

## **“Inspire through Music”**

### **International youth exchange**

*Torosgyugh, Armenia*

*17-25 August, 2017*



## **Practical Information**

## 1. General Information about the TC

**Gyumri Youth Initiative Centre NGO** from Armenia and **Fishbowl Youth NGO** from Ireland will host a 7-day international youth exchange aiming at bringing young people together in order to create their own piece of culture by merging national musical components with inter cultural dialogue and learning because music is so much more than just tunes and melodies - it is about a common language, connection, expression, celebration, culture and friendship.

Throughout history, cultures of nations and people have gone through continuous transformation and development. Over centuries certain cultural behaviors and attitudes were shaped and developed. Cultural expression and especially music helped to gather people around and provided space for mutual interaction, inter-cultural learning, and cultural exchange - always developing, always exchanging and influencing, they embraced and incorporated various social and cultural expressions, inclusive of musical expression. Young people's active participation in cultural and musical life in Europe is highly valued and encouraged. We therefore want to bring together young people through the language of music, a language that will support expression and understanding, and that will lay solid foundation for inter-cultural learning and participation.

### Objectives:

- To promote culture, in particular through the use of musical tools as a means of inter-cultural learning among young people,
- To explore cultural/personal identity through music and explore the effect music has on ourselves, our culture, social life, and wellbeing & emotions,
- To explore how music has changed overtime and through different cultures,
- To foster cultural expression and understanding among young people from EU and EECA countries,
- To trigger young people's active cultural participation in local communities,
- To link national heritages of music and connect participants by creating a platform for cultural exchange and dialogue through the global language of music.

### Methodology:

The YE is based on the principles of non-formal learning and will fatherly contribute to the recognition of it. The team leaders will support learning process of participants, and also will help them run the activities and benefit from intercultural communication.

## 2. Profile of Participants:

The project aims to bring together 30 participants from 6 countries and the project will integrate an Advanced Planning Visit of team leaders prior to the actual start of the activity. Team leaders and partner organizations are responsible for the recruitment of participants. After the official selection, the participants have to fill out individual registration forms by **the 30<sup>th</sup> of July**.

The selected participants should be:

- Young people aged between 17-25 and with basic knowledge of the English language,
- Young people of fewer opportunities: cultural and social differences, economic obstacles, geographical obstacles,
- Young people interested in inter-cultural learning and in enhancing own's and others' cultural understanding,
- Young people having musical backgrounds and passionate about music
- Young people interested in follow-up activities and having commitment to further collaboration,
- Young people willing to share own national music and to create a new common musical performance,
- Young people interested in exploring music and its impact on their own life, but also on their community and social interaction.

**The participants are expected to participate fully in all activities. Unauthorized absence from activities and workshops will not be permitted and will result in cancellation of the travel reimbursements. We would really appreciate energetic and active participation!**

COUNTRY	ORGANIZATION	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS
ARMENIA	GYUMRI YOUTH INITIATIVE CENTRE	1 team leader 4 participants
GEORGIA	YOUTH ASSOCIATION DRONI	1 team leader 4 participants
IRELAND	ARD AOIBHINN COMMUNITY INITIATIVES LTD	1 team leader 4 participants
ITALY	ASSOCIAZIONE INTERCULTURALE NUR	1 team leader 4 participants
POLAND	ALL-TERNATYWA	1 team leader 4 participants
CZECH REPUBLIC	OBCANSKE SDRUZENI ZEMEKOULE	1 team leader 4 participants

### 3. Project Team

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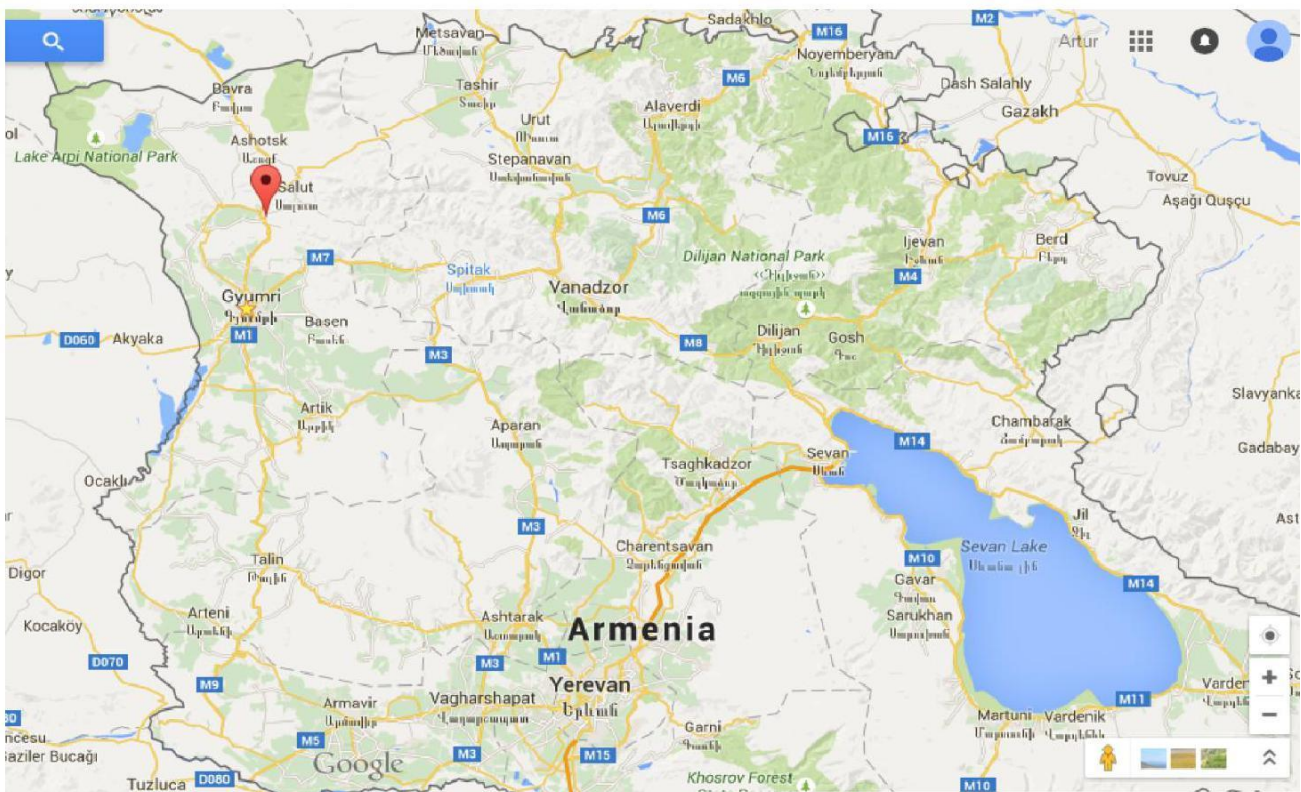
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## 4. Venue & Accommodation

The YE will be held in Toros village (Torosgyugh). The hotel where the participants will stay is called Yereqnuq. The participants will be accommodated in 3-beds and 4-beds rooms. Each room has private bathroom and toilets. Bed linens and towels are provided.



## 5. Travel:



As soon as you search for suitable flights, please contact us at [rebecca.hovhannisyan@yic.am](mailto:rebecca.hovhannisyan@yic.am) to consult on the dates and times of your travel. By getting a **GREEN LIGHT** from the organizers, you are requested to book your tickets. The travel details should be provided through filling in the following [TRAVEL FORM](#) **the 25<sup>th</sup> of July** in order to be able to arrange your meeting at the airport and transfer to the training venue.

### ARRIVAL

#### *Travelling to Yerevan*

You should organize your travel to **arrive** in the capital of Armenia on **17<sup>th</sup> of August**. You will be picked up at “Zvartnots” International Airports, Yerevan (<http://www.zvartnots.aero/am>), according to the travel details provided beforehand. There will be one of the organizers with the sign of YIC at the airport to meet you.

**You are kindly asked to be in Gyumri on 17th of August until 16:00 (4 p.m).**

*In case there will be too many people coming to Armenia via Tbilisi (Georgia) we can arrange a mini-bus which will take you to the project venue right from the airport.*

### DEPARTURE

The participants will be taken to Yerevan or to Tbilisi (according to their flight) by the organizers. In case you want to stay longer you need to agree that with the organizers in advance (extra days are not covered by the organizers), otherwise your travel costs will not be covered by the project.

In case of emergency or any travel changes, please call **Rebecca + 374 98 00 29 65**

**! Note:** The above mentioned information regarding your pickups, transfer to the training venue and drop offs is initial. It may be changed depending on the arrival place, time and number of participants. As soon as we have the final list of arrival days and times you will get more detailed and final information via e-mails.

## 6. Travel Reimbursement:

Reimbursement of travel costs will ONLY be done upon full attendance in the youth exchange and presentation of the original tickets with boarding passes and receipt/ invoices. **Unauthorized absence from activities and workshops will not be permitted and if happening, may result in the cancellation of travel costs' reimbursements and/or expulsion of the event.**

**TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT** for non-EU countries will be done during the Youth Exchange in cash by YIC, and for EU countries will be done after the Youth Exchange by Fishbowl.

**!! Note:** Bring original invoices and tickets, print out e-tickets and keep your boarding passes. Price, currency, name of passenger, date of purchase and travel should be clearly visible on all documents; otherwise we will be unable to reimburse the travel costs.

**!!! Note:** If you wish to travel on other dates as the project's dates (August 17 and August 25), please ask for confirmation before booking the tickets (we accept travel 3 days before the event and 3 days after the event under the condition that no stop-overs are done on the travel).

**!!!! Note:** Reimbursement will be done in EUR, regardless of the currency indicated on the ticket and receipt/invoice. Any tickets purchased in a local currency other than EUR, will then be converted and calculated according.

To the exchange rate of the month when the tickets were purchased, as stated in the official European Commission website at: <http://ec.europa.eu/budget/inforeuro>.

**!!!!!! Note:** The costs of pickups and drop offs arranged by the organizers from and to Yerevan will be included in the travel and deducted from the overall reimbursement of international travel.

Please see the country-specific travel budget limits given below per person, per country which is given according to Erasmus+ distance calculator: **EC Distance Calculator**

The costs of travel will be reimbursed %100 according to Erasmus+ travel framework maximum up to:

Country	Amount
ARMENIA	180 EUR
GEORGIA	180 EUR
IRELAND	820 EUR



ITALY	360 EUR
POLAND	360 EUR
CZECH REPUBLIC	360 EUR

## 7. Visa:

Participants do not need visa for coming to Armenia.

## 8. Health Insurance

The insurance is the responsibility of the participants; please make sure you are covered with an insurance plan during your stay in Armenia!

## 9. Things to bring:



they want to share with the group.

Each national group should present shortly their country and culture during the intercultural evening. Additionally, participants may present drinks and food from their country and region and any other items about their country (brochure, pictures, costumes, etc.) that



## 10. Communication:

### Cards/Mobile Phones:

In case you need a Mobile/Sim card with Armenia number, please ask for it just after your Passport Control at the airport and you will get it free of charge. There are 3 main operators in Armenia: Vivacell-MTS, U-Com and Beeline. In case you get a local Sim card you'd better choose

Vivacell. 😊



### INTERNET ACCESS:

There will be Wi-Fi **ONLY** in the main working room.



## 11. Money:



The Armenian Currency is called **ARMENIAN DRAM**.

Banknotes: 1000 DRAM; 5000 DRAM; 10000 DRAM; 20000 DRAM; 50000 DRAM and 100000 DRAM.

As Coins DRAMS in low sum are being used, such as 10 DRAM, 20 DRAM, 50 DRAM, 100 DRAM, 200 & 500 DRAM.

If you want to see the specimens of banknotes and coins access the web site: <http://www.cba.am>

Approximate exchange rate is:

1 USD = app. 470 AMD

1 EUR = app. 510 AMD

In the shops US dollars and Euros are not taken. However there are many places you may exchange money in. The ATMs are widely spread. However the interest is taken for cashing if using ATM. In public transport and local shops, they take just cash.

## 12. Weather:



In August, the weather is usually very hot. But it may also be rainy and cloudy, so jackets are must, especially for the evenings!! For accurate information on the weather, make sure you look up the weather in Torosgyugh at <http://www.bbc.com/weather/616635>.

## 13. Public Transport:

Public transports accept only cash in Armenia. The approximate cost of transportation:



Type	Cost
City bus or “marshutkas”	100 AMD
Taxi (in the city)	100-120 AMD per 1 km

## 14. Contact Information:

If you need help, have questions or need further information please contact:

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**Have a nice trip**

**See you in**

