

# CALL FOR PROJECTS

IMMERSION TRIP SUMMER 2025

## 1. PRESENTATION TUMULT

Tumult is a recognized Belgian non-profit youth organization, active in the broad field of youthwork. Tumult has expertise on bullying, dealing with conflicts on a personal and cultural level, refugees and inclusive youthwork/leisure activities. We strengthen links between people and groups. In this way, we increase the children's, young people and their guiders talent for living together.

- We support two annual youth exchanges to a project outside Europe
- We organize camps and trainings for children in a vulnerable situation or with a refugee story
- We give youth leaders trainings on bullying, diversity, conflict and aggression

More information on [www.tumult.be](http://www.tumult.be)

## 2. PRESENTATION IMMERSIONTRIP

Tumult wants to give young people the opportunity to truly discover and experience another culture. That's why since 2004 we organize an immersion trip for young people, between 16 and 18 years old. In recent years our young people went to Uganda, Ukraine, Belarus, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Ecuador, Cameroon, Vietnam, Congo, Bolivia, Nepal Morocco, Uganda, Palestine, India and Lebanon. This summer (2024) we went to Turkey and Montenegro.

The youth exchange trip itself lasts two to three weeks and takes place during the summer but it is more than just a touristic trip: it is a group process with a pre- and post-training to which the journey itself is the climax of the process. The preparation process is done by a range of sessions, a selection of the participants (where we try to select a diverse group of youths), two weekends and one day just before leaving. In these weekends we try to prepare the participants practically and substantively so they can go abroad in a responsible way. Themes as culture shock, White Saviour complex, cultural awareness, sustainable travelling and ethnocentricity are cited. After the trip follows an evaluation weekend. Throughout the year, the youth share their experiences with their network, in order to multiply the effects.

Why do we organize this immersion?

First of all we aim to support our own youth in their personal development. We hereby consciously choose a very young age as 15-18 years according to us is a crucial age. At that age youth begins to question cultural thinking patterns and they can still discover a lot about themselves as a person in a group. We want to offer an intensive eye-opening experience with the immersion trip and promote intercultural dialogue.

Furthermore we want to facilitate exchanges between our participants and the youths of partner organisations in order for all of us to increase our intercultural skills and learn from one another and each other's culture.

Another very important objective is to give youths, who normally would not be able to experience this kind of exchange, the opportunity to explore the world. This will broaden their frame of reference. By sharing their experiences and influencing their personal context, the youths will also contribute to a more inclusive and tolerant society in Flanders (Belgium).

### 3. WHAT IS TUMULT LOOKING FOR?

Tumult is looking for a locally based partner to work with in the year of 2024-2025, culminating in the immersion trip of three weeks in July or August 2025.

This is why we are looking for:

- A locally based and locally-supported capacity building project.
- The project must contribute to the social emancipation and participation of the local population.
- A project in which children and young people play a prominent, central location
- An organization that can assist in practical and conceptual organization of the trip on the spot, and therefore provides a number of conditions:
  - o Supervision during the trip and help with local transport
  - o Accommodation in a host family
  - o Exchanges with youth of the same age
  - o relevant and diverse volunteer work
- The organization must exist for several years and have a good knowledge of the project site, the society and culture in which they work.

### 4. WHAT DOES TUMULT DO?

Tumult offers an attractive partnership with many advantages, including:

- Sensitization in Flanders of your organization / project
- Fascinating exchange
- New way to look at your project
- Boost your volunteers
- Financial:
  - ➔ Fundraising activities by young people – if applicable
  - ➔ Budget to provide activities, food and housing