



Congratulations! You received a letter!

It is not a simple letter but a newsletter of Centre for Creative Expression (KRC) which promotes innovative and critical thinking traditions.

This is a letter for you with an intention to inform you about possibilities to develop and educate yourself, to teach from achievements made by others, experiences in the youth activities made by you, your friends or relatives.

Space of KRC is always open for your comments, ideas and questions.

Sincerely,
Centre for Creative Expression

P.S. This first newsletter is delivered to everybody who during 9 years had some relations with KRC. Later we will send this newsletter only for those who will subscribe to it at English version of our website at www.krc.lt

News

Siauliai district Centre for Creative Arts becomes Centre for Creative Expression, the statute of organisation is changed and new head of organisation and board is elected.

As Vytenis Kviklys puts it, the statute of organisation had to be changed because it did not represent the reality of organisation anymore. Roma Albrikiene, former head of organisation told that Siauliai district Centre for Creative Arts was established in 1999 as organisation of art-profile teachers and today shows that core of organisation is composed of twenty young people aged 16-27. These young people implement various youth initiatives, international youth exchanges, trainings and seminars, maintain website of Kursenai local community, give psychological support, promote ideas of voluntarism and etc. Decision to change the name of organisation came from the fact that more and more people from different places of Lithuania participate in the activities of the organisation and members of KRC are spread not only in Lithuania but also over the World.

The new head of Centre for Creative Expression is Vytenis Kviklys who was elected for a two years period in the meeting of organisation which was held in July. During the same meeting the members of board were elected, who are: Agne Navickaite, Darius Simavicius, Lina Verseckaite and Kaspars Laureckis who also took the position as the deputy head of organisation.

The new name of organisation, new statute and new head of organisations come into force after all formalities of reregistering organisation are finished. Up to then the position of head of organisation is still taken by Roma Albrikiene. The new head of organisation and board are preparing biannual plans of organisation, share responsibilities and already start to implement new projects.

KRC stepped into Vietnam

From 10th to 20th of September three members of KRC – Edgaras Mankus, Vytenis Kviklys and Laimonas Ragauskas participated in a seminar "Cooperation for Development" which was held in Vietnam capital city Hanoi. KRC is one of the partners in cooperation project among European and Asian youth organisations. Group of eight youth workers and leaders of youth organisations from Lithuania participated in this seminar.

"Cooperation for Development" aimed at developing relations among Lithuanian, French, German, Cambodian, Laotian and Vietnamese youth organisations and at sharing experience in the field of youth non-formal education. It was also believed that there would be more European-Asian youth cooperation projects after this seminar.

During the seminar representatives of KRC suggested to organise a youth exchange (or voluntary camp) project during which young people from six countries would visit three rural areas in the border areas of Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. In these places young people together with local communities would clean the environment, plant a forest or do some similar kind of activities and organise and information campaign about environmental problems and climate change. This project idea was supported by representatives from all six countries participating in this seminar. The project could be realised in 2009.

Seminar which took place in September was only one part of the project "Cooperation for Development". First part – a preparation seminar was held in summer where Laimonas Ragauskas and Roma Albrikiene participated. In December partners from Magdeburg (Germany) will host an evaluation meeting of the seminar, where representatives will evaluate the follow up of planned activities. Laimonas Ragauskas and two other participants from Lithuania will be present there.

Main coordinators of the project "Cooperation for Development" is the organisation from Germany called "LKJ Sachsen-Anhalt". Project is financed by the EU programme YOUTH.

Robin, a volunteer from Germany has arrived in Kuršėnai!

19 year old Robin arrived in Kuršėnai at the end of September. He will be working together with Centre for Creative Expression. Robin will be teaching German, implementing various projects, writing a journal about his experience in Kuršėnai and helping with extra curriculum activities in cooperation with Laurynas Ivinskis Gymnasium.

Agne and Kasparas as well as other members of Centre for Creative Expression will be looking after and supervising Robin. Our volunteer is staying in the halls of residence of Kuršėnai polytechnic school. Many of us have already seen Robin's small blue car marked with German license plates which he drives around Kuršėnai.

Robin about EVS and why he is in Kuršėnai. I decided to volunteer in Kuršėnai because I want to learn about Eastern Europe. I believe that Lithuania is very similar to the old European countries therefore I very interested to find out. Also I am extremely keen to learn about former Soviet Union countries and their culture thus while cycling or driving around I will be able to enjoy beautiful nature. Most importantly I want to get to know local people and organise a youth project between Lithuanian and German youth.

Travel, food, accommodation and other expenses are covered by European Union program "Youth in Action" (Agency of International Youth Co-operation)



Participation towards citizenship

"Participation towards Citizenship" was the name of the international training course organized by Centre for Creative Expression on 23-30 September 2007. This event attracted participants from 11 European countries including Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Ukraine, Moldova, Azerbaijan, Hungary, Portugal, Italy, Poland and Germany. It all took place in Tytuvėnai (Kelmė district) and Ginkūnai (Šiauliai district).

As stated by organizer of this project Laimonas Ragauskas "this is the third part of the long term international training course" "Participation towards citizenship". The first part took place in Trakai in spring 2006. All the participants gained knowledge and skills, enabling them to attract young people to participate in every day life of our society and become active citizens. The second part was all about practice. During the third part of this project participants tried to evaluate the experience of youth workers aimed at enabling young people to become active citizens. They also prepared recommendations.

During this training course participants shared their experience using open space methods, discussed in groups and meet with other local youth organizations. "Hopefully after this training course we will come up with some ideas for the future projects" – stated Laimonas Ragauskas.

This project was financed by European Union program "Youth in Action" and European Youth Council Fund.

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Traineeships at Centre for Creative Expression



Agency of International Youth Co-operation came up with a way to encourage young people to become active. Organization is promoting European Union program "Youth in Action". It is organizing traineeships aimed at young region leaders. Young leaders will be able to visit different youth organizations which organize youth exchanges, promote youth initiatives, and host EVS volunteers.

Centre for Creative Expression organizes training courses, implements projects and other youth activities. Currently our organization hosts EVS volunteer from Germany. All of this could be useful to the trainees therefore they will have a chance to familiarize themselves with Centre for Creative Expression and talk to our volunteer from Germany. Afterwards trainees will be able to use this experience towards their own activities.

Centre for Creative Expression is expecting arrival of the first trainees in October or November.

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More about Centre for Creative Expression

Centre for Creative Expression is a non-governmental, non-political organisation which was established in 1999 in Kuršėnai. It is a non-formal education organization which educates active, tolerant and critically thinking young people. Organisation pays a lot of attention towards development of local community.

Centre for Creative Expression consists of young volunteers and youth workers. It tries to create space for young people to express themselves. Organisation co-operates with local and international organizations, encourages inter-cultural dialogue and contributes towards development of local youth politics.

Activities of Centre for Creative Expression:

- organises seminars and training courses;
- supports youth initiatives;
- organizes youth exchanges;
- sends and hosts EVS volunteers;
- maintains www.kursenai.lt website;
- provides psychological support to its peers;
- organizes discussions regarding political issues;

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