Life is a project that is supported by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union. The project is coordinated and implemented by SIW in close collaboration with the partners mentioned below. The training course and evaluation seminar will be facilitated by Klaske van der Veen, Frank Elsdijk and Rob van Leeuwen, who altogether have lead 10 IVS camps, have trained 50 Dutch IVS camp group leaders, have been involved with many international trainings and are forum theatre lovers :)



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What's Next?

Apply by 23 March 2021 through <https://forms.gle/yL3NUWzMRp5S72WX8>. Results will be shared by 15 April 2021 latest. In case of ongoing travel restrictions due to Covid-19, the organisers may need to decide that the training course will take place online. We will still aim for the evaluation seminar to take place in the Netherlands, while in August we will evaluate the situation for that decision.

Any questions about *IVS4Life*? Contact Frank: frank.elsdijk@gmail.com!

Any questions about leading and IVS camp? Contact the IVS organisation in your country!



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