

CALL FOR PARTNERS EUROPEAN SEMINAR IN THE CASTLE OF «LE CRÉNEAU»



«ANIMATE THIS!»

COME AND MEET OTHER WORKERS FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES
TO DEBATE AND SHARE GOOD PRACTICES



16-20 NOVEMBER 2025
MONTCOMBROUX-LES-MINES
03130, ALLIER
FRANCE



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CONTEXT

The goal of our association is to put together people from different social and cultural backgrounds to create **diversity** in order to learn to live together, to get to know each other, and to **exchange** about our own experiences with **respect** and **tolerance** towards a better society.

Animation, as both an art form and a method, is at the intersection of **education**, **social inclusion**, and **cultural diversity**. It has the power to **engage communities** and **foster transformative experiences**. Together, we would like to take a look on how animation can be leveraged to **address** broader societal challenges and encourage **intercultural dialogue**.

THE AIM OF THIS SEMINAR

The aim of this 3-day seminar is to provide a unique opportunity for partner organizations to **meet**, **exchange** practices, and **explore** collaborative approaches to animation as a creative and social art form. By focusing on themes such as **collaboration**, **creativity**, and the **exchange of practices**, we aim to strengthen our connections and inspire **new initiatives**.



The seminar will offer a **dynamic space** to share knowledge, develop joint projects, and showcase best practices in animation across various contexts. This gathering will also **highlight the importance** of creativity in fostering active participation and community-building in our European projects.

Lastly, participants will have the chance to experience the inspiring setting of the **Château de Le Créneau**, a unique social and international hosting center located in the picturesque **Auvergne region**, known for its volcanic landscapes. The venue itself reflects the values of **collaboration** and **innovation** that are central to this seminar.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The main objectives and activities of the seminar are the following:

- Enable associations working with international groups to **meet** and **get to know** each other better: presentations of each association, their **pedagogical approaches**, and their **educational values**.
- Share approaches to animation in international projects, based on **successful experiences** and **challenges** encountered: how can animation become a political and transformative tool in our projects? How can we align animation practices with the **values** and **capacities** of our organizations? How can animation be used to foster **social transformation**? Are there specific themes worth exploring? What are the **key points** to watch out for?
- Discover new pedagogical **approaches** through exchanges between participants: associations that have developed **specific skills** in particular areas will be invited to present them.
- **Stimulate the development** of new collaborations and projects between partners: based on the exchanges that take place, identify the specific **needs** of associations (training, study visits) in the medium term.



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PARTICIPANTS

We would like to gather a group of 16 participants, composed of social workers and youth leaders from 8 to 10 different countries.

Link towards eligible countries : <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/programme-guide/part-a/eligible-countries>

- **Educators, socio-cultural workers and project coordinators**
- **Project managers** wishing to **meet partners** using food as tool for social transformation and European projects
- Those wishing to **develop their knowledge and practice** of how go towards society transformation through food

Participants should be aged 18 or more, there is no age limit.

English will be the main language of this seminar but we can organise translation if needed.

Please note that other groups may live in Le Créneau at the same time: volunteers, teenagers, permanents, workers...



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INFORMATION

Le **Créneau** is one of the regional delegations of Solidarités Jeunesses. It is located in a **castle** in Montcombroux-les-Mines, in a rural area. It has been acting for 30 years for **social**, **educative** and **cultural** local development.

ACCOMODATION

The participants will be accommodate in the castle, in bedrooms of 3 to 6 people and will have at their disposal all the facilities of the hosting centre (dining room, showers and toilets).

DAILY LIFE

Seminar participants will share meals and evenings with the facilitators, employees and residents of Le Créneau. As far as possible, everyone is invited to take part in some of the daily tasks (meals, washing up), which is a way of getting to know the different people on the site.

THE TEAM

The seminar will be led by the team of Le Créneau.

METHODS

The main aim of this seminar is to get to know each other better and to learn more about what our respective organisations are doing. Therefore, the methods used during the seminar are those of non-formal education and leave room for informal time.



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INFORMATION

Location of the seminar

Le Créneau
Château des Prureaux
03130 Montcombroux les
Mines, France

Dates

16-20 November
arrival on Nov. 16th
departure on Nov. 20th
(including up to 6 days of
eco-friendly traveling)

Participants

16 European participants

Participation cost

Accommodation and meals
will be provided by the
organization.
Travel costs will be
partially covered
according to the Erasmus+
calculator.

PLACE AND TIMING

The seminar will last 3 full days starting from
November 17th to 19th.

The participants should arrive on November 16th in
the evening and leave on the 19th in the evening or
the 20th in the morning.

A meeting point will be organised at Moulins train
station on Sunday 16th Nov. around 6:00-6:30pm.
For departure, shuttles will be organised around
6.30pm on Wednesday 19th Nov. and between 8h00-
9.30am on Thursday 20th Nov. to Moulins.

TRANSPORTS / REIMBURSEMENT

The closest train station is Moulins-sur-Allier. It
receives trains from Lyon and Paris.

If needed we can organise a shuttle to Roanne or
Paray-le-Monial, please contact us in advance.
You can check train time tables on
<https://www.thetrainline.com/en/train-times>

If you come by car, please take a detailed map !
You can arrive straight to Montcombroux-les-Mines.
Check out the advice roads on : www.mappy.fr

Reimbursement scale

100 - 499 km - 211€ to 285€ (*green travel*)/participant
500 - 1999 km - 309€ to 417€ (*green travel*)/participant

Visa fees

For participants from countries associated to the
programme: 200€/participant for visa fees



Keep all original tickets, boarding
passes, invoices : we won't be able
to pay you back without them.

CONTACTS

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us!



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