

" Which world do we desire... On the way of an intercultural alternative"

Lyon / France - From Thursday, 13 October till Saturday, October 15th, 2016

Venue of the event : La Maison des Passages / <http://www.maisondespassages.org/>

Conferences and debates / Live performances (Theater, tales, readings, live music....)

Title of the project

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Our intention

For 7 years, as an intercultural centre, la Maison des Passages is invited by the European Council and in the framework of "Intercultural Cities" programme (a joint project of the Council of Europe and the European Commission), to participate to seminar, workshop... This presence is linked to the City of Lyon, which is been part of the programme since 2008.

[*http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/culture/Cities/Default_en.asp](http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/culture/Cities/Default_en.asp)

We wish, with others European intercultural structures, and our french partners, to organize a regular initiative (once a year) on the theme "**Which world do we desire... On the way of an intercultural alternative**". It will be about sharing cultural, artistic and philosophical practices and experiences... and arousing in-depth exchanges on topics related to the diversity in our "world-cities".

Date and duration of the event

From Thursday, 13 till Saturday, October 15th, 2016 (3 days)

Coordination

La Maison des Passages (Lyon)

The european partners

The invited structures in 2016 :

- The Intercultural Center Cidade (Lisbon / Portugal) / www.interculturacidade.wordpress.com
- The Multicultural Centre of Fijjia (Stockholm / Suède) / <http://mkc.botkyrka.se/welcome>
- Babelmed (Roma / Italia), the first online magazine dedicated to the Mediterranean cultures
<http://eng.babelmed.net/chi-siamo.html>
- Community Building (Mitrovica / Kosovo) / <http://www.cbmitrovica.org/en/>
- Mondinsieme Foundation (Reggio Emilia / Italia) / www.mondinsieme.org

Objectives

- Initiate a collective reflection and common work on intercultural issues in Europe
- Share practices and experiences and create in-depth discussions on topics related to the consideration of diversity in our "world-cities"
- Introduce partnerships between the partners
- Think about the creation of an European network of intercultural places

Participation of european partners

The programme of the event (3 days) :

1 / Thursday, October 13 at 6.00 pm - Official launch of the event

3 / Participation to public meetings and debates with the topics :

"**Which world do we desire..**" with the others european partners but also writers, intellectuals, artists, journalists

We suggest you to tell us some words on your country from the point of view of the question of the debate : "Which world do we desire..". What are the difficulties that you meet in your country / city ? What actions do you implement to allow relations between people, communities?

Target audiences (Lyon and its urban area)

Private individuals, associations, institutions, students, researchers...

How to keep track?

Acts / booklet / blog...

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La Maison des Passages : an intercultural project

Our association has chosen to highlight the dynamics of relationships and "métissages" in order to confront the retreat into nationalism, ethnicism and racism. The association is a cultural project with an intercultural foundation. Our challenge is to help to create and live with a society using its conflicts and its creativity in order to build an exchange with the other, as masterfully told by Edouard Glissant: "I can change by interacting with another without losing or misrepresenting myself."

For more than 9 years, we have organized times of reflection and exchanges in the form of colloquiums, forums and conversations dedicated to the stakes of the intercultural in the contemporary world :

- History and memory / Our multiple identities / Democratic citizenship
- World city, district city, how to live together today?
- The dynamics of "métissages" and the brokers of culture

Since April 2013, we have initiated meetings in Lyon around the stakes of interculturalism in the contemporary world. The workshop gathers around forty associations, structures, persons and artists... These meetings have made it possible to make assessments and to exchange on the concepts of "interculturalism", "transculturalism", "multiculturalism"...

This reflection result, in 2014, in a political declaration " Manifesto for a policy of the relation".

This group organize with La Maison des Passages the event " Which world do we desire... On the way of an intercultural alternative".