

Support to Life

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Action Title: Understanding the Other

Location (Country, City): Istanbul, Turkey

Start Date: May 22, 2008

End Date: May 22, 2008

Objectives:

- Promoting intercultural dialogue and respect for cultural diversity among participants
- Dismantling stereotypes and prejudices against other cultures
- Promoting tolerance and peace among youth from different ethnic backgrounds, cultures, religions, and social status living in the same neighborhood.

Target Groups:

The project targets a group of 30 youth between the ages of 13 – 17 from different ethnic backgrounds, cultures, religions, and social status living in the same migrant, violence-prone neighborhood of Tarlabasi in Istanbul in which a large number of marginalized families reside, including gypsies, Kurds, Alevis, transvestites, and asylum seekers.

Activities:

The planned action will take place in Tarlabasi Community Center in the form of various games, role plays, simulations and many different interactive and fun activities focusing on the themes of peace, tolerance, anti-racism, and a respect for cultural diversity. The full-day activity on 22 May 2008 will be part of STL's 4-month long "Life Skills" program to be carried out from 14 February till 19 June 2008 at Tarlabasi Community Center. The activities for the proposed action will be organized and conducted by 3 STL facilitators, inspired from the education pack of 'All Different All Equal' campaign of the Council of Europe. Non-formal intercultural education methods will be utilized during the action. A debriefing and evaluation of the day will be conducted at the end of the activity

Partnerships:

Tarlabasi Community Center, which provides a space for self-expression to local youth and a venue for the activities, is the partner of STL for the action. For non-formal intercultural education techniques, STL has collaborated with the Youth Studies Unit of Bilgi University and Community Volunteers Foundation. Similar activities will be conducted with other community youth as a result of this project.

Budget:

Human Resources (in euro): €450

Equipment (in euro): €260
Transport (in euro): €50
Other Services (in euro): €
Amount requested from ALF: €600
Organiser's contribution: €160