

INFO PACK

Let's *GET* - intercultural

From **March 26th** to **April 3rd 2025**

Velenje, Slovenia

Equipping youth facilitators to promote inclusion and support to minority communities.



Organizer

Mladinski center Dravinjske doline (MCDD)

Youth center of Dravinja valley was established in 2003 by the Students club of Dravinja valley.

It is a **private institute** and **social enterprise** working with youth on local, regional, national and international level.

Our vision is **activating young people, promoting active citizenship, raising cultural competencies, increasing social responsibility, and promoting youth mobility and non-formal education.**

Youth center of Dravinja valley also provides space for the operation of a number of youth associations in the municipality, music groups, choirs and other organizations.

In the local area we are perceived as an important player, we are achieving the **highest ratings among youth centers** on the national level, internationally we are among the most active youth organizations.



About the training course

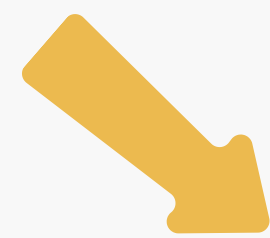
LET'S GET INTERCULTURAL!

Empowering youth workers, volunteers, and activists



to facilitate intercultural dialogue

to apply approaches for leading activities that address issues related to



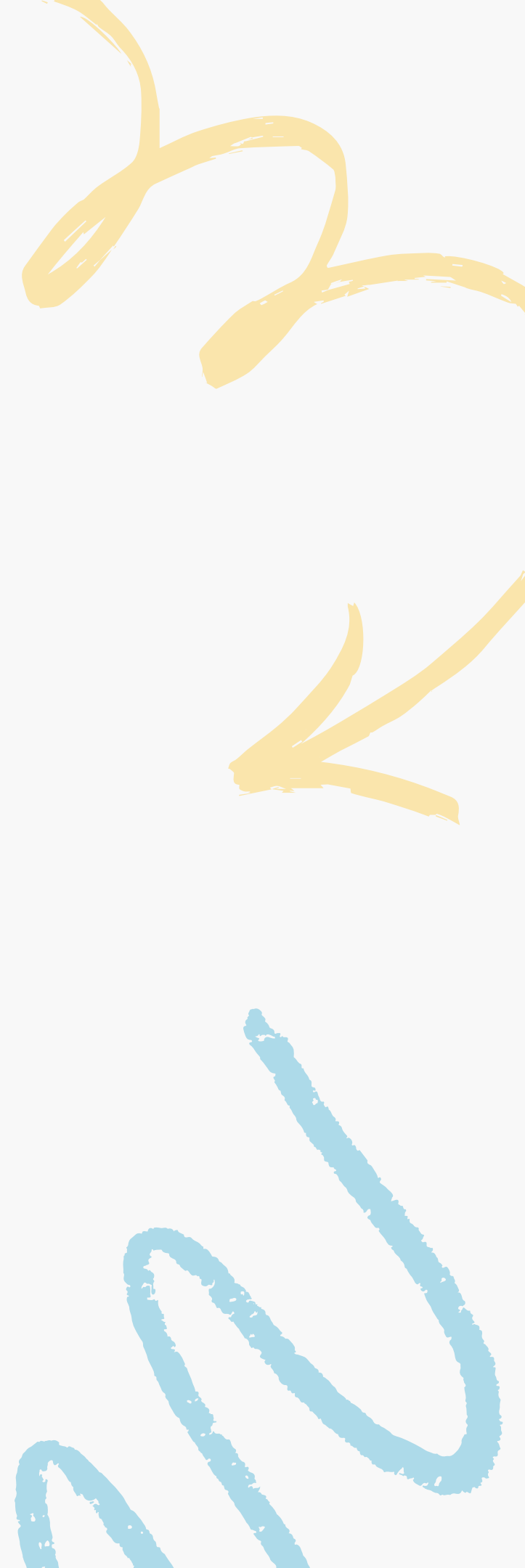
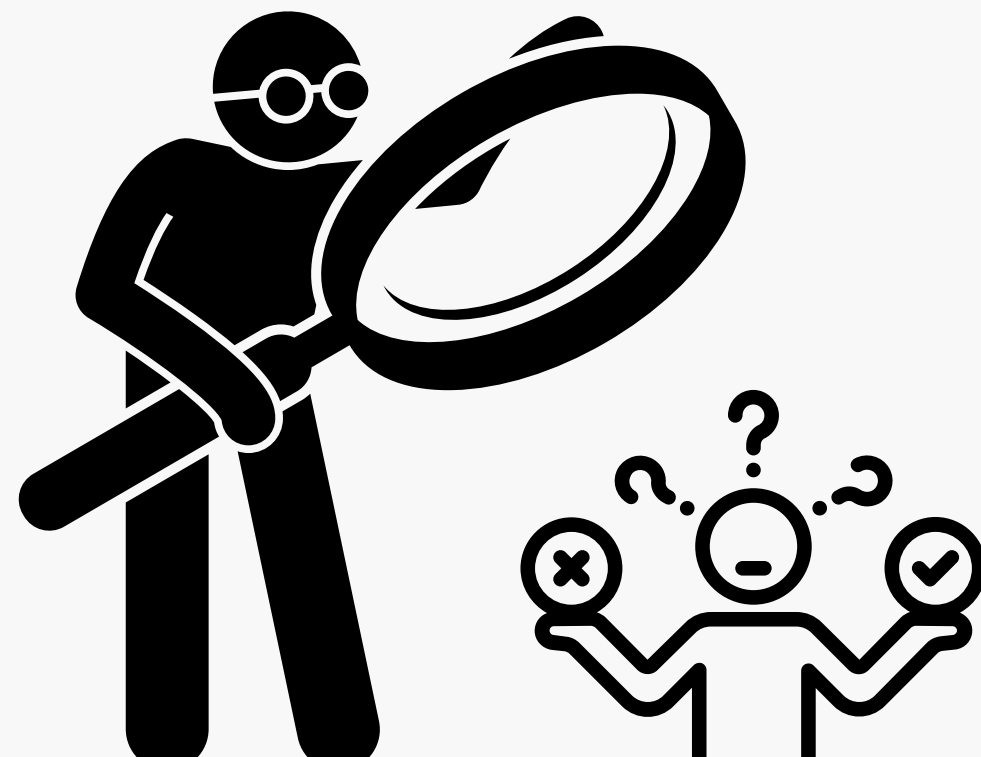
- ▲ Roma,
- ▲ LGBTQ+,
- ▲ migrants,
- ▲ and other minority groups within their communities.

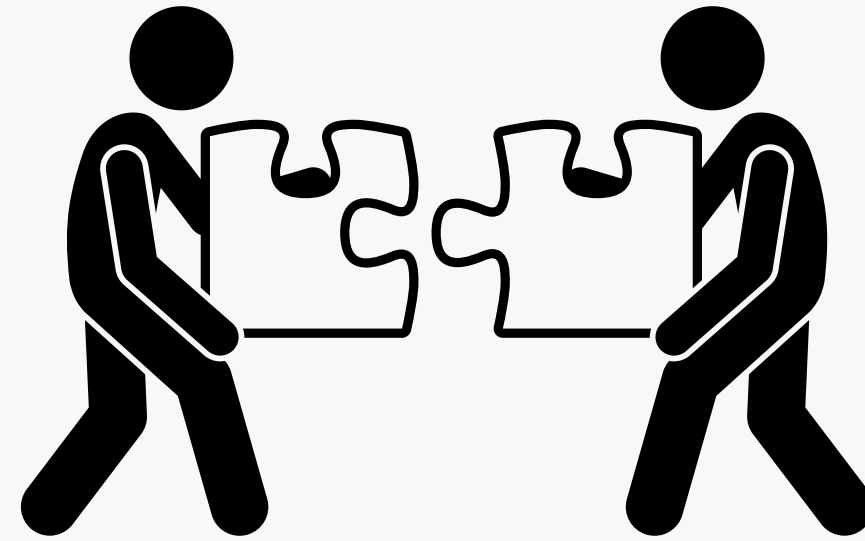
Objectives

Participants will learn **how to design** and **lead workshops** that promote understanding, tolerance, and respect among different cultural and social groups.

They will gain the **skills to address conflicts** and **prejudices** that arise between (young) people from diverse backgrounds.

Through practical exercises, participants will **explore methods** for **initiating dialogue**, **overcoming stereotypes**, and creating **safe spaces** for open discussions.





What will participants gain?

The training will provide youth workers and volunteers with the tools to **run workshops** in schools and community centers that **encourage intercultural dialogue**.

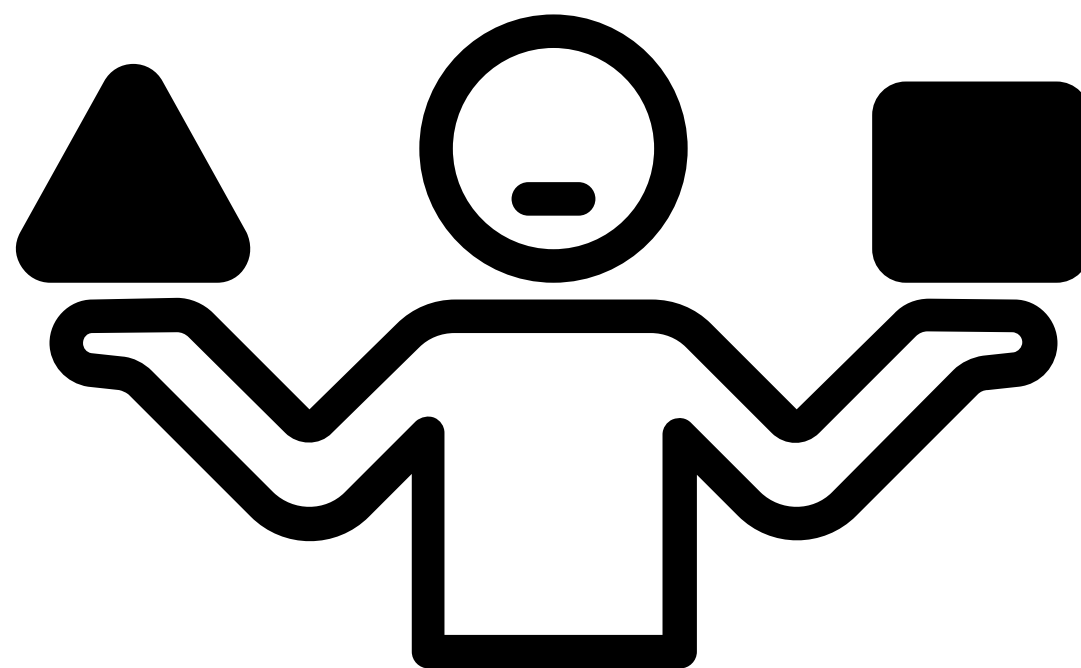
They will be equipped to **handle sensitive issues and conflicts** in a way that fosters cooperation and mutual respect.

Participants will also gain a understanding of the challenges faced by minority groups and learn how to create inclusive, supportive environments for young people from diverse backgrounds.

Topic

This training will focus on empowering youth workers to take **an active role** in their communities by **addressing intolerance** and **fostering peaceful interactions**.

Participants will gain the knowledge and skills to run effective workshops that promote **intercultural understanding** and **help reduce conflicts** in schools and other youth settings.



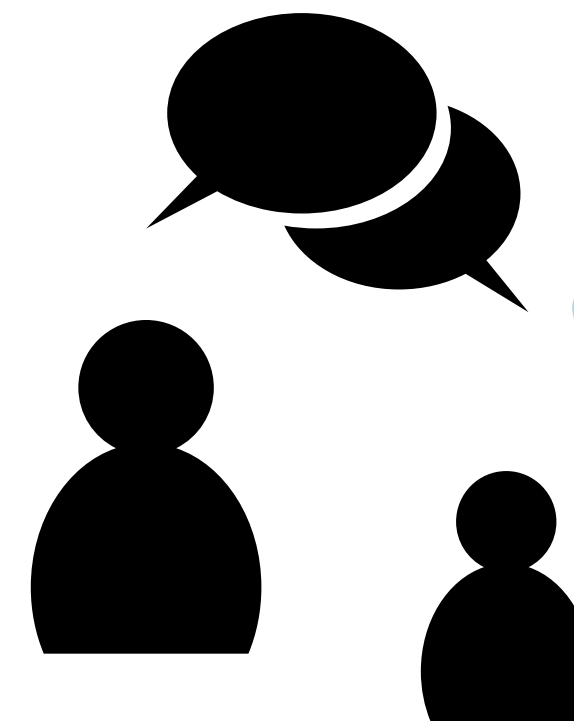
Target group

- Youth workers
- activists
- volunteers

Number of participants per a country - 2 participants.

who are committed to fostering intercultural dialogue and promoting inclusivity in their communities.

**Participants must be over 18 years old.*



LOCATION

The exchange will take place at **Hostel Velenje**, located in the **town of Velenje**. The hostel offers comfortable accommodations with a garden, a shared lounge, a terrace, and free WiFi.

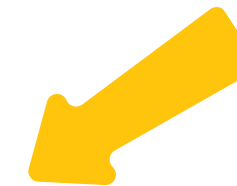
Town of Velenje



TOWN OF VELENJE



Lake of Velenje



Castle of Velenje



The Coal Mining Museum of Slovenia



COSTS AND LOGISTICS

Travel, accommodation and food costs are fully funded by the Erasmus+ program

Travel costs will be reimbursed with a specific amount depending on the distance traveled.

Please note that we kindly ask you to **send us your travel plans** and **ticket details before purchasing them for our approval**. Additionally, let us know if you are interested in using environmentally friendly travel options (Green Travel – bus, train).

DISTANCE CALCULATOR:

<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/sl/resources-and-tools/distance-calculator>

TRAVEL DISTANCE	NON-GREEN TRAVEL	GREEN TRAVEL
10 - 99 km	28 EUR	56 EU
100 - 499 km	221 EUR	285 EUR
500 - 1999 km	309 EUR	417 EUR
2000 - 2999 km	395 EUR	535 EUR
3000 - 3999 km	580 EUR	785 EUR
4000 - 7999 km	1188 EUR	1188 EUR
8000 km or more	1735 EUR	1735 EUR

TRAVEL PLAN

Please, do **not PURCHASE tickets** before sending **your TRAVEL PLAN** to our coordinator Klara and receiving a confirmation for your plan.

Essential informations for the travel plan:

- **dates and hours** of airplane flights, buses and trains,
- **prices** of airplane flights, buses and trains (added link or a screenshot).

E-mail: klara.pavlic@mcdd.si



TRAVEL SUGGESTIONS FOR AIRPORTS

Slovenia is a small country with **only one airport located near Ljubljana** (Ljubljana airport - Letališče Jožeta Pučnika Ljubljana). **Connections** that this airport offers are **quite expensive and has bad connections**, so usually we also travel **from other airports**. Of course there is a chance that you might be lucky.

We suggest you that you travel from your country **to one of this airports:**

- Vienna,
- Budapest,
- Zagreb,
- Trieste,
- Venice Marco Polo,
- Graz airport.

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TRAVEL SUGGESTIONS FROM AIRPORTS TO SLOVENIA



When you arrive **to the airport that was convenient from your country**, we suggest you chose **Flixbus or international train** to travel to Slovenia.

In Slovenia we have Flixbus station **in two cities:**

- **in Maribor** (which is in the east of the country),
- **in Ljubljana** (which is in the center of Slovenia).

If you will be travelling **with train** - check if you have direct line to Velenje. If not - check if your train is going towards **Celje, Maribor** or **Ljubljana**.

We can help you choose **which Flixbus station or which train** is more convenient, due to the airport that you will be arriving.

Flixbus: <https://global.flixbus.com/>

International train: <https://potniski.sz.si/tujina/>



TRAVEL SUGGESTIONS TO VELENJE

When you arrive to Slovenia there are **two ways that you can arrive to Velenje**:

- **bus Nomago** (<https://www.nomago.si/vozovnice/vozni-red>) - website is available also in English,
- train **Slovenske železnice** (<https://potniski.sz.si/>) - website is available also in English.

Remember to keep all the receipts and invoices for the expenses during the travel. Without them we cannot reimburse the money.

VISA

▲ Visa is an **expense covered** within the Erasmus+ budget. However, we will need proof of payment, such as an **invoice or receipt**.

We kindly ask you to check **with the relevant authorities in your country about the application procedure**. Based on our inquiry with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovenia, we must provide you **a certified official invitation – a Letter of Guarantee**.

● Please, let us know if there will be anything else that you may need from us.

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WE LOOK FORWARD TO
MEETING YOU!

If you have **any further questions**, please don't hesitate
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