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# The Queen Youth Space

Two-stage  
Youth Exchange

First stage: 22 – 29 February 2024  
GEORGIA

Second stage: 2 – 9 May 2024  
CZECH REPUBLIC



ICPI  
International Center for Peace  
and Integration

Hnízdo

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Erasmus+ Programme  
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## *Engage, empower, connect*

The Queer Youth Space will be a two-stage youth exchange for queer youngsters and allies to come together. Our aim is to provide a safe and supportive space for young people who identify as LGBTQ+ to explore and express their identities, as well as connect with others who share similar experiences.

The project will give the opportunity to participants to learn from one another and share their experiences, knowledge and perspectives on queer issues, which can help to break down stereotypes and promote understanding and acceptance of diversity. Next to that, it will also be a great opportunity for allies to learn about queer issues and to gain an understanding of the challenges that queer youth face. This can help to create a more inclusive and supportive environment for all young people.

The project will also incorporate art activities, as art can be a powerful tool for self-expression, and can be used as a means for youth to explore and express their identities in a safe and supportive environment. Furthermore, art will also be used as a tool for communication and storytelling, allowing participants to share their experiences and perspectives with others. Next to that, we will promote understanding and bring together the LGBTQ+ youth and local community.

### *Aims & Objectives:*

- To create a safe space for personal exploration and learning about sexual health and LGBTQ+ issues;
- To foster meaningful connections and stimulate personal development within the queer youth community and promote international cooperation;
- To improve mental health of LGBTQ+ youth through non-formal education and art expression;
- To facilitate intercultural learning and promote awareness of the LGBTQ+ situation in different countries;
- To work towards social inclusion of LGBTQ+ individuals and combat discrimination and violence;
- To empower young people to engage in society and contribute to the advancement of gender and sexual equality, building a sense of European citizenship based on human rights and acceptance of differences.

# About us

## Hnízdo

**Hnízdo** is a Czech association of active inhabitants of the region, which carries out several activities, especially in the field of formal, non-formal and informal education. It is a community of parents, children, guides, youngsters, volunteers and friends.

Hnízdo is focused on the education of the community members. Education based on how to be happy and healthy. It runs and supports the Montessori and Democratic schools and kindergartens in the Tisnov region. All of the schools and kindergartens are innovative where they introduce non-formal methods.

It also runs non-formal regular clubs (language, sport, art and music clubs) and irregular activities (for example, every year we organize a ball, seasonal celebrations, community member meetings, etc).

Hnízdo itself is also dedicated to organizing educational events for parents, teachers and the public - we invite interesting people to Tisnov personalities of contemporary pedagogy, we organize discussions and seminars on the topics of education and training, human rights, protection of the environment.

**International Center for Peace and Integration (ICPI)** is a Georgian not-for-profit non-governmental organization with a mission to provide the platform for the development of self-aware, progressive and engaged youth in civil society.

We encourage personal growth, innovation and positive change through critical thinking, intercultural understanding, support for new initiatives and collaboration. We believe in the power of education as a means to plant the seeds of change in attitude and action. The team of ICPI promotes democratic values, peace-building and social entrepreneurship for a more sustainable society.

ICPI was founded in 2011 by young people with more than 10 years of working experience in the non-governmental sector. We work in different social, educational and cultural fields with several target groups such as: youth, IDPs, people with fewer opportunities, etc.

ICPI is actively involved in the ERASMUS+ Programme and cooperates with different state institutions and organisations in Georgia, in Europe and partner countries.



# You?

- 18–30 years young
- NO age limit for group leaders\*
- Open-minded
- LGBTQ+ Youth and allies (those supporting and advocating equal civil rights, gender equality, fighting against homo- & transphobia)
- Interested in learning more about gender issues, human rights, sexual health and the situation on the LGBTQ+ community in other countries
- It is very important that you are **AVAILABLE FOR BOTH STAGES OF THE PROJECT!**
- Regarding ensuring a "classic" gender balance, we support the idea that this increases cishnormativity\*\*\*. We would like to reach a diverse group of youngsters, including all gender identities and not only cisgenders\*\*. Partner organizations will firstly select participants based on their interest, motivation and give priority to individuals with fewer opportunities. Participants will not be selected based on their gender or sexual preferences but we strive to compile preferably mixed national teams.



**\*Group leaders will have additional responsibilities and will be required to attend online preparatory meetings before the exchange! It's highly recommended for group leaders to have previous experience in Erasmus+.**

\*\*cisgender = A cisgender person is a person whose gender identity matches their sex assigned at birth.

\*\*\*cishnormativity = A discourse based on assumption that cisgender is the norm and privileges this over any other form of gender identity.

# Practicalities

## Location

Somewhere in Georgia & Czech Republic :)

To ensure maximum safety of the group, we will share the exact location and more details about the project venue only with selected participants.

The accommodations are well-experienced by the organizing team and the quality of the service, food and accommodation will satisfy the needs of participants and project activities. Rooms will be shared by 2-7 people.

Three meals and two breaks will be provided daily, accustomed to the needs of the participants (f.e. vegan, vegetarian, halal, food allergies).



## Arrival & Departure Georgia

The project team will provide transportation from the meeting point, to and from the project venue in Georgia. Therefore we ask participants to arrive in Tbilisi before 3PM on the arrival day and plan their departure after 2PM on the departure day.

## Deadlines

**Deadline for selecting participants:  
18 DECEMBER 2023**

**Deadline for buying the tickets:  
12 JANUARY 2024**

# Travel limits

	First stage (Georgia)	Second stage (Czechia)
 <b>Italy</b> - PiGreco - SEMI di Intercultura APS	€ 360	€ 275
 <b>Slovenia</b> - Društvo DIH	€ 360	€ 180
 <b>Spain</b> - Brisa Intercultural	€ 530	€ 275
 <b>Poland</b> - Stowarzyszenie YoWo Poland	€ 360	€ 180
 <b>Armenia</b> - Future in our hands NGO	€ 180	€ 360
 <b>Georgia</b> - International Center for Peace and Integration	/	€ 360
 <b>Czech Republic</b> - Spolek Hnizdo	€ 360	/

## Green Travel

We want to invite participants to use as much as possible green travel for the second stage in Czech Republic. There are night trains and busses to Prague and Vienna from most European countries. We could not request green travel in the application and therefore it is not an obligation, but we highly recommend to take in consideration our ecological footprint. If you need our assistance or have any questions about this, please contact us on the project email.

# Reimbursement Process

## Steps for reimbursement

1. After your selection is confirmed, you can start looking for travel options
2. Send your travel proposal to [thequeeryouthspace@gmail.com](mailto:thequeeryouthspace@gmail.com)
3. **Wait for our confirmation before you buy the tickets!**
4. You will receive a link where to upload your tickets & boarding passes
5. Keep **ALL** paper boarding passes and tickets with you during travel, take a picture & upload to your drive folder and deliver originals on the project to hosting organization
6. Participants will be reimbursed after each stage separately
7. Reimbursement of the second stage will be done after all the reports will be sent and approved by the National Agency (please note that this process can take up to 2 months after the project finishes).

100% of accommodation, food and transportation during the project will be covered with the support of ERASMUS+.

It is necessary for participants to have **travel health insurance** (not covered by project).

Only the **most economical transportation** will be reimbursed! Travel must be economy/2nd class for a plane, train or bus ticket. No taxi costs can be refunded.

Participants can use up to **2 extra travel days**. These days are NOT covered by the project regarding food and accommodation.

### Possible travel days first stage:

20/02 - 29/02  
21/02 - 29/02  
21/02 - 01/03  
22/02 - 29/02  
22/02 - 01/03  
22/02 - 02/03

# Contact

For more information or any questions about the project, do not hesitate to contact us on the project e-mail:



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Hope to meet you soon,  
xoxo The Project Team

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