

# INTERCULTURAL TRILOGUES MANIFESTO

We, the collaborators and advocates of the "Intercultural Dialogues" project, unequivocally stand for a project manifesto embodying our firm beliefs, dedicated efforts, and unwavering commitment toward fostering inclusive, intercultural, and participatory environments within youth centres and all civic spaces.

## **1) Non-Neutral, Democratic, and Antiracist Vision**

Our project does not stand neutral. It boldly champions clear political visions advocating for democratic participation, intercultural and interreligious dialogue, and vehemently opposes racism and discrimination in all their forms. We're committed to engaging in discussions, activities, and initiatives that promote inclusion, diversity, accessibility and equity.

## **2) Pluralistic and Safe Civic Spaces**

We firmly believe in and actively defend pluralistic civic spaces. These spaces are not just areas for exchange but safe spaces that encourage the expression of diverse perspectives, where everyone feels valued and respected.

## **3) Right to take space/ Duty to leave space for others**

We advocate for the right to take space while emphasizing the importance of sharing and relinquishing space to others. In our vision, everyone has the right to contribute while making room for the voices and experiences of others.

## **4) Genuine Inclusion over superficial narratives**

We vehemently oppose mere lip service to inclusion. We challenge the hypocrisy of spaces or organisations that claim inclusivity without taking concrete actions. We are committed to fostering genuine and meaningful social inclusion. Inviting in is not enough, we need to be proactive and take conscious choices towards inclusion.

### **5) Not Leaving Anyone Behind**

Our project operates under the policy that leaves no one behind. We are dedicated to ensuring that all individuals, especially migrant and disadvantaged youth, are supported, included, and given the necessary tools and opportunities to thrive and feel empowered.

### **6) Civic Spaces as pillars of Social Justice**

We are resolute in our commitment to ensuring that civic spaces serve as pillars of social justice and progress. Our endeavours strive to address systemic challenges, inequities, and biases, creating spaces that promote equity and fairness for all.

### **7) Transformation, Empowerment, and Liberation**

Our vision for civic spaces is centred on transformation, empowerment, and liberation. We aim to create environments where radical change is possible, oppressive dynamics are subverted, and where individuals, especially migrant and disadvantaged youth, feel empowered to shape their own narratives.

In signing and adhering to this manifesto, we pledge our unwavering commitment to the values and actions that drive the "Intercultural Dialogues" project. We strive to create and sustain inclusive, diverse, and participatory youth centres, championing intercultural understanding and ensuring the active and meaningful engagement of all individuals within these spaces.