



Education and Culture DG

'Youth in Action' Programme



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**A training course to develop intercultural actions involving young people.**

A **non-formal**, **creative** and **interactive** 5-day residential training approach to explore and develop new community-based **intercultural activities**.

Participants will explore intercultural practice, define their needs, **share experiences** and inspire each other to develop intercultural strategies and actions for their work in the youth field.

**Date & venue: 29<sup>th</sup> May - 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2012, Sportchalet Mürren, Switzerland.**

**Countries involved: Switzerland (Host), Bulgaria, Belgium, Croatia, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Kosovo & Netherlands**

## **Target Participants:**

**Youth workers** (working with young people with fewer opportunities) who are interested in developing action projects on intercultural work.

**Language of the Training:** English (all participants are required to be able to communicate in English)

**Number of participants: 30**

**Costs:** Accommodation and food during the training course will be provided by the organizers. 70% of the travel costs of the participants - minus a participation fee of 40 Euros - will be refunded after the training course.



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### **Context:**

Conflict, discrimination, racism and xenophobia are realities that culturally diverse societies have to deal with.

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**Youth workers often work with young people in culturally diverse communities that provoke challenges in intercultural understanding and inclusion of members of society with different backgrounds, for example, in terms of culture, language, ethnical backgrounds and religion.**

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**The challenge facing youth workers working with young people from different cultural backgrounds is to promote and practice positive intercultural work and for young people to value this.**

### **Objectives:**

- To **explore cultural diversity** and identify the opportunities and challenges it presents.
- To **raise awareness** and understanding about Intercultural work.
- To share and **discover different intercultural work** practice in the youth sector.
- To generate creative strategies of how and what youth workers in community contexts can do to **promote best practices in intercultural work** within the youth sector at a local and European level
- To raise awareness on **Youth in Action** as a program tool to improve intercultural work in the youth sector

**Interested? ...then complete and submit the application form on <http://goo.gl/pTvXu> before Sat 17<sup>th</sup> March 2012**