First GIVE PEACE a DANCE CAMP

2-9 august near Werchrata Poland, close to Ukrainian border!

30 scoutsleaders from Ukraine, Poland and Belgium join in this Peace Training

Just 1 urgent question:

We have a total budget of 15000 € from Erasmus+ that covers most expenses. We are looking for a **little extra budget and some sponsors** for the last practical things:

- 5 good quality air mattresses for our team of facilitators (950 €), (all of us we sleep in tents in a normal scoutscamp) After the camp we give them to the scoutsleaders from Ukraine!
- budget for our rental van (1750 €)
- extra budget to invite 5 more scoutsleaders from Ukraine to join the camp (1200 €)
- extra budget for 2 weeks of extra Peace Trainings in 4 Ukrainian scoutscamps (1450 €)
- extra budget to pay for 5 facilitators volunteer work (1000 €)
- free donations to continue this work every year

PARTNERS in this project:

- We See You (<u>www.weseeyou.be</u>) organiser and coördinator
- PLAST the biggest scouting organisation in Ukraine: (link)
- FOS Flanders Open Scouting: (website)
- PLAST scouts Poland
- Changing Stories Foundation, NL (<u>link</u>)

HISTORY:

Our non-profit organization We See You is a small but very innovative organization with a focus on the well-being of children and young people. For 15 years we have been working with children and youngsters in schools, youth care, asylum centers. Until recently only in Flanders. This year we also share our expertise with youth workers abroad, in the context of this peace project. During an international conference in July 2024 I spent a lot of time with the delegation from Ukraine. That was the start of the Peace Train project. After many zoom meetings with international partners, we have built a beautiful partnership

PEACE WAVE:

The past months we prepared for the project and created some wonderful short video messages for peace: this was the start of the PEACE WAVE

Please have a look at the short video Peace Wave nr 4 (link). And the first Peace Wave (link)

We send the video's and the compilation of these messages to PLAST Ukraine and Poland, so that they can show them to all their departments and members and children, and send them to schools. So that the children can see and feel that there are many children in Europe who think of them, who give them hope and courage.

Second question:

We are looking for 1 company in Belgium, 1 in the Netherlands, 1 in Germany and 1 in Poland to invite our team to create an original Peace Message with your personal... to add to this Peace Wave! (company with minimum 200 personal)

ABOUT the camp in Poland and the PEACE TRAIN-ING

From 2-9 August we organize this 1st GIVE PEACE A DANCE training camp in collaboration with scouts PLAST from Poland at a location near the border with Ukraine. This way scout leaders from Ukraine can easily reach the camp. Our team of facilitators (3 B choreographers, 2 NL theater makers) give workshops to 30 scout leaders from 5 countries (mainly participants from Ukraine and Poland), to give them tools on how to include major themes such as war and peace in their own activities. Our focus is 'movement' (sports, games, martial arts, dance) and 'nature' (the regular scout focus) and the combination of these 2. For this camp, after many subsidy discussions, we received a budget from Erasmus+ Youth for Mobility of Youth Workers. We received the budget (15000) from our partner FOS. Just enough to organize the camp, to reimburse the costs of food, camp, transport (train/plane/car) of all facilitators and participants. We work as volunteers in this project.

PEACE TRAIN UKRAINE

After the camp, I will personally cross the border (without my team) together with the group of scouts from Ukraine to bring martial art peace art workshops in various scout camps of PLAST Ukraine for a few weeks. Peace Training for thousands of children and young people, and at the same time for their supervisors. It is an experience-oriented methodology. After each session I take the scout leaders aside to explain the approach so that they can integrate certain tools into their weekly work.

During my stay in Ukraine i also have several meetings with future partners in Ukraine, such as a university that asked to be a partner, a therapists collective that was interested in a lecture. Also martial-art peace art sessions in some schools and other

youth organizations are planned. The aim is to make the Peace Training available to many other partners.

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