



## 4th Newsletter - March 2023

# "ART HUBS PROJECT COMES TO A CLOSE: REFLECTING ON YOUTH EMPOWERMENT THROUGH ART"

Since our last newsletter there have been many exciting developments as the work of the Art Hubs for Youth project continues into its final phase.

### Short Courses.

The five partners taking part in the project have all contributed to the development, writing and delivery of the ten short courses, each with the aim of promoting and supporting the use of photography in arts projects with refugees and other marginalized groups. These have now been delivered across all the partner countries, and the feedback from these is being used to refine the final versions that will be made available for free on the Art Hubs website. In addition, four of the courses – the Overview module, Portraits, Exploring Places and Activities and Sports, have been made into video training courses. These will include materials and exercises from the courses, and also videos of photographers who practice in these areas sharing their thoughts and tips. These will be available online shortly after the project finishes in March 2023 and we hope they will be a useful resource for arts workers, teachers, and other workers with marginalized groups. They all promote the ethos of the project, “to combat social exclusion of youth social groups our partners support.”

We and They: United by Diversity.– an online exhibition.

As part of the Art Hubs project, the partners are pleased to announce the launch of the interactive online exhibition in a virtual space brought together from the project, We and They: United by Diversity. The show brings together the work of 45 artists in 65 images. Please visit the show at:

<https://artspace.kunstmatrix.com/node/11489976>

The exhibition has now been put together and is a deeply moving collection of paintings, drawings and photographs that powerfully and directly connect the viewer with the experience of being a refugee or a displaced person. The works show an amazing creative response to the traumas of displacement and migration. We hope you will visit the show and be as moved as we are by the art of these young people from across Europe.

This was the original call for work:

CALL FOR ART: “We and They: United by Diversity”

THE CONSORTIUM CONSISTS OF 5 PARTNERS COVERING UK, GREECE, CYPRUS AND BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, WHO SHARE SIMILAR CHALLENGES RELATED TO DISADVANTAGED ADULTS COVERING A RANGE OF BACKGROUNDS, ENSURING SUPPORT THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A MULTI-LEVEL AND INTERDISCIPLINARY PROJECT.

THIS PROJECT RESPONDS TO THE NECESSITY OF PROVIDING A COMPLETE EDUCATIONAL PROCEDURE AND MATERIAL TO ART PROFESSIONAL AND YOUTH WORKERS WORKING WITH MIGRANTS IN EACH PARTNER COUNTRY AND AT THE SAME TIME DEVELOPING A EUROPEAN SCOPE/Framework ON THE FIELD.



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As part of the “Art Hubs For Youth” European Project, we are creating the international virtual exhibition, “We and They: United by Diversity”. This call for art is open to all visual artists aged 16-30, refugees and migrants and other marginalized and vulnerable groups, who wish to tell their own stories to a wide audience and speak their truth through visual stories.

Through this virtual exhibition, we wish to transmit our belief that arts have a huge role to play in the context of migration and integration – that has a capacity to delight and surprise but to tell human stories; to generate empathy; to reach beyond policy- and advocacy-based work; to get people to interact and communicate across difference. Show to us how your work relates to the exhibition's theme by giving us your most precise and thoughtful description of your artworks. Rather than focusing on a single submission, we are always looking to find out more about every participating artist, so make sure you upload more of your work as part of your portfolio.

## IN OTHER NEWS

As the project approaches its final stages, the partners will meet in Cheltenham on the 23rd March, and the University of Gloucestershire will host an event in the afternoon where we will both present and present our work

Each partner will also hold similar events in their own countries.

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COMING UP



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