



CORK – ROMANIAN YOUTH EXCHANGE 17TH – 31ST JULY 2010

Last year a group of 11 young people from Cork went to Medgi Dia in Romania for two weeks. While there they were joined by a group of young people from Sibiu in central Romania, and together the group worked with the Roma Community doing children's camps, sports and home visits, as well as visiting the rural and urban slums and facilitating a camp in the countryside with a group of Romanian children.

As a youth council one of our objectives is to encourage young people to be involved in service opportunities, locally, nationally and internationally. Last year we worked with CMSI to bring this group of young people to Romania and this year, having built up these links, we are hosting the group of young people from Sibiu to partake in various service opportunities in Ireland. This year we are fortunate to have afforded grant aid from Léargas Youth in Action funding, which has allowed the Romanian team to come, as there would have been little chance of them financing the trip on their own.

Having got funding from Léargas our theme and the focus of much of what we do will centre on the idea of active European citizenship and we shall be exploring various facets of this through hearing guest speakers, various facilitation methodologies and exploration. It will be an incredible opportunity to meet new people, learn of Romania, and be involved with running children's camps, sports on beaches, barbeques and various other activities. This Youth Exchange Trip will run from 17th-31st July 2010 and it will be based in Rosscarbery and Ardmore.

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As well as working with the Department of Education and Science, Leargas also works with colleagues in the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment and the Department of Foreign Affairs.

Léargas currently has 40 staff based in our Dublin office and a further two staff in the North South Exchange Consortium in Dundalk IT. Our staff come from Ireland, Poland, France, Spain, the UK and Jamaica and have wide-ranging experience in education, training, community, youth and development work; and in IT and finance.

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