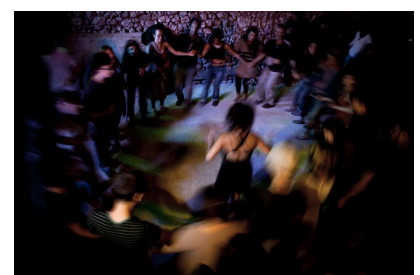




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DARE THE COMMONS !



"Commons are diverse. They are the fundamental building blocks and pre-condition of our life and social wealth. They include knowledge and water, seeds and software, cultural works and the atmosphere. Commons are not just "things," however. They are living, dynamic systems of life. They form the social fabric of a free society."

Silke Helfrich, *author* and independent activist of the commons

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SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT

Since its creation, our association, Via Brachy, is fostering for people's empowerment and social change. On one hand, we support people in finding their way in society by encouraging intercultural exchange, experiencing collective living and meeting people involved in social and/or eco-friendly projects. On the other hand, we do our best to support stakeholders in the field of social and collaborative economy to develop their initiatives and take action for a fairer and more sustainable and inclusive society.

From what we experienced and from the stories we collected, we believe that there are many issues regarding the way we consider (or not) the "**commons**", the way we handle them, and more generally regarding the way we share, we communicate and we act together.

At a time of globalization and climate change we believe that addressing the topic of the Commons can lead to a new approach of our society and environment that could help us **adapt** to the new challenges we are facing.

The "DARE THE COMMONS!" training course is an attempt to address this complex topic. It will gather **30 youth and social workers** and **people who would like to get involved in collective projects** with social and/or ecological purposes, coming from France, Spain, Greece, Germany, Italy, Estonia and Finland. It will be held from the **16th to the 25th of November 2021** in a rural cottage at Fayssac (Tarn, France), which will create the proper atmosphere for an optimal learning experience and a deeper connection between the participants.

The training course is meant as an opportunity for the participants to clarify the concept of **Commons**, to **analyze** their current behaviors, take a **critical look** at their own practices and their organization's and **get inspiration** and tools to take action.

Relying on a set of relevant **academic studies**, **practical cases** and **exercises**, the participants will extract knowledge **from their own experience** and from the experience of **other practitioners**. They will point out the most common issues faced when managing the Commons collectively and trying to set up long-term cooperation within a group of people.

All along the training course, they will share their experiences - either successful or not, bring to light **what fosters cooperation**, work on their **posture** and get introduced to a set of tools and methods to make a step forward.

In addition to the working sessions scheduled during the day, they will take advantage of the time spent together to develop their **social and intercultural skills** and deepen their **relationship** in a more intimate setting.

PREVISIONAL PROGRAM

DAY 1 – 16/11/2021

Reaching the venue. Breaking the ice.

DAY 2: 17/11/2021

Getting to know each other, setting up our framework.
Defining what the "Commons" means for us.

DAY 3: 18/11/2021

Acknowledging and taking a critical look at our behaviors regarding the management of common resources.

DAY 4: 19/11/2021

Understanding the importance of knowing and trusting each other for any cooperation. Accessing tools to explore our life paths and identify what brings us together.

DAY 5 to 8 : 20-23/11/2021

Drawing on successful and failed experiences of cooperation, sharing good practices to share within our organizations and with the people / groups we support in their initiatives.

DAY 9 : 24/11/2021

Specifying our medium and long-term objectives and defining a path to reach them (working on ideas/projects that drive us, that we would like to implement in a nearby future).
Assessing the training course and our learning achievements.

DAY 10: 25/11/2021

Tidying up the venue and departure

(Important: Be aware modifications can occur in the programs.)