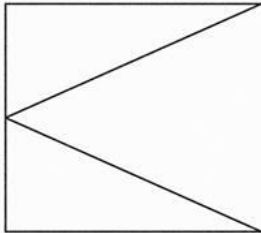


100 First Times

Kaunas 2022



INTERNATIONAL YOUTH SUMMER CAMP

We know how much you have been waiting for this: the first sneak peek at THE program of International Youth Summer Camp 100 FIRST TIMES by Kaunas 2022 | European Capital of Culture! We are so excited to show you what you are going to see, experience and explore.

JULY 7-8, 2018

Our first meeting will take place in Kaunas City.

The first two days will be spent creating the everlasting bonds and building a team that will work together during the upcoming days. We will spend time at the city centre, getting to know the city, its culture, people and Kaunas2022, of course.

JULY 9-13, 2018

The next five days will be full of various experiences, suitable for everyone:

5 different places

5 different platforms

5 different perspectives

‘FLUXUS LABAS!’ AT THE YOUTH CAMP

‘Fluxus Labas!’ is a community platform in Kaunas 2022, focusing on different neighbourhoods in Kaunas and Kaunas District. Up until 2022, together with local community agents, we are going to establish Fluxus LABORatories – creative placemaking spots to share local creativity. This year, we invite you to join two of these laboratories, one in Zapyškis and one next to outskirts of Garliava, where we will meet local communities and discover places they find special.

What is Zapyškis!?

Zapyškis is a small town in Kaunas District on the river bank, nurturing deep traditions and a long history. We will spend a day with local community members finding ways to experience Zapyškis in our own unique ways. Surrounded by the natural beauty of forest and river, we will learn about the local culture, history, and everyday life in Zapyškis. Expect trekking, searching for things, gathering food in the wild, cooking, eating and sharing your experiences, of course!

And what is the outskirts of Garliava: the Third Fort then?

Camp will take place at First World War heritage site, which is part of the largest fortress complex in Europe. It has been abandoned for 100 years, until a group of local enthusiasts decided to bring it back to life. After 3 years of voluntary work and dreams about a centre for the local community and a historical – nature park for visitors, a public institution “Fortress Park” has been recently established and we are going to join them in their efforts to make this heritage more accessible to wider audiences.

‘DESIGNING HAPPINESS’ AT THE YOUTH CAMP

Have you ever considered yourself being a designer?

Yes? No? Both answers are correct. The experience with Designing Happiness in Vilkija is tailored right for you.

Why?

Because design is universal. Because we all speak the language of design, whether we know it or not. Because design is so much more than fashion, style and being cool (although it’s part of the game, don’t fool yourself :)). Believe it or not, even happiness can be designed!

How?

By exploding your own bubbles and stepping into someone else’s shoes. Literally.

Let’s try to discover otherness around us: at the scenic backdrop of Vilkija, its surroundings, landscapes, paths, and crossways. Meet locals, find friends, be part of the game. Try to wear empathy. Life-changing experience guaranteed!

Happxplode!

‘MEMORY OFFICE’ AT THE YOUTH CAMP

Have you ever had an experience, when you ask a friend about the Friday night you’ve spent together, and he or she saw it completely differently from the way you remember it yourself?

Then you know what the essence of the Memory Office is.

We believe that by talking to many different people, you can find out the real story. And we also believe that this needs to be captured.

How and where?

During your day with the Memory Office, you will visit Kulautuva. The village is surrounded by as many pines and shades of green as the legendary Twin Peaks. And although it is not as well-known as the David Lynch’s fantasy – it hides a lot of mysteries, nonetheless.

And how did agent Cooper solve the puzzles of the little town? He met the people face to face, recorded everything for the “Diane”. And then the fun began.

What will happen?

In Kulautuva, you will get a chance to meet the locals in a detective kind of way, not knowing where it leads, not knowing what’s around the corner. But the intriguing tales of local landladies saving Jewish kids and the beauty of the once-known resort will let you “close the case”.

Just don’t forget to have a cup of the “damn-good coffee” and enjoy the forest breeze.

‘THE MYTH’ AT THE YOUTH CAMP

Where?

Samylai, Kaunas District, about 20 kilometres away from Kaunas 2022 head office. Next to the Kauno Marios water reserve. The Kauno Marios (Kaunas Sea) was artificially created by damming the Nemunas River to supply Kaunas Hydroelectric Power Plant. The Kauno Marios was created in 1959 by flooding 63 000 square kilometres of land – including 45 towns and villages. Thousands of people had to be relocated. Hundreds of them still live and remember their flooded childhood. Festivities are held every year to commemorate the event.

Why myth?

The Myth Platform is a storytelling vehicle aimed to study, analyse and field test narrative construction techniques in order to create meaningful and seminal stories to influence reality and the future of the society. Located on the shore of Kauno Marios, Samylai with its juxtaposition of old and new, existent and non-existent, memory and reality, tradition and modernity, rural and industrial provides a perfect location for ground testing basic elements of mythopoeia (a term by J.R.R. Tolkien) and narrative construction.

What will happen?

The day will be divided into three segments:

1. Lecture on narrative construction and mythopoeia: basic principles and elements, landscape influence, anthropogenic factors.
2. Meetings with the residents of Samylai, including a local culture operator and organizer on commemoration festivities.
3. Narrative construction workshop.

‘MODERNISM FOR THE FUTURE’ AT THE YOUTH CAMP

What is going on?

‘The strong smell of petrol, roaring noises and tons of metal sweeping in front of your face 160 kilometres per hour...’ This is the standard image most of the Lithuanians have in their mind when hearing the name of Kačerginė – the legendary racing circuit is just next to it.

Years ago, Kačerginė was a flourishing little resort, where one could meet writers, doctors, architects and other intellectuals resting on their porches or walking by the river.

What will happen?

We are “Modernism for the Future” and we invite you to “Kačerginė Heritage Rally”, where for one day, you will experience all the most important dimensions of the long-lost resort. Get ready to fall in love with the local wooden modernism, the legendary waffles of Kačerginė, river, people, and... making 100 brand new ideas to kick off the rebirth of this resort.

JULY 14-15, 2018

You will spend the last two days of this International Youth Summer Camp not in the circle of fellow campers, but with the entire city – we will finish our camp adventure with a festival that will include everyone around. We promise good mood, music and various activities!

See you soon!