



“The Drama of Human Existence” Viviamo! Summer School

A project of
World Youth Alliance Europe

6th – 17th August 2007
Targu Mures, Romania

The programme of this year’s Viviamo! Summer School in Targu Mures, Transylvania, consists of four pillars: core ideas; international issues; working groups; cultural activities.

Participants will study the **core ideas** every morning during the first week of the Summer School, deepening their understanding of the main ideas of the World Youth Alliance. Participants will attend lectures delivered by invited guests and read together specially chosen philosophical and literary texts.

The second pillar is planned to take place during the second week. Participants will explore various **international issues** and develop practical applications of the ideas studied during the first week.

The third pillar involves four **working groups** focusing on four different projects. Participants will be able to choose a working group according to their interests. The first group, ‘Drama’ is to prepare and perform Karol Wojtyla’s play, “The Jeweller’s Shop” under the expert direction of an experienced Shakespearean actor. The second working group – ‘Poetry’ will devote time to the study of chosen poetry and participants will be given an introduction to poetry writing. The third working group is to undertake charity work with our partner organisation ‘Caritas’. The fourth working group will work on problems of international economics and development. The projects of the working groups are intended as forums in which young people can reflect on human experience and human action in a new and unique way.

The last pillar of the summer school involves a variety of **cultural and social events**. These include media work, public outreach and trips to some of Romania’s most beautiful cities and places of cultural interest. The Summer School will be interspersed with various leisure activities, sports and film nights making it a memorable experience for all.

Programme

Monday 6 August	
Morning	Dignity, Solidarity, Life An introduction to the core ideas of WYA
Tuesday 7 August	
Morning	Understanding Freedom Tools needed for a deeper reflection on the use of human freedom
Afternoon	Working Groups: I Drama - The Jeweller's Shop II Poetry - communication of human experience III Caritas – social outreach IV International Issues – the human person within international debates
Wednesday 8 August	
Morning	Working Groups I- IV
Afternoon	The Encounter with a work of Art The experience of the artist. Who is an artist? What is an artist trying to do? The role of beauty and literature in awakening reflection on human experience Work, sacrifice, heroism, contemplation and artistic creativity
Evening	Free time / reading
Thursday 9 August	
Morning	The Philosophical Relevance of Literature The commencement of a lecture series led by Prof. Czesław Porebski
Afternoon	Working Groups I- IV
Evening	Free time
Friday 10th August	
Morning	Persons, Communities and Values Continuation of lectures by Prof. Czesław Porebski
Afternoon	Drafting Declaration on Culture
Evening	Film night
Saturday 11th August	
Morning	Media & Public Relations workshop Cooperation with local media, organisations, institutions and public figures
Afternoon	Community work
Evening	Barbecue
Sunday 12th August	
Morning	Free time
Afternoon	Public activity
Evening	Performance: The Jeweller's Shop Public performance under direction of Shakespearean actor
Monday 13th August	
All day	Cultural Trip: Sibiu: European Capital of Culture 2007
Tuesday 14th August	
All day	Cultural Trip: Brasov, Salina Praid, Sigiswara, Peles

Wednesday 15th August	
Morning	The role of international institutions The human person in international relations Case studies: policies of international institutions
Afternoon	Leisure time: swimming, sightseeing in Targu Mures
Evening	Barbecue
Thursday 16th August	
Morning	International issues of concern Maternal Health, HIV/AIDS, Development & Globalisation The role of the community in finding solutions to the problem.
Afternoon	Freedom & Solidarity under repressive ideologies A brief history of contemporary dissident movements The role of literature in totalitarian & authoritarian regimes The role of the community in fostering the struggle for dignity
Evening	Presentations & Party
Friday 17th August	
Morning	Viviamo! Youth participation at the international and local level Strategic Planning
Afternoon	Close of Viviamo! 2007 Free Time & Departures <i>or</i> Cultural Trip: Cheile Turzii

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