



Partner Search from Bengtsfors Municipality

Programme:	Youth in Action Programme - Action 1.1 - Youth Exchanges
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Organisation:	<p>The Municipality of Bengtsfors is a municipality in Region Västra Götaland in western Sweden. Its seat is located in the town of Bengtsfors and the municipality has approximately 10.000 inhabitants. The municipality is best known for its scenic setting and Dalstrand's canal runs through several towns in the municipality.</p> <p>Bengtsfors is also known for their long tradition in arts and crafts. Stenebyskolan, a nationwide unique vocational school for arts and crafts strongly contributes to the vast variety of craftsmen who live and work in the community. The school provides artistic craft courses on wood, metal and textiles at basic, intermediate and higher education levels.</p> <p>The youth group involved in the project is a part of the Municipal Youth Council, but other young people are also invited to attend. The Municipal Youth Council is made up of young people, mostly from high school, and they meet regularly in the youth leisure centres. The Youth Council has a yearly budget earmarked for, amongst other things the organisation of various events and activities for young people in the municipality. The youth leisure centre personnel are responsible for the management of the Youth Council.</p> <p>Regarding this specific project, the project manager is the public health coordinator in the municipality. The public health coordinator strategically works with public health issues within the Municipal Executive office.</p>
Project idea:	<p>The Municipality of Bengtsfors is looking for European partners interested to participate in a Youth Exchange within the Youth in Action Programme during 2011.</p> <p>Objective: The main objective of the EU-funded project is to carry out an exchange for young people, where youth from Bengtsfors and from another country in the EU discuss about democracy, youth involvement and influence in the democratic processes in society.</p>

	<p>During the exchange, the young people will learn about different democratic systems present in the EU and about how youth influence and involvement work in these. The exchange will result in a form of forum for youth influence in the local democratic process. During the exchange, the young people will also enhance their cultural competence and gain a greater understanding of different cultures.</p> <p>The participants will discuss and learn more about different democratic systems and about different ways to be involved in and have influence in the democratic system, and about how to, in collaboration with politicians in Bengtsfors and the other country, draft a proposal for a forum for youth involvement and influence in the democratic system of the municipalities.</p> <p>Activities: The participating youth from Bengtsfors and their peers in the partner country will firstly make preparations for the exchange. The preparation will consist in learning more about their own local democratic systems, about the partner's democratic system. In addition, a contact between the youth groups in both partners' countries will be established.</p> <p>In the next stage, the youth group from Bengtsfors will visit the youth group from the partner country. Together, the two groups learn more about different types of democratic systems represented in the EU and about different forms of influence and involvement. The learning process occurs through seminars, discussions, excursions and workshops, where youth learn together and from each other.</p> <p>The participating youth will compile a document containing a joint proposal for influence and involvement for young people all over Europe.</p> <p>If you find this proposal interesting, please do not hesitate to make contact for further details at latest the 10th January 2011.</p>
Partners searched:	Municipalities, youth groups, NGO's or other organizations in all EU-countries.
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