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SEEDS offers an opportunity in **France, Vaunières,**

Are you interested in travelling, meeting new people, getting to know different cultures and having fun? On behalf of the volunteer organisation SEEDS, a group of 5 Icelanders 18-25 will participate in the exciting Youth exchange “**Melting Potes**” in **France**. (In this project one participant - the group leader - can be up to 30 years old.)

Would you like to join the group?

When: August 4 – 25, 2014

Deadline for application: July 28, 2014.

Theme/aim of the project:

Structured around a time of local festivals, these meetings were occasions for intercultural exchanges and promoted cultural diversity through artistic experiences. This project is once again this year an occasion to further interactions between people near and far, moving beyond stereotypes by the means of times of exchange of cultural identity and togetherness in creative projects and activities, as well as by collective living.

In 2014, the choice was made to emphasize plastic creation along the theme of “early man.” The focus will be on folklore surrounding early man and linked to pagan rituals and to early forms of clothing. As the countries of Europe are rich in these traditions, participants will first be asked to share stories of the early humans of their own countries. Working off of the folklore, legends, and traditions of each person, the participants will invent modern rituals, an imaginary collective folklore. In addition to this they will create plastic installations on the theme of traditional figures of early humans to modern humans. These works will be products of everyone's individual input and will be presented during the festival.

Objectives

- Cultural exchange, multicultural meet-ups, construction of European citizenship,
- Artistic discovery (creation of masks, costumes, etc.)
- Promotion of volunteering forms of civil engagement available to young people
- Discovery of rural life and communities, awareness of environmental preservation

The language of the youth exchange will be English.

Participating countries: France, Iceland, Latvia, Greece

Number and age of participants: 4 young + 1 leader from each country, aged 18-30 years old

Profile of the participants:

- Able to work in English.
- Willing to share the gained knowledge with the members of his/her organization once he/she gets back.
- Able to attend the entire duration of the course.



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Costs/expenses:

SEEDS has been awarded a grant for the project from the Erasmus Plus programme, which will cover costs of board, lodging and a part of the travel costs.

The travel costs for the Youth Exchange will be refunded to the participants up to an amount of **€270** (Euros) per participant. The accommodation and food is provided by the hosting organisation during the project.

Applicants selected to join the project need to pay an administrative and registration-fee of **20.000 kr.** to SEEDS. If you apply and are not selected, you do not need to pay anything! This fee will not be refunded and cannot be reimbursed in case you have to cancel your trip.

You will find the application form under this link: [SEEDS Application Form.doc](#)

Please fill it out in English and submit it before the July 28, 2014.

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