

"How do different cultures deal with death, what are the different rituals and beliefs"

THE AFTER LIFE

A youth Exchange which is not about life but the life after

1ST MARCH TILL 9TH MARCH 2021

INTRODUCTION

Life is what binds us all but it's also death that connects us. As far as time goes even before the cultures were officially formed, early homo sapiens and even Neanderthals had burial rituals. Scholars are finding ritual graves dating back as far as 100,000 years old. And not only the burial rituals are that ancient, so is the belief in the afterlife. The afterlife (also referred to as life after death) is the belief that the essential part of an individual's identity or the stream of consciousness continues after the death of the physical body. According to various ideas about the afterlife, the essential aspect of the individual that lives on after death may be some partial element, or the entire soul or spirit, of an individual, which carries with it and may confer personal identity or, on the contrary nirvana. Belief in an afterlife is in contrast to the belief in oblivion after death. So how we take care of our dead and what we believe happens to us after death is part of our core identity & culture. That's why we want to organize an international youth exchange project called "The After Life" in which 40 participants from 8 entirely different countries (Croatia, Finland, Greece, Estonia, Poland, Italy, Turkey & Netherlands), will discuss and explore various forms of rituals and beliefs surrounding death and the afterlife with the goal to enhance the intercultural learning and understanding the values and beliefs that connect us. With this youth exchange project we will bring together youth from different European countries and by using non-formal methodology, visits and thematic workshops, create comfortable space where they can share their experiences and daily life between each other.

Death is not something young minds are thinking about in this stage of their lives but we want them to reflect on it as why this so important to our identity and cultures and by doing so find inspiration to stay and find creative solutions for developing their home places and give them the chance to think share the final results of their work with the other participants. We truly believe that there is much hidden in those creative young minds whose opinion is still rather restrained in the public opinion as a whole. This project would be a way to boost youngsters out-of-the-box thinking and stepping in to an inter-cultural dialogue with people from other nationalities.

DATES & VENUE

Dates : From 1st March till 9th of March 2021

Arriva day: 1st March 2021 & departure day 9th of March 2021

APV: Online- yet to be plannend

Location: Netherlands

Venue: Heuvelrijk Bergendal, Wylerbaan 1-c, 6561 KN Groesbeek, Netherlands

<https://heuvelrijkbergendal.nl/>

Participants will be placed in rooms with maximum 3 beds and between the beds will be distance of 1'5 meters. More info of post Covid-19 mobilities will follow soon

HOW TO REACH THE VENUE

DSCHIPHOL AIRPORT

From Airport Schiphol take an intercity train to Nijmegen Central station. From Nijmegen take bus 5 in direction of Groesbeek Breedeweg and get off at the halt 'Groesbeek, De Oude Molen'. From there its 1 min walk. Total Journey will take make max 2 hours and 30 minutes.

Here is the site for train schedule:

<https://www.ns.nl/en>

Here is the site for the bus schedule:

<https://www.breng.nl/en>

Last bus leaves from Nijmegen station around 0:00 so better not to book a flight that arrives near midnight

EINDHOVEN AIRPORT

From Eindhoven Airport take bus 401 to Eindhoven station. From Their intercity train to 'S-Hertogenbosch and from 'S-Hertogenbosch another train towards Nijmegen Station and from station you can take bus 5 (see above).

PARTICIPANTS PROFILE

Youngsters who are interested in the topic of the project and would like to explore it more are welcome to participate. However, we would like to involve young people with fewer opportunities

Age: Between 18 & 30

Youth leaders no age limit

Number of participants 40 (4 +1 YL per country)

Countries: Italy, Poland, Estonia, Finland, Turkey, Greece, Croatia & The Netherlands

WHAT WILL IT COST?

The costs will be covered by Erasmus plus for participants, The travel grants will be:

1. Italy maximum 275 euro
2. Poland maximum 275 euro
3. The Republic of North Macedonia maximum 275 euro
4. Finland maximum 275 euro
5. Estonia maximum 275 euro
6. Greece maximum 360 euro
7. Hungary Maximum 275 euro
8. Netherlands 0

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Please keep in mind that the reimbursements are done usually 12 to 18 weeks after the final rapport and all the invoices, dissemination results, boarding passes etc are received and processed by the National Agency. So, the longer the final rapport takes the longer the reimbursements take. So it's better if we all work together to make sure this process goes faster

WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

Winter/ comfortable Clothes

Rain jacket

Toilet & bath accessories

Towel

Food/drinks for intercultural evening

Good mood

National teams should prepare presentation about rituals & beliefs surrounding death and afterlife

WEATHER IN NETHERLANDS ?

The average high-temperature, in March, in Netherlands is 9.6°C (49.3°F), while the average low-temperature is 2.6°C (36.7°F).

INTERCULTURAL EVENING

During a special evening we will share characteristics from our culture. We ask you to bring foods and drinks to share! You can also think of some other things to share with the group From your culture: stories, dances / songs etc. In case you play an instrument, it might be very nice to bring it. Just no power point presentation or country promotion videos, as it would be the best if you can share something in your own words! By the way, to present something from your culture does not mean it has to be something from your country: it can also be from a region, a city etc.

INSURANCE

Please keep in mind that you are self-responsible for sufficient insurance (illness/personal liability/cancellation/theft/Health etc.). Organizers take no responsibility for the insurance. Make sure you have travel insurance valid in Netherlands for the mobility period.

COVID-19

Seperate infographcis will follow soon

HOW TO APPLY?

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfECnQ_GLILqYUnISDuyrxmkFu3IsBv8XyvqaUZfz8tAE0-bA/viewform

CONTACT INFO

If you need help, have questions or need further information please contact us by mobile: +31624887932 Email: cc4u@cultureclash4u.com

FAQ

Q: Will we have a day trip to Amsterdam?

Answer: No, if you want to stay in Amsterdam please book extra days before and after mobility

Q: How many days can we stay extra?

Answer: 2 days before and after the mobility but on your own costs

Q: Can we buy & smoke weed everywhere in NL?

Answer: Yes, it's legal but you are not allowed to smoke weed during the Youth Exchange program.

Q: When will the reimbursements be done?

Answer: After the NA has received and processed the final rapport, dissemination results, invoices and boarding passes. In theory it can take between 3 to 6 months.