



GLOBAL EDUCATION UNIT



## **Team Cyprus exploring the transformative power of the Global Education**

**Future Worlds Center (FWC), Cyprus based non-profit organization, is part of the project “Youth of the World: The Transformative Power of the Global Education” (YOW). One of the projects activities were Blended Mobility for young people from six European countries, including Cyprus.**

During the November 2018 young people ( 24 participants and 6 facilitators) from around the Europe ( Portugal, Italy, Bulgaria, Ireland, Greece and Cyprus) participated in the Blended Mobility activities within the project Youth Of The World where they had chance to explore what is Global Education, learn about other cultures, take action towards changes and much more. Blended Mobility includes Virtual Tasks performed by each team between 11.11. and 24.11. via Actionbound mobile application and the Youth Exchange ( 24/11 - 30/110 in Florence, Italy during the Global Education Week where each country had to present their own workshops about various topics and discuss global issues.

**Team Cyprus** in the Blended mobility was represented by Andri Christofides, Jordan Kent, Marios Patsali, Kyriacos Chimonis and Eliza Danenfelde Kirpe (facilitator). Participants were selected after an open call. During the Virtual Tasks participants had to 1) find values/ symbols that represents their country, 2) learn how to sing a traditional song in other partner countries languages (for example, team Cyprus had to sing in Portuguese), 3) create a video that would represent our actions to change the world and 4) interview people about the most important global issues nowadays. For the Youth Exchange in Florence each national team had to prepare a workshop about one of the topics: sustainable futures, multicultural learning, identity-diversity, interdependence and development. After discussing each topic, Team Cyprus prepared a workshop about sustainable futures. During the Youth Exchange participants had chance to explore other cultures, languages, traditions as well as discover and improve their own skills, competences and knowledge on global issues, other topics and in different situations.

In general participants recognize that Global Education has important role and it should be promoted more and more throughout formal or non-formal education. It is a way how to make people aware of the responsibilities all of us have as humans living on this planet. It puts every action, every decision we take

into perspective and shows how we as individuals can influence a collective whole, even with actions which seem to be of minimal importance to us. As the main personal achievements during and after the Youth Exchange participants name the increased awareness about their own actions, decisions, impact and the ability to realize how many things and situations can be still improved in our daily lives to make changes. Some participants proudly say that they already made some changes in their daily routines and they are proud of that and proud to share them with people around. Asked if participants would like to join similar activities in future, all as one they say- of course!

**Youth of the World: The Transformative Power of the Global Education** is an 18-month-long Key Action 2 project supported by Erasmus+ of the European Commission. YOW intends to enhance the skills and performance of Youth workers and educators in general, through the promotion of innovative integrated approaches, such as inclusion, diversity, equality, and non-discrimination in youth activities. Particularly, Youth of the World fosters the development of social, civic, intercultural competences, media literacy and critical thinking, but also combating discrimination, segregation, racism, bullying and violence. FWC is one of the six partners in this project.

**Future Worlds Center (FWC)** is an innovative non-profit incubator of ideas, projects, social entrepreneurs and organizations, with the mission to inspire, mobilize and empower mainly young social entrepreneurs to envision, design and implement projects capable of inducing positive social change, while harnessing the power of emerging digital technologies. FWC's vision: Consciously re-design humanity's futures embracing a world based on values of freedom, equality, justice, and inclusion, especially of vulnerable groups, while using scientific and technological advances of the digital era.

More information about the project "Youth Of The World":

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