

## Call for participants:

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# AUTUMN ECO-CAMP

**08-12 December 2022 in Mitrovica, Kosovo**

### About the Project

"Mitrovica Goes Green" aims to raise public awareness, and consequently to encourage action for environmental protection, simultaneously proposing practical solutions for change, as well as strengthening youth environmental activism in the region.

The project envisages three main pillars of activities:

- Ongoing educational exchanges with community members, including youth in Mitrovica, focusing on addressing environmental issues and climate change;
- Three eco-camps for youth; AND
- Sustainable education with and in inter-ethnic cooperation between communities in the region.

This project is implemented by **7Arte** in partnership with **GAIA Kosovo** (programme in Mitrovica), while it has found support from **UNMIK**.

### About the Eco-Camp

Autumn Eco-Camp will take place on December 08-12, 2022, at the *Roma & Ashkali Documentation Center* (RADC Learning Center) at Adem Voca neighborhood in Mitrovica. During the four day camp, **15 participants from Kosovo** will reuse, repair and repurpose old wooden objects/materials that exist at the RADC, build a community garden, paint the fence, do recycled art and make other relevant interventions at the center, that will be in the benefit of the Roma and Ashkali pupils and the whole community.

The objectives of this eco-camp are:

- Reuse, repair and repurpose old wooden objects/materials that exist at the RADC;
- Clean up the space and build a school garden;
- Paint the fence and do other relevant intervention at the center;
- Do recycled art;
- Learn about environment protection and waste management;
- Learn about the local community

**This eco-camp will be organized in Mitrovica on December 08-12 (4 days), and will involve 15 participants, aged 18-30, from Kosovo.**

### About the Organizer

The Eco-camp is organized by **7Arte** and **GAIA Kosovo** more specifically by its program in Mitrovica, and is financially supported by **UNMIK**.

**GAIA Kosovo** is a peace organization working in the field of peace building, solidarity between people, social justice and environmental protection. GAIA is also promoting cultural diversity and works on education and integration of marginalized and minority groups in society, especially Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian. GAIA is the official branch of Service Civil International in Kosovo.

**7Arte** is a cultural organization with an office in Mitrovica, which supports young artists and promotes and develops a common European culture. 7Arte empower arts, culture and creative industry as a driving force towards inclusion and the creation of a region as peaceful and stable as possible.

### **Participant's profile:**

All participants selected for this project should meet the following criteria:

- be between 18 and 30 years old;
- **be able to work in English;**
- be able to engage in physical activity;
- be interested in the topics of the environment protection and sustainability;
- able to attend for the full duration of the eco-camp;
- living in Kosovo.

We explicitly encourage participants of all educational backgrounds, genders, sexual orientations, abilities and ethnic backgrounds to apply.

### **Logistics, financial conditions and sustainability**

**Simple life:** The eco-camp will take place in Mitrovica, a city in the northern part of Kosovo, in a facility with simple living conditions. You will sleep in a room shared with a few other people.

**Costs:** We can cover all essential costs of the program (including food, travel costs and accommodation) through UNMIK.

**Sustainable food:** The food we provide will be vegan/vegetarian. This is not just a practical decision, but also an ideological one: GAIA believes in the values of sustainability and climate justice – and if we want to contribute to a more peaceful planet, we need to give up on industrialized animal agriculture and its destructive effects on our planet. In the application form you can tell us, if you have any diets, allergies or intolerances that we should be aware of.

**Sustainable travels?** This is also why we ask you to come to this training through more sustainable means of transport (e.g. by bus). We will give you more guidance on how you can reach the venue, once you are accepted to the eco-camp.

**How to apply?** Fill up [this form](#) and submit it. All those accepted will later receive a detailed infosheet (incl. info on how to get to the venue, how to travel, more info about the agenda of the project).

Deadline for applying is **20<sup>th</sup> of November 2022**.

**Contact:** If you have any questions regarding the project and your application, don't hesitate to contact Genti at [ssd.mitrovica@gmail.com](mailto:ssd.mitrovica@gmail.com). We are looking forward to your application!