



MANY LANGUAGES – ONE VOICE

We want to provide universal access to quality, non-formal language education through a youth training initiative which teaches languages through alternative methods (i.e. music, art and sport.)

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SUMMARY

Current school systems do not properly engage students nor encourage the learning of multiple foreign languages. We want young people to have equal access to quality language teaching through non-formal methods. The first stage will provide non-formal language teaching training to volunteers in their home countries. Subsequently trained volunteers will be hosted in a foreign country and will deliver non-formal language training to the local youth. This programme should be fully financed by the European Union and make language learning accessible for everyone!

PROBLEMS

The educational system in Europe does not provide equal access to language learning. Throughout Europe, school structures provide limited quality non-formal teaching of multiple languages (i.e. English, German, French, Italian). There is an elitist attitude, where more affluent families can provide tutors and other international opportunities, which are not accessible for less affluent individuals. As a result, this leads to the demise of a “global village”, where not everyone is able to communicate with each other on an international level.

GOALS

We would like to address the lack of non-formal language education across Europe, including rural areas. This would include youth centres, educational structures and municipalities. We believe that everyone should have access to engaging foreign language teaching which can be delivered through non-traditional methods (art, music and sport). The volunteers will also focus on teaching European history and traditions which promotes relations between countries. The EU will provide training for volunteers, in their home countries, in order to teach language through non-traditional methods abroad. These



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volunteers will then deliver this training to youths abroad through a hosting organisation (e.g. European Solidarity Corps).

This will allow volunteers from across Europe to teach their native language at youth centres, rural community venues or afterschool clubs in partnership with schools. Simultaneously, this will allow volunteers to develop their knowledge of the local language where they are facilitating training (i.e. a German volunteer will teach German in the UK and better their knowledge of English).

Our name represents our values of inclusion and involvement, uniting many languages through one voice.

ACTIONS

We want the EU to create a volunteer training initiative which is inclusive of all minority groups, including gender, financial circumstances and disability etc. This model will be financed by the European Union across all member states, including rural areas where youth organisations and access to quality non-formal language training may not exist. In this case, alternative venues such as community centres or municipal buildings could be used (if they meet the EU training centre requirements.)

The training will be provided in one of two ways: linked to current volunteering programs in place, on a local level, or by creating a new program. Local representatives will communicate with the relevant programme to ensure that resources are used effectively to provide a suitable solution in the area. It will be coordinated by a volunteer and supported by the local community and training providers.

Our aim is to disseminate our shared and individuals cultured through the teaching of languages spoken within the EU, including French, German, Italian and English. Each centre will promote the learning of these languages through art, music and history. It will be a free resource which will be available, at minimum, weekly.

Regular reviews of the non-formal teaching standards would occur to ensure that quality non-formal language training is being provided.

FINAL CLAIM

Creative non-formal training will allow for greater engagement in language education and cross culture communication. Help us create an equal “global village” (“villaggio globale”)!