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International Inspiration-

Contact making seminar for professionals working with youth in care



**Vettre Hotel, Asker, Norway
14th -17th of June 2010**

**Call for participants
Deadline: 12th of May**

Contact making seminar for professionals working with youth in care

Inclusion of all young people is a high priority in the Youth in Action Program. The beneficiaries of the programme should be all youth and youth workers. But unfortunately the opportunities often don't reach youths in problematic situations. This is why we would like to invite those of you working directly with youth in care for a contact making seminar in Norway.

At the contact making seminar you will have the chance to meet professionals from other countries working with the same targetgroup as yourself. We hope the seminar will inspire you to work more internationally both professionally and with your youth. You will get to know the Youth in Action programme, and have time to explore new ideas and possible future projects. The working methods will be non-formal and interactive and you will get familiar with the concept of non-formal learning.

Participant profile: The seminar is meant for professionals working with youth in care. This can include work with youth under the child welfare system, youth in institutions, foster care or other programmes, young offenders, youngsters "under supervision" or from problematic family situations. It is important that the participants are working directly with the youths. The participants should be interested in international cooperation but not necessary have experience in international projects.

Aims:

- To find partners for future cooperation and be inspired to work internationally.
- To gain knowledge of activities supported by the Youth in Action Programme, with focus on action 1.1; youth exchange and 4.3; training and networking for youth workers.
- To identify challenges and possibilities in using non-formal learning methods
- To explore ideas, areas of common interests and possible future projects.

Trainers:

One of the trainers will be **Gerald Dowden**. He has a long experience as trainer in the youth field. He also has a background working with the child welfare system in England and has been and still is a foster parent himself. There will be one more trainer yet to be announced.

Working language: English

Methods:

Methods will be **non-formal** and interactive, and will include group work, discussions, workshops, exchange of experience and practical examples.

Venue: Vettre Hotel in Asker. The hotel is situated just outside of Oslo, and can be reached by the airport express train or by bus from Oslo city center.

Time: June 14th to 17th .Arrival June 14th by 19:00, departures 17th ,after lunch.

Participants: 20-25 participants from all partner countries.

Costs:

Food and accommodation will be provided and paid for by the organisers. Please check with the national agency of your country regarding reimbursement of your travel costs. Please contact [the](#) organisers if your national agency can't cover your travel costs.

Deadline for submitting applications to your National Agencies: May 12th

Date of selection: May 14th

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