

Changes in our hands

A **big** meaning of **small** changes

International seminar for people working with young migrants

Warsaw, 8-13 March 2010

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Focusing on inclusion of young migrants Polish National Agency of the Youth in Action programme invites for an international seminar addressed to people working with this target group in governmental and non governmental institutions.

Polish National Agency organized in 2009 a training for workers and volunteers of NGO and social workers from refugee centers. It was a very effective meeting of two sectors involved in integration and support of young migrants. A goal of this training was to provide a space for cooperation and experience sharing of people working in a field of migration, and to show the possibilities that Youth In Action programme gives .

By organizing an international seminar, we would like to point out the variety of experiences that we have in this field in different European countries. And also to underline the role of the potential actors to introduce small changes that can have a big influence on a daily life of young migrants in their host countries. Polish National Agency aims to encourage the participants of this seminar to share their knowledge, experiences and good practices, and finally to come up with the ideas of projects, improvements, and positive changes instead of keep waiting for economical, political or legislative changes in their countries.

AIMS OF THE SEMINAR

To support **professional development** of youth and community workers from **different European realities** by extending their competences on **active participation** and to encourage them to **adapt and integrate shared experiences** into their **daily work** with young migrants as well as within the framework of **international cooperation**.



OBJECTIVES

- to provide a space for cooperation, sharing knowledge and experiences between representatives of governmental and non-governmental organizations working directly with young migrants in European countries
- to share tools and methods for active participation of young people with migrant backgrounds in their social context and on the basis of European values and to transfer to daily work reality
- to give opportunity for exchanging ideas and contacts for possible future co-operation among participants
- to stimulate the participants creativity and involvement in intercultural context
- to offer a possibility for future self-development of participants in frames of Youth in Action programme and other international tools of cooperation

WORKING METHODS

Workshops, working groups, open space, study visit, simulation, presentation, round table.

TARGET GROUP

The Seminar is addressed to **people working directly with young migrants** at governmental and non-governmental organizations with no or little experience in international cooperation: e.g. social workers, youth workers, intercultural mediators, cultural animators, teachers.

Participants are expected to have good communication skills in English language.

Number of participants: 25

TRAINERS

Behrooz Motamed-Afshari is a German-Iranian, currently living in Istanbul and working as a freelance trainer and consultant in the framework of youth and civil society strengthening programmes. He is over 17 years involved in international youth work, non-formal education and NGO management and works currently as an external youth policy development consultant for the government of Tajikistan. He studied Politics and Islamic Sciences in Germany and is working regularly with themes related to migration, inclusion, active



citizenship and intercultural mediation in the framework of various national and international youth programmes; especially the Youth in Action (former YOUTH) programme. Within the last 3 years Behrooz has developed a set of trainings modules on Active and European Citizenship for youth workers who mainly work with young migrants.

Marta Piegat-Kaczmarczyk is intercultural psychologist, trainer, coordinator and the consultant of international groups and projects realized in Kosovo, Canada, France, Portugal, Tunisia, Italy, Buryat Republic and Crete. She has been working directly with refugees and migrants since 2000 as a intercultural psychologist and trainer. She specializes in supporting various groups of professionals (social workers, teachers, trainers, coordinators) in their contacts with migrants and refugees, as well as the foreigners in the process of their self-development and acculturation. The lecturer of intercultural psychology at Warsaw University at postgraduate studies for professionals working with foreigners. The author of publications and textbooks concerning intercultural psychology, education and intercultural communication. EVS trainer in Polish NA trainers pool. As a trainer she emphasizes the role of strengthening the potential of participants and their readiness to act.

PLACE AND VENUE

8-13 March 2010, Konstancin near Warsaw

Polish NA covers the costs of the board and lodging, programme and trainers. Partner NAs are asked to cover the travel costs of participants from their countries.



Frame programme of the international seminar “Changes in our hands”

8-13th March 2010

	Get to Know Each other and understand different realities in the frame of working with migrants	Share experiences and practices on active participation	Tools and programmes supporting local and international cooperation	Adapting and integrating knowledge into practice	
08.03.	09.03.	10.03.	11.03.	12.03.	13.03.
Arrivals	Welcome and introduction to the Seminar	Inclusion - Motivation - Active Participation	Youth in Action programme and other useful tools for cooperation	Developing future project Ideas	Departures
	Group Building Activities		Youth in Action programme: priorities and features	Developing future project Ideas	
	Lunch		Lunch	Lunch	
	Local Realities in the framework of working with migrants in Europe	Best practices Sharing tools and methods	Let's get inspired! (Best practises in Warsaw)	Presentation of the project ideas and feed back	
	Reflection Groups	Reflection Groups		Evaluation of the Seminar	
	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	
Get to know Each other activities	Intercultural Evening	Free Evening	Dinner / Intercultural Migration Cuisine	Good luck Party	

