



## CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

# REactor

## Conference and Workshops on media in youthwork with disadvantaged groups

**Place:** Hungary, European Youth Center Budapest, Zivatar Street 1-3.

**Date:** 19/05/2012 (arrival day) – 25/05/2012 (departure day)

**Organiser:** Egyesek Youth Association, [www.egyesek.hu](http://www.egyesek.hu) in partnership with Milan Šimečka Foundation (SK), Società cooperativa sociale SPAZIO GIOVANI onlus (IT), Global Soma Youth Association (GR) and INTERCAMBIA (ES)

**For whom:** 31 peer educators, youth workers, trainers, and professionals, residents of Council of Europe member countries. Experienced and interested in media literacy and/or human rights, preferably with practical experience using media related methods.

**Aim:** to focus on youth work with media and new information technologies, sharing results, information and creating a learning forum. The key element of the meeting is the concept of active and expressive media literacy as an innovative methodology in youth work and human rights education. This concept is to be discussed through results and examples.

### ***Inspiration***

Egyesek and its partners run a long-term project called *Video Volunteers* based on the belief that “everyone has a message” to tell. The question is how to support youth and disadvantaged groups to express, share and respond through media. How to enable them to stand up from the couch and work actively with others on social issues with the support of a coach, mentor, peer educator.

More info on the project: [www.videovolunteers.eu](http://www.videovolunteers.eu) and [www.vimeo.com/videovolunteers](http://www.vimeo.com/videovolunteers)

## ***The Focus***

What inspires and interests youth in the age of digital media?

What are the benefits and the challenges of using media in youth work?

How can disadvantaged youth be reached through and included in the media?

How can human and social issues be joined and shared through the media?

During the meeting participants will have the opportunity to share, reflect and develop activities through personal discussions, workshops and other contributions.

## ***Activities***

- Debate about key matters of non-formal media education of youth
- Discuss, share good practices or problems faced, solutions found
- Evaluate of non-formal educational activities
- Present results of the *Video Volunteers* project
- Study visit
- Discuss and design future actions

## ***Working methods***

All participants are required to participate actively and contribute to the meeting by sharing

- Personal / organizational experiences
- Ideas on practical and creative solutions

for example through running a workshop, facilitating a discussion, participating in creative activities.

How we intend to work:

- Plenary discussions
- Small workshops
- Individual meetings
- Creative team work sessions

Facilitators will structure the meeting and focus on the key themes. They are active professionals of the organiser and the partners working on the field of media, youth work and human rights. Participants are required to initiate, share and raise questions and solutions. For this we ask the selected participants to prepare and bring resources, materials and ideas with themselves.

# Program

<b>Pre Meeting</b>	<b>Meeting</b>			<b>After the Meeting</b>
<b>April-May</b>	<b>19 May</b>	<b>20-24 May</b>	<b>25 May</b>	<b>May-June</b>
<b>Activities</b>				
<b>Research and preparation</b>	<b>Arrivals and introduction</b>	<b>Working days</b>	<b>Closing and departures</b>	<b>Reflection and online sharing</b>
<b>Themes</b>				
<p>Research on local, national level for possible themes, methods to share</p> <p>Preparation of a workshop, presentation, materials</p>	<p>Introducing representatives</p> <p>Introducing the program</p> <p>Creating exhibition and media hub of participants</p>	<p>Youth work and media</p> <p>Media and human rights</p> <p>Human right and disadvantaged youth</p> <p>Media and disadvantaged youth</p> <p>Future actions</p>	<p>Final agreements on future actions</p> <p>Closing</p> <p>Departures</p>	<p>Local reflections on the outcomes of the meeting</p> <p>Online sharing of experience</p> <p>Multiplication</p>

## ***The target group, profile of participants***

We foresee a diverse, experienced and dedicated group of educators and youth workers. The working language of the meeting will be English. Translation is provided only for disadvantaged participants and based on previous agreements. We are looking for participants who are actively involved, running media and/or human rights related youth work and are willing to share practices and experiences.

This includes the following activities:

### ***Run workshop for participants of the meeting***

During the program we offer space for the participants to facilitate workshops for others sharing methodology and results on media literacy, work with disadvantaged youth and human rights.

### ***Exhibition***

Setting up an exhibition in the venue on related matters is an aim of the organisers. Through this, documentations of projects, results of media activities or promotion of human rights education can be displayed.

Participants will contribute to the exhibition by bringing materials and creating it together.

Through an exhibition format products (pictures, movies, publications, etc.) can be presented. This exhibition will stay till the end of the meeting and during breaks it can be visited continuously.

### ***Media Hub***

The hub is a real and virtual place in the venue where participants record and anchor their ideas, statements. The testimonials come together; it is a place of convergence where data arrive from one or more directions and is forwarded out in one or more other directions.

## **Application process**

- 1) If you fit the participants profile and you are from one of the Council of Europe Member States or signatories to the European Cultural Convention you are welcome to apply.
- 2) If you are interested in the conference send us your application by the 12th of April 2012.
- 3) The selection of the participants will be made by the 19th of April 2012. The accepted participants will receive a document with the details of travel arrangements and other practicalities.
- 4) As soon as the selection letter is received, participants arrange their travels. The participants will have to buy their tickets by the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May 2012 and send the copies of them to the organisers; otherwise people from the waiting list will be contacted.

Send the filled out application form until the **12th of April 2012** by email to **[reactor.application@gmail.com](mailto:reactor.application@gmail.com)**.

**Accommodation, travel reimbursement and participation fee**

The organisers will provide accommodation and board for the participants at the European Youth Center Budapest. ([www.coe.int/eycb](http://www.coe.int/eycb))

If you have any special requirements, please express them in your application form.

We will only reimburse your travel costs if you participate in the whole program and follow the administrative requirements of buying tickets. 65% of the travel cost can be reimbursed, and you have to choose the cheapest way of travelling and buy return tickets. Please refer to the maximum travel cost in the table below. If you buy more expensive tickets, maximum reimbursement will be maintained. For maximum costs per country, please refer to the table below.

Country	Max. Travel costs (€)	Max. Reimbursement (€)
	100% / person	65% / person
Hungary	30	19,5
Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Romania, Slovak Republic, Moldova	70	45,5
Serbia, Ukraine, Bosnia and Herzegovina	150	97,5
Bulgaria, FYROM Macedonia, Albania, Montenegro	200	130
Netherlands, Poland, Belgium, Andorra, Luxembourg, France, Germany, Monaco, Liechtenstein, San Marino, Malta, Switzerland	300	195
Finland, Greece, Italy, United Kingdom, Sweden, Norway, Iceland Denmark, Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, Cyprus	350	227,5
Portugal, Spain, Turkey, Belarus, Ireland	400	260
Azerbaijan, Georgia, Armenia, Russian Federation	430	279,5

For the participation fee see the following table.

Country	Participation fee (€)
Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, FYROM, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Ukraine	50
Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Russian Federation, San Marino, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom	80

Payment of the participation fee should be done at the registration in cash. The reimbursement of the travel costs will be done by bank transfer after receiving all required documents.

Participants from other countries may participate on their own expense. If you are interested, contact the organisers.

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[http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/index\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/index_en.php)

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