

Youthpass

Recognition of non-formal learning in Youth in Action

Invitation to
Training Course on Youthpass
in Plymouth, United Kingdom
16-21 July 2007

The recognition of non-formal learning has become more and more important in the years 2005-7 all over Europe.

Youthpass was planned and started in April 2005 as the strategy on validation and recognition of non-formal learning within the context of the YOUTH and Youth in Action Programmes.

During the last 2 years, **Youthpass** has been presented to a lot of people all over Europe, who enriched the discussion around non-formal learning, recognition, validation, and so on. And the discussions will probably go on indefinitely...

- What is meant by non-formal learning in the Youth in Action Programme?
- What is meant by validation and recognition?
- What is meant by **Youthpass**?

If you are interested in finding answers to these questions and discussing them in an international context, we want to invite you to another **Youthpass** Training Course that will take place in Plymouth, Devon, UK in July 2007.

❖ What is **the aim** of the Training Course?

The aim is to prepare people and organisations for the implementation of **Youthpass**.

❖ What are **the objectives** of the Training Course?

- To explore the concepts and practice of recognition and validation of non-formal learning in the Youth in Action Programme
- To compare viewpoints and opinions on the introduction of **Youthpass** in the different countries
- To use the multiplying resources of the Training Course for the further implementation of **Youthpass**
- To use the Training Course as a concrete example for implementing **Youthpass** in Action 4.3

❖ What is **the target group** of the Training Course?

- Interested people from organisations using the Youth in Action Programme and willing to work on recognition (maybe afterwards in co-operation with the NAs) coming from Programme countries and coming from Partner countries (max. five participants)

- Able to communicate in English
- ❖ Who is part of **the team**?

The Training Course is organised by the SALTO Training and Co-operation Resource Centre located in Germany in co-operation with Connect Youth, British Council, the UK Youth in Action National Agency. The trainers will be from different European countries.

- ❖ If you want to **take part**, what do you have to do?

You are able to be in the South-West of the UK (Plymouth, Devon) between **16 and 21 July 2007** and apply online or send your application form not later than **18 May 2007**. If you are accepted, you will receive a confirmation and further information as soon as possible after **25 May 2007**.

If you are coming from a **Programme country**...

...please apply online at <http://www.salto-youth.net/applicationonline/141.html> for pre-selection by your National Agency for the Youth in Action Programme. If you are selected at national level, your National Agency will nominate you to the host UK National Agency. Please do not book any tickets before having received confirmation of participation. Travel costs will be covered by your National Agencies. Whether there is a participation fee and how much it might be depends on the national regulations of your country; please contact your National Agency for information.

If you are coming from a **Partner country**...

...please send your application form to your regional SALTO-YOUTH Resource Centre (Eastern Europe and Caucasus: eeca@salto-youth.net or Euro-Med: euromed@salto-youth.net or South-East Europe: see@salto-youth.net) and the UK National Agency (hazel.patterson@britishcouncil.org). Please do not book any tickets before having received confirmation of participation.

Cost for board and lodging during the Training Course in Plymouth will be covered by the organising UK National Agency.

We are looking forward to your participation,

the team of the **Youthpass** Training Course

If you have further questions about **Youthpass**, please contact the SALTO Training and Co-operation RC, Rita Bergstein (youthpass@salto-youth.net).

For further questions about this Training Course, please contact Hazel Patterson at the UK National Agency (hazel.patterson@britishcouncil.org).