

Erasmus+ Youth Exchange

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28th April - 4th May 2026

Garaldea Ecofeminista, Southern Madrid region, Spain

5-day funded youth exchange for 18-26 year olds living in Spain, Palestine, France, Portugal and Belgium.

We encourage applications from migrant, racialised, LGBTQI+ and neurodivergent participants.

Re-routing our dopamine searching attention back to serotonin soothing connection with the living world and temporary community, with embodied art & play based methods and regenerative tools, through the magic of mapping, co-creation of ritual, development of our imagination muscles for collective action, and active engagement in hosting environment.

For more information:

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aims to:

- ✦ Create a caring temporary community based on presence and connection
- ✦ Slow down and reconnect with ourselves, others, and the living world
- ✦ Cultivate collective imagination, creativity, and shared meaning
- ✦ Engage actively with the hosting environment and its context

The Focus Pocus youth exchange brings together partners from:

- ✦ Palestine – Keffiyeh Center
- ✦ Portugal – Mais Cidadania
- ✦ France – ACT'ici
- ✦ Belgium – Intergenerational Centre for Global Action
- ✦ Spain – Otra Escuela

If you are between 18 and 26, curious about connection, creativity, and collective experiences; if you enjoy exploring through art, play, imagination, and being in nature; and if you feel drawn to sharing time, questions, and care with others in an international community, then this exchange is for you.



We are Otra Escuela, a Colombian-founded organization that opened our international headquarters in Madrid, Spain, in 2017

We promote intercultural dialogue and creative agency for social change, grounded in experiences from Colombian and Latin American territories.

From Spain, we work to challenge hegemonic models of international cooperation by fostering South–North perspectives rooted in Global South references, cultures of care, and pedagogies of peace.

We create participatory learning spaces that promote decolonialism, antiracism, inclusion, intersectional feminisms, and the rights of humans, land, and living beings, emphasizing interconnection and well-being.

Our educational approach is holistic and experiential, using socio-affective, participatory, playful, artistic, and creative non-formal learning methodologies to support activism, collective liberation, healing, and justice.

learn more about us in:



www.otraescuela.com

and following us:



[otraescuela.asoc](https://www.instagram.com/otraescuela.asoc)

THE VENUE

VISIT THEIR INSTAGRAM HERE

Garaldea Ecofeminista is a rural, community-based ecofeminist space near Madrid, surrounded by nature and located away from urban areas. Rooted in values of care, sustainability, and collective life, it offers a calm and inspiring environment that invites presence, connection, and shared learning. Please note that Wi-Fi access is limited, as part of the experience of being more connected to the place and to each other. Electricity is mostly solar powered, so large electrical items (like hairdryers) are not permitted.

Accommodation will be in shared rooms with bunk beds, with shared bathrooms. All meals provided during the activity will be vegetarian and vegan, and shared living is an integral part of the temporary community experience.



TRAVEL: REIMBURSEMENT & CONDITIONS

Travel costs will be reimbursed according to the Erasmus+ distance bands, based on the official EACEA Travel Distance Calculator.

Participants will receive reimbursement only after:

- ✦ Submitting all original travel documents (paper and/or digital)
- ✦ Filling in and signing the reimbursement form
- ✦ Providing receipts and proof of payment

Distance	Maximum Budget
0–99 km	23 €
100–499 km	211 €
500–1999 km	309 €
2000–2999 km	395 €
3000–3999 km	580 €

The reimbursement process usually takes 2–4 months after the end of the activity.

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS

Due to budget limitations set by the Spanish National Agency, it is not possible to approve higher budgets for Green Travel.

While we strongly encourage participants to choose more sustainable travel options (train or bus) whenever possible, any extra costs related to green travel or additional travel days cannot be covered.

This is a short, immersive programme focused on learning and community, with no time planned for tourism or cultural visits outside of the venue. You can add extra days to your travel before or after the activity, with our complete flexibility and support as long as you commit to being at the venue within the time requests of the arrival and departure days, receiving always reimbursement for travel costs until your relevant maximum, and covering any costs during the extra days at your own expense.

If this way of being together resonates with you, we warmly invite you to apply through this form:

<https://forms.gle/ox2j4T9Qx9pLk7aF9>