

COMMON THINGS

Empowering Youth in Areas Impacted by Organised Crime



Date
24-31 May 2026

Venue
Palermo - Italy

CHAPTER ONE

PRESENTATION

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Common Things is a **Training Course** hosted by GIOSEF Italy and designed to explore how youth work can reveal, understand, and challenge the visible and invisible dynamics of organised crime — the “common things” that communities experience every day but often choose not to see.

The project title reflects the contrast between **what is ordinary and what is hidden**. Just as in popular culture, where underlying layers reshape reality, organised crime and corrupt systems act both openly and underground. Recognising these patterns helps youth workers transform awareness into action — promoting justice, democratic participation, and the protection of common goods.

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WHY PALERMO?

Palermo is a city influenced by mafia history but equally known for its **powerful civic resistance**. It offers the perfect environment for exploring community resilience, activism, confiscated assets, memory, care, and social justice.



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EDUCATIONAL APPROACH

The Study Visit integrates field visits, storytelling, and structured training sessions led by GIOSEF Italy, **focusing on:**

-  legality & civic engagement
-  anti-mafia education
-  youth work & democratic participation
-  analysis of hidden systems
-  participatory and narrative-based non-formal education

These experiences allow youth workers to reimagine community spaces and create replicable tools for use in their own contexts.



Presentation

Giosef Italy is a national youth organization dedicated to promoting active participation, social inclusion, intercultural dialogue and European mobility opportunities for young people. Through non-formal education, community projects and international partnerships, Giosef Italy supports youth empowerment and fosters positive social change across Italy and Europe.

CHAPTER TWO PARTNERS

SENDING PARTNERS

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS: → 3/4 Participants each

 Portugal → **StAIRS and LEVELS**

 Spain → **La ViBRA intercultural**

 Sweden → **FORENINGEN FRAMTIDSTAGET**

 Greece → **DREAMTEAM**

 Poland → **POTA FIMY**

 Lithuania → **TAVO EUROPA**

 Bulgaria → **PROFESSIONAL FORUM FOR EDUCATION**

LOCAL PARTNERS



Falcone-Borsellino Museum - (Bunkerino)

Curated by: Fondazione Progetto Legalità



Terra Franca APS - Social Farm (Confiscated Asset)

A confiscated asset transformed into a community farm



Centro Penc Palermo - WGSS (Women and Girls Safe

Space in a Confiscated Asset) Run by Centro Penc

in collaboration with UNICEF

CHAPTER THREE

OBJECTIVES

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

-  Strengthen youth work as a tool for legality, democracy, and social justice.
-  Promote civic responsibility and a shared culture of common goods.
-  Foster Euro-Mediterranean cooperation on youth participation.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

-  Explore visible and invisible structures connected to organised crime.
-  Analyse how confiscated assets can be centres of community regeneration.
-  Develop new educational tools promoting legality and activism.
-  Enhance youth workers' capacities in non-formal education.
-  Promote solidarity, inclusion, and democratic participation.

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LEARNING OUTCOMES

Participants will acquire:

-  **Knowledge:** civic structures, anti-mafia history, corruption dynamics
-  **Skills:** storytelling, facilitation, tool creation, critical thinking Foster Euro-
-  **Attitudes:** participation, intercultural sensitivity, civic responsibility

LINK WITH ERASMUS+ PRIORITIES

-  Inclusion & diversity
-  Participation in democratic life
-  Sustainable community development
-  Digital transformation (The Upside Common campaign)

PARTICIPANT PROFILE

28 youth workers (4 per partner)

- 👤 **Background:** youth work, civic engagement, education, social inclusion
- 👤 No strict age limit (**18+ recommended**)
- 👤 **English** at conversational level
- 👤 **Motivation** to work on legality and community empowerment
- 👤 Participants with **fewer opportunities welcome** and supported

Group leaders optional depending on sending organisation.

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DETAILS

VENUE & ACCOMMODATION

City: Palermo, Italy

Venue: Associazione Domus Carmelitana Siculorm

Accommodation: Via Giovanni Grasso, 13 A, 90134 Palermo PA

Available:

-  Shared/triple rooms
-  Shared bathrooms
-  Wi-Fi
-  Working spaces
-  Reflection areas

Bring:

-  Towel & toiletries
-  EU plug adapter (Type F/L)
-  Comfortable clothing & walking shoes
-  Refillable bottle
-  Notebook & pen



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MEALS & LOGISTICS

- 🍴 3 meals/day + coffee breaks
- 🍴 Vegetarian/vegan options available
- 🍴 All dietary requirements collected via form
- 🍴 Respect for common spaces required
- 🍴 Alcohol prohibited during activities
- 🍴 Smoking only in designated areas

HOW TO REACH THE VENUE

Main Airport

Palermo Falcone–Borsellino Airport (PMO)

To Palermo City Centre:

- Train → Palermo Centrale (every 30 min)
- Bus → Palermo Centrale (Prestia & Comandè)



FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

Travel Budget (per participant)

Distance band : [CALCULATE HERE](#)






500–1999 km

Standard Travel: €309,00 / Green Travel: €417,00

> 500 km

Standard Travel: €211,00 / Green Travel: €285,00

Reimbursement Rules

-  Keep boarding passes & receipts
-  No taxi reimbursement unless pre-approved
-  Reimbursement processed after submission of all documents
-  Participants must carry personal health insurance
-  Participants coming from countries that require a **VISA**, will be supported and additional expenses will be covered

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PREPARATORY TASKS

- 👤 Fill logistical form
- 👤 Prepare short introduction video
- 👤 Bring a cultural object/story for intercultural evening
- 👤 Review project background
- 👤 Bring personal materials for workshops

Sending organisations must:

- 👤 Support travel booking
- 👤 Provide medical/dietary information
- 👤 Prepare participants through pre-departure meeting



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WHAT TO BRING

- ✈️ Passport/ID
- ✈️ Boarding passes
- ✈️ Health insurance / EHIC
- ✈️ Comfortable clothes
- ✈️ Personal medications
- ✈️ Refillable bottle
- ✈️ Notebook
- ✈️ Cultural item



Contact Us!



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