



## YOUTH EXCHANGE

Culture – Freedom – Native Country

# An International Youth Theatre Project 2012

What do terms like culture, freedom, native country mean to you? The organization "stummer schrei" is looking for Youth Groups from all over Europe to discuss and work on these topics. We are providing a unique platform for intercultural youth exchange and your theatre skills.

Every two years the organization "stummer schrei" arranges a cultural festival centered around acting, music and dance. In 2010, over a period of two months, we fascinated an audience of 7000 people.

### Summary of the the International Youth Theatre Project:

The cultural association "stummer schrei" will arrange a two-week international theatre meeting. Approximately 45 young people - aged 18 to 23 - from different countries will cooperate to develop a play and eventually perform it as part of the cultural festival.

Central topics of this play will be the meaning of people's cultural background and their affiliation to their native country; freedom on the individual, political and social level; democracy and its limits - today as well as in the history of the respective countries.

Our aim is to offer an artistic platform, where through the medium of acting (and in cooperation with professional actors and directors) creativity can be shown and intercultural dialogue takes place. The results will be presented on stage as part of the cultural festival "stummer schrei".



**Date of arrival:** 30.07.2012 (Monday morning)

**Date of departure:** 12.08.2012 (Sunday morning)

**Target group:** Age 18-23  
7 participating groups consisting of 6 participants  
+ 1 group leader each (of any age)  
Experiences in acting are desirable!

**Place:** Stumm im Zillertal / Tirol / AUSTRIA

**Application deadline:** 31.07.2011 (signed participation contract!)

*We want to apply on 1<sup>st</sup> of September at Austrian National Agency Youth in Action*

### Advance Planning Visit:

The group leaders will meet in November 2011 in Stumm im Zillertal / Tirol / AUSTRIA to discuss the framework of the project. This includes artistic as well as organizational details such as accommodation, food, financial issues and distribution of tasks.

### Working language:

ENGLISH. It is important that all members – especially the group leaders – speak English.

### Topics:

- **Democracy:** We will discuss different forms of democratic systems as they exist in Europe today and the way they influence our lives.
- **Social order and freedom:** We will read literary texts from different centuries that deal with the concept of freedom.
- **Visions of our future:** We will develop realistic and utopian perspectives for a new and different Europe.
- **Nationalism:** We will discuss the different facets of nationalism: from the positive affiliation to one's own home culture on the one hand to racism and exclusion on the other hand.
- **Local cultures and traditions:** We will examine the pros and cons of a close affiliation to one's cultural background in the age of globalization.



### Activities:

- Reflecting and debating social and cultural differences on the basis of lectures and presentations by experts
- Transfer of the findings of these debates into scenic-theatrical language
- Classic and free methods of improvisation
- Body work and nonverbal communication
- Using one's body as an instrument: musical body improvisation
- Creative writing
- Optional: hiking, swimming, rafting, cycling, paragliding, mountain climbing
- Trips and excursions in the Alpine region
- Recreation, personal exchange, cooking, barbecues, attending other performances of the cultural festival

### YouthPass:

All participants will get a YouthPass certificate after the project, confirming their participation, mentioning individually their new competences gained in it.

### Accommodation & Food:

Each participant will share a flat with members of other groups and countries. Accommodations are close to the festival area. The flats will all have kitchen and bathroom.

### Transportation:

Remember that you must choose the cheapest possibility for your means of transport! If you use the plane, the nearest airports are Innsbruck (50 km) and Munich (140 km). You reach Stumm im Zillertal with the Austrian Railways OEBB ([www.oebb.at](http://www.oebb.at)) and the regional transport traffic enterprise Zillertalbahn ([www.zillertalbahn.at](http://www.zillertalbahn.at)). Very important is that you keep all your bills, tickets and boarding passes of the journey.

### Money:

70% of your travelling costs will be reimbursed. Workshops, trainings are free. Accommodation and basic food are free. All outdoor activities, like rafting are free.

If you are interested in our project, please fill out our **application form**:

**[www.stummerschrei.at/youth](http://www.stummerschrei.at/youth)**

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