

# CARAVANE

## *Climate Art Fusion*

### **Youth Participation and Empowerment Through CARAVANE**

This newsletter focuses on youth participation and empowerment as a central dimension of the CARAVANE – Climate Art Fusion project. Across laboratories, exchanges, and public events, young participants are not positioned as passive recipients, but as active contributors shaping artistic processes and shared reflection.

CARAVANE approaches youth engagement as a relational and participatory process, recognising young people as carriers of experience, creativity, and perspective within cultural cooperation.

### **Youth Participation and Empowerment**

Youth participation lies at the heart of CARAVANE's design. Activities are structured to ensure that young participants engage as collaborators, decision-makers, and co-creators rather than as audiences or beneficiaries.

Laboratory formats encourage young participants to voice ideas, express doubts, and propose directions for collective work. This openness supports confidence-building and affirms the legitimacy of youth perspectives within artistic and civic dialogue.

Many participants engage in international mobility for the first time through CARAVANE. These experiences provide opportunities to encounter different cultural contexts, working methods, and artistic traditions, expanding horizons and fostering self-confidence.

Peer learning plays a central role. Young participants learn from one another through shared experimentation, discussion, and reflection, creating non-hierarchical spaces of exchange where experience and curiosity are equally valued.

CARAVANE avoids prescriptive approaches to learning. Instead, it creates conditions where young participants develop skills organically through participation, observation, and collaboration.

Recognition is an important outcome of participation. Being included in international artistic contexts offers young participants visibility and affirmation, particularly for those with limited access to cultural platforms.

Youth empowerment is also supported through responsibility. Participants are encouraged to take ownership of creative processes, contribute to group decisions, and reflect collectively on challenges and outcomes.

Emotional safety and inclusion reinforce empowerment. Clear ethical frameworks allow young participants to engage openly without fear, supporting authentic expression and creative risk-taking.

Public moments such as exhibitions and festivals further strengthen empowerment by allowing young participants to share processes and experiences with wider audiences.

Through these experiences, youth participation becomes a process of growth, recognition, and shared learning rather than a predefined outcome.

### **Epilogue – Youth as a Living Legacy**

Youth empowerment remains one of CARAVANE's most enduring contributions. By creating spaces where young people participate meaningfully, the project supports capacities that extend beyond its duration.

These experiences contribute to a generation of cultural practitioners who engage with climate and social issues through collaboration, reflection, and shared responsibility.



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