# UNITED HUMMINGBIRDS

YOUTH EXCHANGE BELGIUM - FINLAND



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YOUTH EXCHANGE 10 October 2022 - 16 October 2022

#### Who?

5 youngsters from Belgium (4+ 1 leader), 5 youngsters from Finland (4+1 leader) and young people living in a reception centre for asylum seekers.

This project is aimed at young people between 18 and 30 years old. If there is a strong motivation, a participant can be a little younger than 18 (no younger than 16).

#### When?

From the 10/10/2022 (arrival day) until the 16/10/2022 (departure day)

#### Where?

Reception centre for asylum seekers « Pierre Bleue » in Yvoir (Belgium)

#### Short sum up:

« United Hummingbirds » is a short youth exchange of seven days in a reception centre for asylum seekers in which young Belgians, Finns and asylum seekers will discuss together the links between migrations and the environment. During the week, the participants will have the opportunity to:

- get to know each other and exchange views on their respective realities
- better understand what it is like to live in a collective reception centre for asylum seekers in Belgium
- better understand migration factors related to the environment
- discuss what can be done on an individual basis, both for our environment and for a better inclusion of migrants in their host communities
- create a campaign about waste management (why throwing away the garbage; why/how to sort rubbish, why/how to produce less waste), and energy resources (heating, electricity, water) to raise awareness among residents of the centre
- live a human adventure, in an atmosphere favouring intercultural exchanges of ideas and experiences

## Living conditions and accommodation:

The participants will stay in the reception centre for asylum seekers « Pierre Bleue » in Yvoir. Participants will sleep in a common room of the centre, with access to showers and toilets. The precise accommodation arrangements will be communicated with the infosheet.

Participants will shop in the centre store and cook their own (and/or with residents) meals.

The main language of communication for this project will be English. Depending on the languages spoken by the residents, other languages should, however, also be used (in particular French).

#### Expectations for the participants:

By signing up for this project, we ask you to be:

- Ready to roll up your sleeves and get actively involved in the different workshops
- Ready to live experiences with a group, learn and exchange together
- Ready to use your imagination and express your creativity
- Ready to develop your critical mind and put your ideas in perspective
- Ready to commit yourself to collective dynamic within a multicultural group

### Financial conditions:

We draw your attention to the fact that this project is not an Erasmus+ funded project. To run this project, we answer a specific call about human rights from our national agency. All the lodging and activity costs will be covered by CBB.
70% of the travel costs will be reimbursed, up to 250€/participant.