

TRAINING COURSE

FREESTYLE FACILITATION

Lofou /Cyprus/

September 17-25.2011

FreeStyle Facilitation is a training project developed for **youth workers/leaders** who are directly involved in working with young people/children and interested in developing basic competences in facilitation of learning processes and services provided for young people with the aim of empowering them.

The TC will specifically focus on deepening the understanding of facilitation, improve professional competences of youth workers/leaders, providing a space for practice, deepen the theoretical knowledge of the participants and create new partnerships.

The overall **aim** of the project is to support and empower youth workers/leaders through developing competences needed to facilitate the learning process of young people.

The specific **objectives** of the project are:

- To improve professional competences of youth workers/leaders, which will help them to facilitate activities with young people with learning orientated approach;
- To provide space for practicing and sharing experiences in facilitation in a safe and constructive environment;
- To ensure deeper understanding of what is a learning process;
- To develop essential facilitation skills;
- Create a framework for facilitation based on non-formal education and self-directed learning;
- Deepen the theoretical knowledge and understanding of the concept and implementation of facilitation as a tool to support the personal development/learning process of youngsters;
- To bring a theoretical background of facilitation into a practical framework;
- To work towards the creation of new partnerships and/or projects using various support programmes, as the Youth in Action and European Youth Foundation;
- Sustain the experience exchange and impact of training outcomes after the training through a community of practice and trainers' support after the training course.

Who is **eligible to participate** in this course?

Participants are expected:

- be already actively involved in working with children and/or young people in non-formal settings;
- be committed to attend the training course for its entire duration;
- motivated to share and learn and willing to support the peer learning process;
- be able to work in English, as this will be the working language.

The training course will take place **in Lofou (Cyprus)** from the 17th September (arrival day) until the 25th of September (departure day) and will gather 18 participants from 6 countries.

Deadline for applications **June 30, 2011**.

Selection date is **July 15, 2011**.

The training course is financed by the Youth in Action Programme of the European Union. The project will cover board and lodging of the participants and reimburse 70% of the travel costs. **Participation fee is 20 euros per participant.**