

1968: True Love - Real Utopia

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

What?:	International Youth Exchange
Who?:	45 participants (16-21 years) + 9 youth leaders
What about?:	1968, Social Movements, protests, social norms, love, sexuality
When?	May 24 th to June 3 rd (Weimar, Germany) & October 7 th to October 17 th (Kalamata, Greece)
Participating countries:	France, Hungary, Italy, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Germany

It's half a century ago, that a series of protests and uprisings made a young counterculture visible, which was growing in many countries around the world. "1968" since then became a symbol: For young people questioning conservative norms, for political protests against war and injustice and for a new culture of sexuality, love and relationship.

50 years later, we want to ask: Are those topics nowadays not more than the titles of dusty history books? What dreams of a better world motivate people today to engage? Which experimental forms of living and working together can we find now? And of course: Was the hope of 1968 fulfilled to free our love from social constraints? What are current discussions about sexuality and relationships about and what do they have to do with justice, freedom and the good life?

The project consists mainly of two International Youth Exchanges with 11 days each: From May 24th to June 3rd (in Weimar, Germany) and from October 7th to October 17th (in Kalamata, Greece).

During those two exchanges we want to work together on the different topics of the project: We want to share our thoughts and beliefs, we want to look at our personal needs and experiences, we want to learn more about the experiment 1968, we want to discuss proposals and dreams of others and build up our own. Our aim is always to connect the big topics mentioned above with our personal experiences and interests.

Beside this common exchange, reflections and discussions we also want to give space for creative work, getting to know each other and trying out other ways of getting in contact with nature, others and ourselves.

Additionally, to the two exchanges, there are three shorter meetings of the national groups planned: Before the first exchange, between the two exchanges and after the second exchange. They will probably take around half a day and will be planned from the national partner organizations to prepare the exchanges itself.

This project might be interesting for you, if you

- ✓ Want to think about alternative ways of living together in the history and present
- ✓ curious to reflect about love, relationships and what they have to do with our dream for a better world
- ✓ Like to meet new people from all over Europe and learn to know their background and opinion
- ✓ Are between 16 and 21 years old

It is possible, that national groups know each other or be a group already before the youth exchange, but we are also happy, if this project brings together people with shared interested who don't know each other yet.

If you have any questions, please contact the projects partner organization in your country!