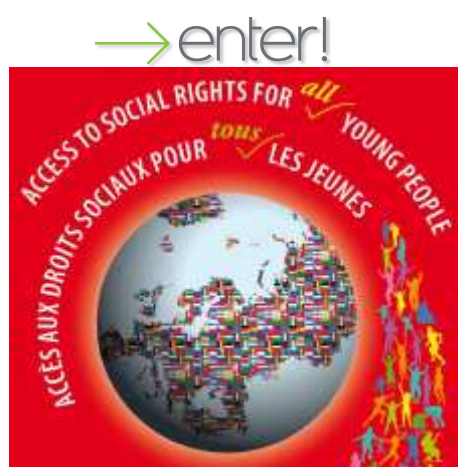




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Enter! **Promoting Access to Social Rights for All Young People**

Preparatory Seminar of a Long-Term
Training Course for Youth Workers
(2012-2014)

European Youth Centre Strasbourg, 18 -20 September 2012

Presentation and Draft Programme

Background to the Preparatory Seminar

The next phase of the Enter! project is now in its inception stage. A Long-Term Training Course for Youth Workers on Promoting Access to Social Rights for All Young People (hereinafter, LTTC) will be initiated at the beginning of 2013. In order to prepare the training course, the Youth Department is organising a preparatory seminar in Strasbourg, 18 – 20 September 2012.

The preparatory seminar will bring together a variety of stakeholders, partners and actors in the field of youth policy and youth work, such as youth organisations, representatives of local and national institutions and authorities, youth researchers, youth workers and trainers. The seminar will be organised jointly by the Youth Department and the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe.

Aims and Objectives of the Seminar

The seminar aims to define the role, methodology and partners of the LTTC as a strategic investment of the Enter! project, by engaging in the development of the LTTC strategic partners from the civil society and local and national authorities.

The preparatory seminar objectives are:

- To review current needs related to the access of young people to social rights;
- To review the results of the first phase of the Enter! project, in particular from the evaluation of the LTTC, and draw conclusions for the future steps;
- To identify and learn from youth work initiatives and projects related to enhancing access to social rights for young people, in view of further defining the training course;
- To define the course main features, namely approaches and types of interventions, expected outcomes, educational approaches, main support measures for the course, profile of participants, promotion and visibility, and evaluation features;
- To associate a variety of partners, both from the civil society and from local and national authorities, with the course and define their roles therein.

Seminar Methodology

During the seminar the participants are expected to share the most up to date information on development and ideas happening in Europe as well as contribute to developing the focus and aims of the long-term training course and the sustainability of its potential results. Plenary discussions, interventions and working groups will further develop the general and educational approaches, types of intervention and key features of the course. The conclusions of the seminar will serve the concrete preparation of the course.

Participants Profile

The seminar will bring together some 30 participants, members of youth organisations working on access to social rights for young people, youth workers, youth leaders and trainers with an interest and relevant experiences on the seminar topics, representatives of local authorities, researchers.

Participants should:

- Be involved in youth work and/or youth policy, particularly on topics connected to social inclusion of young people;
- Be involved in the promotion of social inclusion and access to social rights for young people (education, work, social security, health, housing, quality of life, poverty alleviation), in their organisational work;
- Have significant experiences of working with young people at risk of social exclusion;
- Be supported by a youth organisation, a local authority or a youth work structure interested in further cooperating in the Enter! project with the Council of Europe;
- Have a position in their organisation/local authority that allows them to further associate their organisation in the future steps of the LTTC;
- Be able to work in English or French;
- Be residents in one of the countries which are parties to the European Cultural Convention;
- Be available for the whole duration of the seminar.

Having previous training experiences in the area of youth work and youth policies for social inclusion and social rights is an added value.

Programme Outline

Tuesday 18 September (9.15 – 18.00)

Welcome and introductions

Background to the Enter! project and the LTTC

Mapping needs, responses and ongoing initiatives by different partners

Wednesday 19 September (9.15 – 18.00)

Defining the LTTC approaches and overall framework

Working groups on the LTTC features and discussion

Thursday 20 September (9.15 – 13.00)

Working groups on the LTTC features and discussion

Main conclusions and summary of the seminar

Evaluation and closing

A final revised programme will be sent at a later stage, together with a list of participants.

Practical and Financial conditions

Timetable

The seminar will begin at 9:15 on Tuesday 18 September and finish at 13:00 on Thursday 20 September. Participants should arrange their travel in order to arrive in Strasbourg on Monday 17 September and depart in the afternoon of Thursday 20 September.

Venue and accommodation

The seminar will take place at the European Youth Centre Strasbourg. Accommodation and meals will be provided by the Council of Europe.

Travel and subsistence expenses

Travel expenses to and from Strasbourg will be reimbursed according to the rules of the Council of Europe.

Working Languages

The working languages of this seminar will be French and English.

Pre-registration and confirmation of attendance

In order to pre-register for the seminar, an online application system will be used. Interested candidates should fill in their application online, following the link <http://youthapplications.coe.int/>. In order to be able to apply online, candidates will be asked to register first and follow the instructions.

The pre-registration online form is requested by **Friday, 29 June 2012**. Confirmations of participation will be sent to all those invited by mid-July 2012.

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