

Call for Applications

German-Russian-Ukrainian Youth Exchange “Zoom In! - Memories of a Socialist Past“

Görlitz, Germany, September 14-22th, 2019

Center for Dialogue and Reconciliation „ISKRA” (Ukraine) with its partners Kulturaktiv e.V. (Germany) and Interra (Russian Federation) organizes a youth exchange in the Eurocity Görlitz/Zgorzelec on the topic of socialist memories within the post-transformational societies of Russia, Ukraine and Eastern Germany.



The project deals with the culture of remembrance in the three partner countries and how the past (especially after 1945) is reflected in the societies and also in the appearance of the cities. During the youth exchange we will interview local people about their personal views on the Socialist past and on how the memory of this past is kept nowadays. The second part of the project will be a photographic convergence to the memories of Görlitz. We will share the results on social networks and open up a discussion about how we are reflecting the socialist past. We encourage the participants to bring their own experiences and thoughts about local memory in their regions to the youth exchange in order to compare and share views on the topic.

Who can apply?

Young people aged 18 to 35 years with a residency in Germany OR Ukraine OR Russia (your nationality/ethnicity is irrelevant). You need to speak English on a sufficient level. For the German side we strongly want to encourage people who grew up in Eastern Germany (or even in the Görlitz region) to apply. Photography enthusiasts with own cameras are warmly welcome.

How to apply?

Please send a short CV (max. 2 pages) and a letter of motivation of no more than 700 words, both in English. The letter of motivation should outline the reasons for applying and, if applicable, your experience and knowledge in the context of photography and interviewing.

What does it cost?

Participation fee will be 70€ for participants from Germany, 40€ for participants from Ukraine and 50€ for participants from Russia. Thanks to the financial support by the Foundation EVZ, we can fully reimburse the travel costs. Accommodation and board for all accepted applicants are completely covered. Participants from Russia need to cover the cost of travel to the nearest embassy and the visa costs themselves. Reduction of participation fee for people with low income is possible. Please contact us in this case.

Please send your application and questions to projects@ngo-iskra.org.ua.

Submission deadline: July 15th, 2019.

Participants will be selected and notified by August 1st, 2019.

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