

Stories for Life:

INTERCULTURAL STORYTELLING FOR PERSONAL GROWTH

Residential course

15th – 24th November 2021



Erasmus+



After Story Teller, Velino Shije

“We are all storytellers. We all live in a network of stories. There isn’t a stronger connection between people than storytelling.”

- Jimmy Neil Smith, founder of the School of Storytelling, USA

Course Introduction

We are looking for youth workers, educators and young people to participate in a new 10-day residential training course on how to use storytelling to strengthen intercultural communication.



You will learn the structural components of stories, how to shape, deliver and apply their wisdom. You will hear tales from professional storytellers and your fellow peers, discover the wisdom of the Hero's Journey model, practice core communication skills, create projects and deliver performances. You will share myths, folktales, and legends from a variety of cultures and take time for group and personal reflection.

This course offers experiential learning and through it we will share the ASHA Centre's educational framework, using non-formal educational methods that include presentations, artistic expression, group work, games and plenty of outdoor work. You will be given opportunities to lead and facilitate and will be asked to create dissemination projects in your home communities.

Why Storytelling?

Storytelling is a natural currency between humans. Our old stories say a huge amount about where we come from and what we value, such as heroism, courage, humour and inspiration. Functioning as a kind of collective memory, engaging with our myths and folktales uncovers common stories, moral systems and shared heritage.



These stories have an immense value for us in a changing world; making sure they are told and shared is a valuable way of engaging in and strengthening cultural exchange. While we do so, we practice the art of storytelling which improves a wide range of important skills in public speaking, personal impact and leadership.

We want you to dig out the myths, legends and folktales from your culture and we'll be asking each person to bring at least one old story with them to the course. Ask your friends, grandparents, and community members. Search the internet and old books. Find a story that captures your interest. You'll have the chance to use the course to breathe fresh life into it and will walk away with at least one story firmly in your pocket.

Who will take part?

We're gathering a group of people from across Europe to come together and share diverse stories.



We are looking to attract a wide range of languages, cultures, nationalities and perspectives so we actively welcome anyone with broad cultural heritage, living outside their culture or identifying as displaced.

We're keen to welcome anyone looking to improve their communication skills who can use this course as a training supporting their pathway into employment.

Participant Profile

- A genuine passion for participating in the course and for storytelling
- A willingness to participate in outdoor work, bringing appropriate clothing & footwear
- Good English-speaking skills
- 18 years and over

The course invites personal participation at a high level, and you are asked to be responsible for your own research and active engagement.

We are committed to equal opportunity and inclusivity and will readily discuss any access or special educational needs you might have.

Commitment

Preparation Days
9th November - 14th November

Residential Course
15th - 24th November – ALL DAY



Preparation Days

In line with the UK Government's COVID-19 legislation, some of our international participants are required to quarantine for a period at the start of this course. If this is you, we invite you to enjoy this opportunity to the fullest; using it to spend time in reflection, to give your bodies deep rest, to read and research the topic and prepare yourself to receive the fullest experience from the course.

Participation, Accommodation & Board

Participation, accommodation and meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) are all provided free of charge.

Reimbursement of Travel Costs

ASHA reimburses travel expenses at 80% of the overall cost. We think a modest contribution from participants to the overall costs of a project helps to create a sense of investment and ownership; we tend to value what we receive more when we have contributed to it.

However, if you feel that you are a motivated participant who would be unable to come without greater travel support, please let us know in the Application Form, so that we can consider supporting your participation.

How to Apply

To apply for this course, please complete the application form linked below:

<https://forms.gle/QEVHph8LnZ3uwigDaA>

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