# AGORA Fuerteventura

# Discover the leader in you

Agöra.net · Phone: +34 650 916 067

# AGöra

### **About the Program**

When you decide to take a Gap Year you could think on making some decisions: learning, sports, adventure, volunteering, face a challenge...



### Here there is a place where you don't have to choose.

We have put everything together in a program, with young mentors from different countries around Europe, in an incredible island and with an exciting program that is designed to find the leader in you: focused on developing your communication skills, critical thinking and team management.

The learning proposal will provide you with tools to implement projects, boost your creativity and make you aware of social challenges. Our aims go further, we want to help the planet, for that we will try a path to minimalism, de-materialise the activity and work on a circular economy.

Starting February 1st. -- Ending June 25th. Limited places, only 30 participants.

Booking opened from now until October 30th

### **Project Topics**

### Leadership

The world is facing huge challenges, we are in need of leaders. We are going to work on the basic treats and skills for a leader: **learning, communication, creativity and team management.** 

You'll have the opportunity of learning from leaders, practice your skills, lead a project... from an innovative approach, learning by doing.

### Entrepreneurship

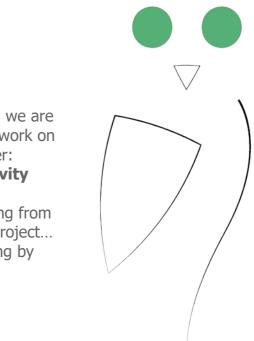
Our mentors are fully experienced in project development. As trainers, teachers, entrepreneurs or leaders they sum hundreds of successful projects. As the main aim of the program is learning, you'll have to start and develop several projects within your stay in the island. They could be **business**, **social project or sport related**, and they are going to be for real.

### Sustainability

The only possible future is sustainable. We are going to learn this in an island, the perfect place to understand how limited our world is.

Our brain, possibly the most complex construction of evolution on Earth, has allowed us to survive in an environment full of dangers for millennia, but its functioning is very much conditioned by prudence and fear. We must overcome these preconfigurations of our mind and try to think better, critically. We have built an environment very different from that of the first communities of hunters and gatherers that occupied all the planetary ecosystems 20,000 years ago, it is time to evolve our way of thinking.

This will be a basic link for every topic in the program.



### **Critical Thinking**

# AGöRA

### **The Learning Community**

You need a tribe to educate one kid African proverb.

The group is going to be a key resource in our process of learning. International participants and mentors, in an amazing place, together with a common goal: develop their potential.

A safe location on every meaning: Small and quite island, small groups, experienced mentors and selected participants... the perfect recipe for success.

We have the idea that if you put a group of motivated young people within really strong, experienced and caring mentors and being pushed to think about how they can change the world, you'll be able to produce the leaders to solve the big challenges of humanity.



### **The System**

#### Learning by doing

We'll propose a practical environment where learning will come from experiences resulting directly from one's own actions. Trial and error will be the path to discovery.

#### Learning from others

The group is where everything happens. When we put the knowledge in common, no individual can beat the outcomes. Self Challenging: Every participant sets his goals and is in charge of his learning..

#### **Project Management**

Our mentors are experts in developing projects and have deep knowledge on project management. We will use a Scrum approach, dispersing the responsibilities of the project manager among the team members, with a Scrum Master serving as a leader and facilitator.





if you agree with this quote, this program is for you.

# AGöRA

### **Fuerteventura island**

Fuerteventura is, probably one of the most amazing places in the world. Just take a look in Youtube...

The coast of **Fuerteventura**, with 150 km of beaches, is sea and sand in its purest state. Perfect weather all year round. Safe and clean, the island is one of the favourite destinations for families in Europe. Forget everything and walk along the shore, eat fresh fish right by the ocean, or just sit on the sand and watch the sunset.





On the other hand, if you prefer activity... the wind and the sea are perfect for any aquatic sport, even for international contests that take place on the island every year. Inland you can enjoy unique landscapes for hiking or biking in the middle of old volcanoes and dunes

that have served as the setting for movies like Exodus or Star Wars. Not only that, Fuerteventura is a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Within the island there are thirteen protected areas that occupy 27% of the surface with a high rate of endemism due to geographical isolation.



### Much more than a program

The learning process will be supported with:

#### Volunteering

Social involvement will be a key point to get the best from the experience. Share or move away.

#### Trips

Canary Islands is a small volcanic archipelago unique in the world. Its latitude, its position in the Atlantic and its proximity to Africa have created a great variety of ecosystems that we will discover.

#### Sports

We are young healthy people, we love sports and we are going to live in a perfect climate for outdoor activities... let's play all. For sure we'll do some hiking, biking, swimming, kayaking, windsurf, orienteering, beach sports (rugby, handball, football, volley...) and depending on participants preferences we could join some local teams to train basketball, rugby, soccer, volley...

#### **Cultural Visits**

Ethnography and local culture are important to get the whole picture, to understand the adaptation to the environment.



# AGORA

### **Pricing**

These are our three main programs. On this basis, you can set up your own agenda. Ask about the options, group discounts...

#### **Fuerteventura**

### €9,200

- 21 weeks.
- Half board accommodation
- Mentors' Tuition
- Organized trips
- Insurance
- Programmed activities



### Naxos Academy

### €9,400

- 21 weeks.
- Full board accommodation
- Mentors' Tuition
- Organized trips
- Insurance
- Programmed activities



### **Eurorail**

### **€**3,300.

- 4 weeks travelling by train around Europe. Group of 5 participants.
- Mentor's Tuition
- Full board accommodation.
- Insurance
- All travel tickets included.



The possible countries in the Eurorail could be: Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland. The exact itinerary is unknown, it will vary on route.

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

Here a short list of solved questions. Please don't hesitate on contact us for any doubt.

What are the proposed learning outcomes? A desire to positively impact the lives of others · Master communication skills · Ability to cope with change · Develop tools and strategies to manage life's challenges · Develop executive functioning and independent living skills · Critical Thinking.

Why take a gap year on an island? Living in an island for a while is a very special experience, specially if you are used to live in crowded cities or in a big country. Just two notes to start: The pace of life is slower on an island, the time runs differently, communting is an strange concept there. Other interesting point is that appreciating raw nature is far easier to do in islands, and in our cases, we are not talking of woods or mountains, think on the ocean, and desert.

#### Why Should I take a Gap Year?

There are many good reasons to take a gap year. One could be that we are living in extremely liquid times, you'll probably have to work hard the rest of your live, now you have a good opportunity, take it :-)

#### Am I ready to take this step?

We don't know yet, but we are going to meet on videocall and we are going to talk for a while. At the end of the talk you'll know the answer. We are as interested as you, we are focused on excellence and our concern is gathering the correct participants, if you are not ready we are not going to say the opposite.

#### How much baggage do I need??

Our proposal is a minimalist challenge. You are not going to need your things, with a backpack of 35 liters of capacity would be more than enough: some clothes and the teeth brush, a mobile and you are done.

#### How much extra money do I need?

One of our approaches in the experience we are offering is the idea of dematerialize our lives. All the boarding expenses are covered so it will be up to you...

#### Who is AGöRA?

AGöRA is a group of young leaders from countries around Europe, born thanks to Erasmus+ projects, with the idea that a new society is possible.



# AGORA

### **Our Team**

Our main asset, the mentors. Experienced leaders in hundreds of projects with youngsters around the World.



**Isaac Alvarez** is Spanish, studied business in university a long time ago and has been involved in youth work and sports as the main motivation of his life. On sports: Isaac has been working in sports management and as a coach of several rugby teams in different categories for 30 years. At present he continues training with his veteran mates every week. As hiking guide, Isaac has been leading groups of kids and adults in the mountains of León for years. Isaac is fulltime committed in the managing and organizing activities, leading groups for 20 years: Working for different municipalities, organizing after school activities, as summer camp coordinator and leader. As trainer he has participated in activities with teens for 12 years, developing his own program of leadership during the adventure trips, travelling 12 times

on trains around Europe or crossing Canada and USA by van. In order to facilitate the learning process of the training programs, he has prepared several manuals that can currently be found on Amazon. The topics developed in his books are: Minimalism, Critical Thinking, Theory of Nonsense, Reflections against the System and a Leadership Manual. The most important award of Isaac is being a proud father of 3 and foster father of 2 more.

> Diana Jašeková is Slovakian, president of the Youth for Equality organization has a doctor degree of Law and knowledge of International and European Law, her researches are focused on Criminal Law, Criminology and Youth delinguency. Recently she has gained international certificates of project management. She has been working in three NGOs as volunteer. Recently she was involved in environmental projects on Iceland where lead international volunteers and collaborated with municipalities on ecologic topics. She is a youth worker, facilitator of our youth projects,

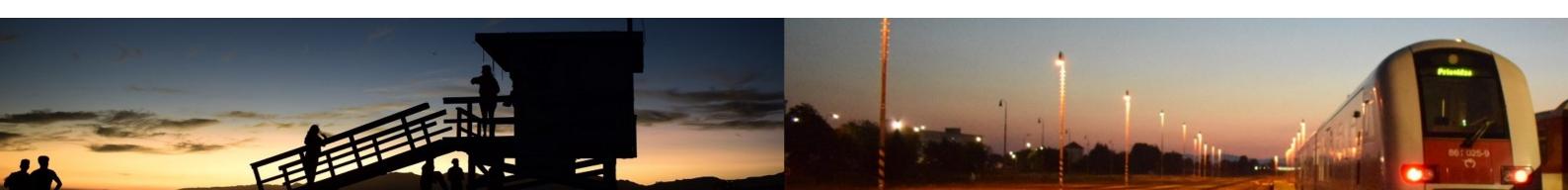


mobilities of youth workers, as well as of projects organized abroad. https://www.linkedin.com/in/diana-jasekova/



part of Erasmus+ programme since February 2016, and from 2018 he's leading NGO IYP Croatia. Since 2009 he's tennis referee and from 2016 he's working for International Tennis Federation as ITF WB Chair Umpire and ITF WB Referee, in Europe and Japan. In cooperation with tennis enthusiasts he managed regional amateur tennis league GDSI Rijeka. Mateo speaks English, Hungarian and Russian as well as Croatian and Serbian as mother languages. This skill is guite useful for him as he loves traveling. Adventure is his second name and is always ready to go abroad; his world map sums 48 flags and raising. One of his best experiences was traveling by train from Beijing to Moscow through Mongolia but his favourite country is Indonesia.

Maros Brodansky is a scout leader for over 14 years, he gain his expertise in outdoor skills in scouting and at the universities around Europe. The study of Activities in the Nature in Czech republic and Erasmus Mundus study program of Transcultural European Outdoor Studies make him to be expert also in terms of philosophy behind the outdoor programs, of the understanding of transcultural environment and in leading of youth in great outdoors. He is a certified mountain hiking-, climbing-, and ski-instructor. He is using his contacts in mountain rescue team and scouts or other social environments to bring the best in to the organization and the project via freshest to help make the experience for the participants safe, learnfull, inspirational and unique. You can find him fixing his vintage offroad-van, traveling around the globe or driving a bus at the time when he is not busy by organizing variety of scout's happenings from summer camps to educational seminars.



Mateo Papic is Croatian. Master's degree in Mining Engineering but overall, interested in youth work and associations since he was at university, being vice-president of Youth Council in University of Zagreb. He has been involved in a lot of projects during last four years, mainly in Erasmus+, participating in seven Erasmus+ Training Courses, most of them about leadership and entrepreneurship. He's









Molinaseca, 4. Robledo de Torío 24197 León. Spain info@agoralc.net agöra.net – agoralc.net Phone: +34 650 916 067