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# The Invitation to our Summer Events

on Fruška gora, Serbia



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## ŠTAP I KANAP

#### International Volunteer Camp

Would you like to be part of an innovative project that connects art, culture and ecology? Have you ever been to Fruška gora National Park?



Surrounded by the hilly forest of Fruška gora and close to the city of Novi Sad, we will learn to build ecologically sustainable structures following the ancient principles of Earth Architecture and Eco-building.

Together we will work with our own hands and the basic elements like water, earth, fire & wood to build objects such as rooms made of straw and clay, a garden kitchen, a composting toilet and similar.

With your help we intend to create a centre outside the centre — a place not far from the city, yet surrounded by nature, that promotes ecological tourism, cultural exchanges and artistic residences. Additionally, the Swiss-Serbian Youth Exchanges *ConneXt* will be made possible thanks to this Volunteer Camp.

#### So, this camp is all about work?

No. Call it a work party! Next to the building activities, there will be space for different group games, hikes in the woods, hanging out by the lake, music by the fire and open spaces for cultural exchanges and all sorts of workshops.

#### **IMPORTANT INFO**

**Place:** Fruška gora, Serbia

**Date:** 01 June - 09 June, 2020 + 10 June - 10 July, 2020.

No. of participants: 10

**Participation conditions:** Any age, country, background and interest is welcomed!

*Priority:* experience in Eco-building, practical skills, first applied

#### Phases of the project

*Phase I (1 - 9 June):* building Eco-structures for the upcoming events - two ecotoilets, composts, finishing outside showers, preparing outside kitchen, gardening...

Phase II (10 June - 10 July): Earth Architecture on the house roof — fully building the 3

rooms and bathroom

#### Costs

**Participation fee:** the camp is free of charge

**Covered by Organisers:** expert engineer, 3 meals a day, a prepared area to set up your

tents, outside showers, toilets, internet

**Covered by participants:** Travel costs, pocket money

#### Official language

English; while Serbian, Italian, French and German translation is available.

#### How to apply

*Link to the Application form:* <a href="https://forms.gle/a6mz5gsGeSDsgZz86">https://forms.gle/a6mz5gsGeSDsgZz86</a> **Application deadline:** May 1. 2020 (or until the places are filled)

#### For more info & any questions, write us on:

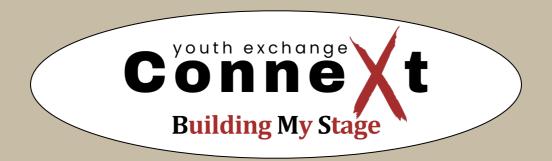
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#### \*Important notice\*

This camp is based on FLEXIBLE PARTICIPATION - this means you can participate, without needing to be present for the whole duration of the camp. Still, for the reasons of logistics, we have set up different dates when you can join the camp, divided into two phases.

Note that the stay for the PHASE I is mandatory for the whole duration of it (June 1 - June 9, 2020), while the minimum stay on the camp for the PHASE II (June 10 - July 10, 2020) is 1 week.

You can mark both phases if you would like to be present for the whole time.



Is it possible to establish culturally relevant places in the countryside?

And what exactly is Earth Architecture?



With ConneXt - Building My Stage we are becoming pragmatic: while the possibilities of out-of-town cultural centres are discussed in discussion rounds presentations and walks through town and forest, we create ecologically sustainable building structures with interactive workshops.

Are there compost toilets that don't stink? Houses made of clay and straw that don't burn?

An artists' residence in the forest?

We are looking for teenagers and young adults who want to be active as craftsmen or entrepreneurs and above all bring one thing with them: Curiosity for the other culture.

Based on the activities described above, we will learn about the customs, perspectives and lifestyles of the other country, break down stereotypes and build a network of young construction and business enthusiasts from Serbia and Switzerland.





#### **IMPORTANT INFO**

#### Place:

On the edge of the Fruška gora National Park near Novi Sad, Serbia

#### Date:

10th - 15th of June, 2020.

#### Who can apply & No. of participants

We are looking for 8 participants from Switzerland and 10 participants from Serbia between 13 and 30 years of age.

#### Costs

**Participation fee:** ConneXt is free of charge

**Covered by organisers:** travel costs, all meals, tent accommodation on the private

camping area, outside showers and eco-toilets, internet *Covered by participants:* sleeping bags, pocket money.

#### The official language

English; while Serbian, Italian, French and German translation is available.

#### Sneak Peak into the Program

With the *Building Units*, different building systems of sustainable architecture such as compost toilets or clay stoves are discussed and put into practice. These workshops are accompanied by the expert engineer Lehel Horvat.

In the *Culture Points* we will deal with the social and economic conditions for the establishment of extra-urban cultural sites.

The *Team-Building Activities* are the playful bonding agent of the two program points. Curiosity and spontaneity are required here! Cultural differences and similarities of both countries will be discovered and deepened through games and conversations. *Re-Creative Islands* round off the offer. Here, the adjacent forest, the nearby lake, or the easily accessible city of Novi Sad are of importance. This time can be freely arranged in creative, recreational and social terms.

#### How to apply

*Link to the Application form*: https://forms.gle/SGddmt6jw6bXsd5G8

The application deadline: April 20, 2020.

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With *Staging My World*, stage art is at the centre of our youth encounter. Whether dance, theatre, circus or poetry slam - every form of performing arts becomes a motor for cultural exchange between Serbia and Switzerland.

Through our skill-sharing workshops and open spaces, everyone is invited to unpack and share their artistic suitcase.

It is not necessary to be a professional - non-professional artists and participants interested in art are also welcome.



What is "home"? What does "tradition" mean?

At Staging My World we want to exchange ideas about these and similar questions in a playful way and explore new cultural horizons together.

With the ConneXtwork, founded in 2019, we want to further develop the Serbian-Swiss network of young stage artists and offer a platform for new friendships and future collaborations.





#### **IMPORTANT INFO**

#### Place:

On the edge of the Fruška gora National Park near Novi Sad, Serbia

#### Date:

20th - 25th of August, 2020.

#### Who can apply & No. of participants

We are looking for 23 participants from Switzerland and 22 participants from Serbia, between 13 and 30 years of age.

#### Costs

**Participation fee:** ConneXt is free of charge!

Covered by organisers: travel costs, all meals, tent accommodation on the private

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With the *Open Spaces* and *Skill Sharings*, we want to offer participants the opportunity to take a fresh look at their own creative work and that of other participants, beyond national and artistic boundaries.

In the *Discussion rounds* we will look at the different artistic and cultural realities of the participants.

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### **ABOUT US**



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Creative Network Panonika is an association that works in the fields of culture and arts, education, development of mental and physical health, tourism and environmental protection.

Next to various cultural events, Panonika has a long history of organising international Volunteer Camps, Summer Universities and Festivals in Serbia. With ConneXt 2019 and the international theatre festival HAJDE! they began a fruitful collaboration with the Swiss Compagnie Digestif.

For years, Compagnie Digestif have enriched cultural life in the most various ways. - from satire, clown numbers, animations to contemporary performances. With a lot of empathy and professionalism they take on various assignments in the pedagogical field as well. It is characterised by its adaptability and its courage to realise even impossible assignments. Challenges represent a true enrichment of their artistic, pedagogical and cultural work.



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For more info on our last year's ConneXt, check out the short documentary: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6njDQ4VubYI">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6njDQ4VubYI</a>