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Arts and Culture against youth depopulation in rural area

Where?



Almedíjar
Valencian
Community
Spain

When?



March 2019
From 3rd
to 10th

What?



Partnership
building
activity
ERASMUS+



About us

Canopia Coop is collective and self-managed project located in Almedíjar, a small town located in the "Sierra de Espadán" Natural Park (Province of Castellón, Valencian Community, Spain). Its objective is to contribute to the construction of new social, economic and environmental paradigms, demonstrating that life in the countryside does not belong to the past and can be a response to many of the problems of our time.

We believe on a resilient, sustainable and inclusive development based on participation, collective intelligence, the construction of a shared territorial vision as well as the mutualization and articulation of resources between different stakeholders. We are promoting synergies with local organizations and initiatives through dynamic networks.

In this sense, we are part of the Europimpulse Network, a collaborative space for experiences sharing and the incubation of ideas and projects. This Network aims to connect local projects and European strategies and to promote social changes from a bottom up perspective. Within the network, we have participated in several events and european projects ("Keeping Democracy Alive", Nov 2016 and "Time to (re) connect", Dec 2017 and "Cities of Today", June 2018, organized at La Surera Hostel, place of accommodation and meeting point that we manage in Almedíjar.



Why this project?

Our territory is suffering a continuous depopulation, an aging population and a loss of basic services. This situation is mainly (but not only) explained by the lack of job opportunities for young people who have to go to the cities. Thus, between 1960 and 2017, the population of Almedíjar fell from 458 to 270 inhabitants and the school closed its doors in 2013.

As we have been able to verify through the activities developed by our cooperative (residences of artistic companies, theater and circus workshops, participation in the Trade Fair organized in Almedíjar every year, cork route ...), we are convinced that art and cultural heritage represent great vectors to reflect on our society and imagine other possible futures. Its promotion in rural areas can help to energize our villages, offer job opportunities to settle and finally make those territories more attractive for young people.





OBJECTIVES

- To share experiences about youth depopulation in rural areas;
- To explore art based strategies that foster youth installations in deprived areas;
- To impulse a European network of youth organisations working with Arts and territorial inclusion;

PARTICIPANT PROFILE

- 1 project manager with experience in local development for rural and / or deprived areas;
- 1 youth worker with good experiences on non formal education through Art;

WHAT WILL WE DO?

- Visiting local art based projects that contribute to rural development;
- Identifying common cultural strategies to foster attractiveness of deprived areas;
- Setting up a diagnostic and defining possible action plans to impulse young installation in Almedíjar;
- Developing project ideas for further cooperation;



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During this week, we will stay in the village of Almedíjar (200 inhabitants) in the Sierra d'Espadán Natural Park. We will work together on identifying key factors of youth depopulation in rural areas and possible strategies to face it. We will also visit other villages where artistic projects have been set. Finally, we will show up our results to the local people during the first edition of the event FES AlmedijARTE.

DAY	PLACE	ACTIVITIES
03/03 _ Sunday	Valencia Airport	Arrival and transfert to Almedíjar
04/03 _ Monday	Almedíjar	Group building, project objectives and working methods
05/03 _ Tuesday	Segorbe	Visit to local arts project and networking activities
06/03 _ Wednesday	Almedíjar	Study case: Art development in Almedíjar
07/03 _ Thursday	Fanzara	Visit to the "Unffinished museum of Urban Art"
08/03 _ Thursday	Almedíjar	Conclusion on study case Evaluation and follow Up
09/03 _ Saturday	Almedíjar	Presentation final results and contribution to FES ALMEDIJAR Art performance festival
10/03 _ Sunday	Valencia Airport	Transfer to the airport and departure

Project Steps



"...and then, I have nature and art and poetry, and if that is not enough, what is enough?"

—Vincent Van Gogh



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