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**22 Participants
from 10 countries**



Intercultural
Communication
and Personal
Development
through Forum

Theatre for
International
Voluntary Service
Group Leaders



IVS4Life

Training Seminar in
the Netherlands: 19-
24 October 2021

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 seminar *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 IVS camps**. During this training, we especially would like to introduce **forum theatre** 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 youth leaders' skills, knowledge, attitude and confidence to facilitate young volunteers' cross-cultural exchange and personal development in IVS camps;
- To provide youth leaders with practical methods, including forum theatre, on team building, group process, problem solving, cross-cultural communication, reflection and evaluation for them to use in their organisations' activities, such as for the IVS camp leader trainings;
- To evaluate the activities implemented during previous IVS camps and develop recommendations on the use of forum theater as a way to facilitate personal development and cross-cultural communication for other trainers / youth leaders;
- To create and enforce international collaborations.

What does the project look like?

A **training seminar** from 19-24 October 2021 (including travel days) in Lage Vuursche, the Netherlands. We will focus on how the participants can implement their own forum theatre activities and training to facilitate cross-cultural learning and personal development. Furthermore, we reflect on the activities organised to facilitate cross-cultural learning/personal development.

Participation criteria

Anyone who recognizes oneself 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
- 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 seminar

Note: those applicants that participated in the online training course in June 2021 or that led an IVS camp this year will get preferred participation in the seminar.

Arrangements

- **Accommodation and meals** during seminar are provided
- There is **no participation fee** for the seminar
- **Maximum travel compensation** (reimbursement based on actual costs) for the seminar:
 - 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, as well as EUR 100 for visa costs
- Train tickets (return) for Dutch participants
- If required, **Covid-19 tests** to travel to the Netherlands and/or going back home will be covered as well.

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 for the final seminar until you are informed to do so!**



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 and have been involved in many international trainings and implemented (international) forum theatre actions.



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