

Call for Participants for the Youth Exchange

“The Cake Garden”

Veliki Gaj, Serbia

August 1-16th

Association MAGNET in cooperation with IJGD and Erasmus+ is inviting you to join a teenage youth exchange **The Cake Garden**, part of the project Better Together 2.0, which will take place in Veliki Gaj (Serbia), between August 1-16th this year. Bellow you will find short description of all needed information regarding the project.

Project Description:

“Better Together 2.0” is a projected developed by IJGD in cooperation with Association MAGNET which is running for the second time since 2016, when it was implemented for the first time. The project is focusing on social inclusion of young people coming from disadvantaged backgrounds, mostly from difficult economical, social and cultural backgrounds. It is originally designed as an educational programme for teenagers age 16-18 from 6 European countries – Serbia, Germany, Macedonia, Italy, Romania and Belgium. The Youth Exchange will take place in Veliki Gaj. Each group will have 4 participants and 1 youth leader coming together to the youth exchange.

Local Host:

Youth Exchange will be hosted by the new educational center Magnet House. The center is located 90 min away from Belgrade and Timisoara and it will provide an organized transportation for all the participants to the village of Veliki Gaj. The centre has rooms with 3-8 beds in which participants will be sleeping, large working space and big garden around it, which is at the moment under reconstruction. For more information about the center, you can check the Instagram or Facebook page listed bellow:

Instagram: @magnet.house

Facebook: MagnetHouseSerbia

Description of the work/workshops:

Participants will have their days divided into two equal parts. In the morning, participants will have workshops on various topics of interest for International Voluntary Service and particularly for this youth exchange – volunteering, social inclusion, sustainability and intercultural learning. In the afternoons participants will take part in voluntary work, which in this youth exchange will be focusing on reconstruction and environment issues – reconstruction of the garden of Magnet House, recently opened educational center which is promoting nonformal education, youth work, gender equality, social inclusion, sustainable development and human rights. In addition, there will be other work linked to the environment protection organized by the host, which will be focusing on cleaning of the areas around and inside the big park next to the Magnet House, which is under the protection of state for its cultural significance.



Free time:

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

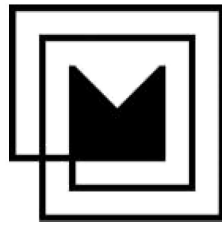
1. Visit of the town of Vršac and picnic at the mountain above the town
2. Visit of the nearby desert, one of the very few remaining deserts in Europe
3. Visit to the large animal farm in the village and tasting of the local products



APV:

Advanced Planning Visit will start on July 20th (arrival day) and end on July 22nd (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



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:

Veliki Gaj is a village located 75km from Timisoara, 90km from Belgrade, 15km from Vršac.

Nearest airports:

Timisoara and Belgrade

Travel costs:

275 EUR for participants traveling from Italy, Belgium and Germany

180 EUR for participants traveling from Romania and Macedonia

20 EUR for participants traveling from Serbia

How to apply:

Please submit your filled applications to YAP by May 31st to email address: campi@yap.it