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Cultural Heritage and Sustainable Development: A Global Perspective

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Project Description

The intricate relationship between cultural heritage and sustainable development is a global concern, transcending national boundaries. This project focuses on how youth workers worldwide can contribute to preserving cultural heritage while promoting sustainable development practices. It aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of how cultural heritage, an invaluable asset for any society, can be a driving force for sustainable and inclusive growth.



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Project Aim



Promote Understanding of Cultural Heritage by deepening youth workers' appreciation and understanding of diverse cultural heritages across the globe Link Heritage to Sustainable Practices by exploring innovative ways in which cultural heritage can be integrated with sustainable development goals Empowerment Through Education by empowering youth workers with the knowledge and skills necessary to advocate for and implement sustainable heritage management



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What is Erasmus+?



Erasmus+ is a European Union program that provides opportunities for people of all ages to study, train, gain experience, and volunteer abroad. It's named after the Dutch philosopher Desiderius Erasmus, known for his work promoting learning and understanding across borders.

Erasmus+ is a program designed to support education, training, youth, and sport in Europe. It's a comprehensive initiative that aims to boost skills, employability, and modernization across these sectors.



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Project Logo



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Tools and Activities



Travel agency activity

What happens when you combine advertising and cultural heritage? You get a cool travel agency poster with 3 UNESCO-recognized destinations. Participants didn't hesitate to show their creativity in this activity.

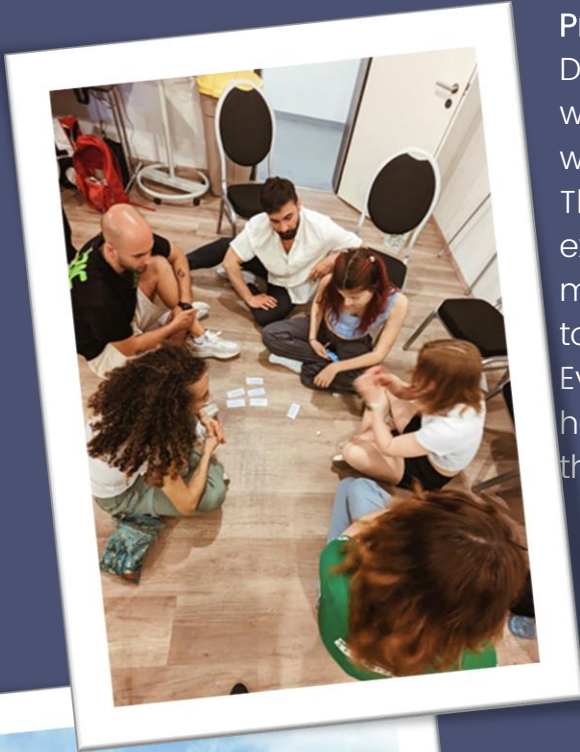
Meaning of names

Participants were assigned to figure out the meanings of all of their names. Since they come from many different countries and cultures, their names stem from different origins, and it was interesting to learn about the background of the project's participants. They discussed their names and how they got them in groups before writing them on a poster, gathering their diversity in an artistic manner.



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Proverbs in native language

During this activity, participants were divided in national teams to write proverbs from their countries. The challenge was to write these expressions in English in their literal meaning and for the other people to guess their hidden meaning. Everyone had fun while discovering how language shapes the way we think and view the world.



The traditions of the world

In this activity each national group was assigned to present a tradition, a ceremony or something they normally celebrate.



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Mug exchange

On the first day, mugs were exchanged, each brought along with its own unique story. Some were old, possibly left in a closet by a grandmother, while others might have been purchased hastily at an airport. Yet, despite their differences, each mug found a place on a shelf in another country, to be remembered fondly as part of a shared experience.



Appointment game

In this activity, hours from 9:00 to 14:00 were written on a piece of paper. Everyone then found a partner to schedule an "appointment" with for each free hour. Partners met up as planned to discuss various relevant topics.



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Cultural appropriation

Participants started this activity by watching a sketch from a comedy show discussing the topic of cultural appropriation. After the video, participants were given a short explanation of the term cultural appropriation. Following that, participants were divided into small groups where they discussed and thought of a few examples. This was a great activity because the topic automatically leads to great discussions, given that it's such a complicated topic to navigate.



Sustainable development goals & UNESCO

In this activity, participants were grouped in teams, and throughout the day, they had to answer a list of questions about UNESCO, the main objectives it promotes, and the benefits and responsibilities of UNESCO.



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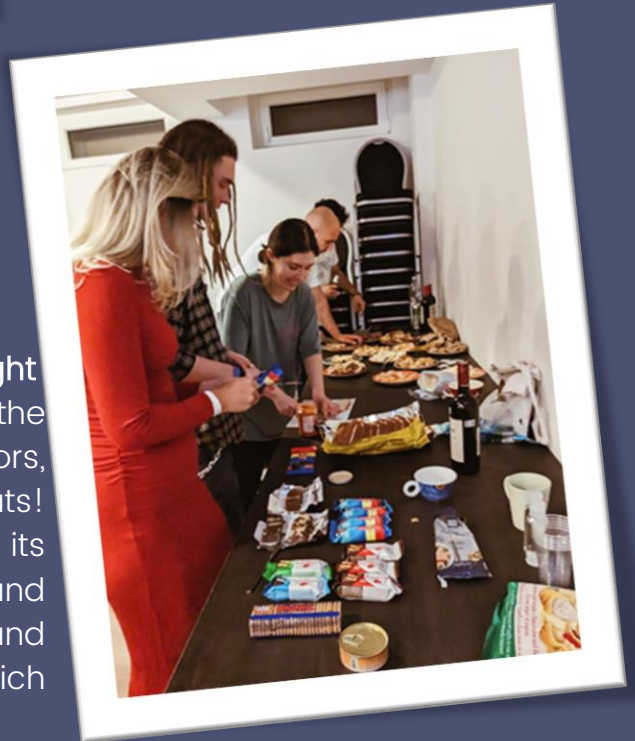


Charades

Each group had 2 sustainable development goals (ScDGs) to present, but to do so, they had to play mime, and the remaining groups had to guess which sustainable development goals were being present.

Intercultural night

Welcome to Intercultural Night, where the world comes alive with vibrant colors, tantalizing aromas, and joyful beats! Each nation showcases the best of its culture. It's a celebration of unity and diversity, where friendships blossom, and hearts are filled with appreciation for rich tapestry of cultures.



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Interviews



ELENA | ROMANIA

I am really happy to have taken part in this amazing project. I had a great time and I learned many information about UNESCO patrimony and cultural heritage.

ÅGE RØSE | NORWAY

The main reason I joined this project was for the topic and the possibility to meet new people. I really enjoyed the conversations and discussions I had with people, both about complex, funny and random topics. Through conversations and physical activities I got to explore cultures that were previously unknown to me.



CHANTAL | GERMANY

The best experience for me was definitely the exchange between the different participants. Not only in the different workshops, but also in our free time. I got to know many different people and opinions that I will remember very well with this event.



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Interviews



TJAŠA | SLOVENIA

The project is great because I got ideas for new projects, exchanged good practices, and learned a lot about other cultures of the participants. An exceptional experience.

JOANA | PORTUGAL

I had an amazing experience in this project in Prague! I met a lot of unique people and learned so much about culture. This project helped me understand how we can preserve our culture and learn a lot about the traditions, food, habits and the language from several different countries. I highly recommend everyone to do an Erasmus+ project at least once in a lifetime. It's been remarkable for me, from the people I met to the knowledge I gain and spectacular memories to keep for life



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