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TRAINING COURSE

For Educators and Multipliers in Human
Rights Education

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Training for Human Rights Education

Human rights education (HRE) – understood as educational programmes and activities that focus on promoting equality in human dignity – is of incalculable value in the shaping of a European dimension of citizenship meaningful to all Europeans. Those involved in non-formal education in youth work should also consider the evolution, practice and challenges of human rights, with regard to their universality, indivisibility and inalienability, and what they mean to the young people of today.

Youth Programme

Besides the assistance of the Youth Directorate of Council of Europe, the Youth Programme of the European Commission supports this Training Course.

The YOUTH programme is the European Union's mobility and non-formal education programme targeting young people aged between 15 and 25 years. It gives young people the chance to broaden their horizons and develop their sense of initiative through projects at home or abroad.

The YOUTH programme provides structured European cooperation between youth organizations, youth workers, project organisers and all other actors involved in the youth field. And, above all, the Programme provides opportunities for mobility and non-formal education for young people themselves.

The Programme is open to youth in 32 European countries. There are National Agencies for the YOUTH programme established in all 32 Programme Countries. The Agencies assist with the promotion and implementation of the Programme at national level.

The so-called Support Measures assists this Training Course. Support Measures are instruments aimed at helping all those involved in youth activities or interested in youth matters to prepare and develop projects and initiatives within the context of the YOUTH programme.

The Support Measures have two basic aims:

To assist the development of the three major Actions of the YOUTH programme (Youth for Europe, European Voluntary Service and Youth Initiatives) through the support of training, cooperation and information projects.

To contribute to achieving the objectives of the YOUTH programme as well as fostering and strengthening European youth policy.

Aims of the course

The Training Course aims to develop competence of youth leaders and educators, dealing with youth work and/or Human Rights Education in the European part of the west Mediterranean Area. The course is specially designed to enable participants to act as multiplier agents of HRE in providing the knowledge, skills and attitudes to youth leaders working with young people and to highlight the importance of active citizenship in order to develop democratic societies.

Objectives

- To raise awareness on the importance of HRE among youth leaders and educators working with young people;
- To analyse the current situation on Human Rights and Human Rights Education in the European part of the west Mediterranean region (through addressing the migration phenomena, the democratic development, gender issues...)
- To exchange experiences and to develop knowledge and competencies in key concepts of human rights education with young people;
- To review and address the essential competencies, skills and attitudes for youth leaders and educators working with young people;
- To introduce the HRE methodology and adapt these to the European part of the

- west Mediterranean reality;
- To promote Intercultural learning, democratic participation, human rights and active citizenship in youth activities;
- To explore channels of co-operation between the formal and non formal education sectors at regional level;
- To create a space for future co-operation at local, national and transborder level.
- To promote the use of the YOUTH programme as a multiplier tool.
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Methodology and Programme

The course is designed to give participants the opportunity to experience and reflect upon activities and concepts central to human rights education based on experiential learning approaches.

The course is also designed as a mutual learning situation, where participants can compare their approaches to training and to human rights education across the Mediterranean Area in a dialogical intercultural approach and environment.

A diversity of working methods will be used for learning about human rights and the approaches proposed in Compass. The previous experience of participants, in the formal and non-formal sectors, will be the starting point of the programme and of the learning process.

Profile of the participants

The TC is designed for youth leaders, educators and trainers working with young people in the western Mediterranean Area (coming both from Formal and Non Formal education sector), and educators on human rights, and human rights activist.

They should be ready to act as multipliers and are requested to be able to fully participate in English.

Participants will be ranging from 20 to 35 years old; exceptions could be done in specific cases. Given the profile researched we expect an average age of 25 years old.

Participants should come from the west Mediterranean area; Italy, Portugal, France and Spain. The geographical and gender balance will be specially taken into consideration. As the information and calls for applicants is done through the National youth Councils, the National Agencies and the partner organisations in each country, a diversity of profiles is expected.

In the selection procedure, experience in the field, future projects development and motivation will be specially taken into account.

Participants coming from organisation working with youth immigrants are welcome to apply, as youth immigrants themselves.

Participants should be residents in one of those four countries: Italy, France, Portugal and Spain.

Team of trainers

The programme of the course is designed and conducted by a multicultural team of experienced trainers. They will be supplemented by resource experts for specific parts of the course.

Hosting Organisations

National Youth Council of Catalonia

The National Youth Council of Catalonia is a non-governmental organization which joins the principal youth Catalan organizations and watch over the interest of the youngsters and the children in our country.

Actually the CNJC is composed by 81 organisations that have in common the work in the youth field, but with a different typology. Some of them are students, social, political organisations, youth section of the trade union, etc. We have also, like observer members, local youth councils and services organizations for the youngsters.

The main objectives of the CNJC are:

- to encourage youth union, and the democratic process in general
- to act as a bridge between youth groups and the political powers so as to facilitate the general improvement of youth issues.
- To promote relations between youth associations
- To publicize, at an international level, the activities of youth associations
- To develop and finance studies and reports on youth issues

Partners Organisations

Forum Nazionale Giovani

The Forum Nazionale Giovani is a youth platform that gathers more than 40 youth organisations at national level in Italy.

The Forum has as main goals the promotion and the development of youth policies in Italy, the cooperation between institutions and the representations of youth Italians at international level.

Conselho Nacional de Juventude de Portugal

CNJ gathers 29 national organizations and is the national representative of youth in Portugal. The main aims of the CNJ are to constitute a space of dialogue between the organisations, to reflect over the Portuguese Youth Expectations and to contribute for the development of youth associative life, being recognized by the Government as a partner in youth related matters. In close collaboration with young people CNJ develops work in the area of prevention, intervention, training and information for young people.

CNJ belongs to the European Youth Forum and is presently the President of Youth Forum of Portuguese Speaking Countries (FJ-CPLP).

Comité pour les Relations Nationales et Internationales des Associations de Jeunesse et d'Education Populaire (CNAJEP)

CNAJEP, Committee for National and International Relations of Youth and Community Education Organisations acts as a voluntary co-ordinator of organisations, unions, federations and national youth and community education movements.

CNAJEP, along with all the other voluntary organisations, it is composed of, actively strives for democratic and republican ideals and access to legitimate entitlements, It is convinced that involvement of the social movement in political, economic, cultural and social policies is at the very heart of the democratic process.

CNAJEP subscribes to an international dimension by sharing its findings with representatives

Application procedure and selection of participants

All candidates must apply using the enclosed application form. Applications should be sent to the specified address (post, fax or E-mail) together with a letter of support from their sending

organisation or institution stating the added value for the organisation resulting from the applicant's participation in the course.

The preparatory team will select 25 participants on the basis of the profile outlined above and ensuring a balanced group (gender, geographical regions, different types of experiences, cultural backgrounds and organisations). A waiting list may be established. Candidates will be informed about whether their application has been accepted or rejected, and if they have put on the waiting list, by the beginning of November. The accepted candidates will receive the course documentation and further information directly from the organisers.

Deadline for applications

The application form must be sent by post fax or e-mail to the Catalan National Youth Council (CNJC) **by 31 October 2004** the latest (see details in the application form).

Financial and practical conditions of participation

Travel expenses

The 70 % of travel expenses are reimbursed (on presentation of the relevant receipts). Only the participants who attend the entire training course can be reimbursed.

The payment will be made at the end of the course in cash (in Euro).

Accommodation

Board and lodging will be provided and paid for by the Organisation of the Training Course

Enrolment fee

An enrolment fee of 54 Euro for participants coming from Spain, Portugal, France and Italy is payable by each participant. This amount will be deducted from the amount to be reimbursed for travel expenses or paid at the beginning of the TC.