



The Study Session

“Inclusion for all through Human Rights Education”

10 September - 17 September 2017

European Youth Centre Budapest

Call for Participants

Deadline: 4th June 2017

The context of the study session

The "Participation for All" is an International network of youth organisations and NGOs working with young people, youth workers and professionals which was created as a result of a long term cooperation project between different organisations from Europe and Central Asia dedicated to participation and inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities, particularly with physical disabilities, by means of non-formal education. The aim of the network is to promote active citizenship, to foster the development of active civil society and increase the participation of young people, particularly those with fewer opportunities, marginalised and minority groups in public life.

Member organisations and network partners are working in different countries of Europe and Central Asia, with young people aged 13 to 30 to apply methods of non-formal education and mixed-ability approach¹ in their work. For several years we have been cooperating in order to expand the use of human rights education and non-formal education in the work with young people, promoting better interaction of young people with and without disabilities, and promoting dialogue and intercultural communication. Thus contributing to a more active involvement of young people in society, especially young people with disabilities.

The Strategic Development Plan of "Participation for All" focuses on having a range of programmes and projects, which will meet the needs of young people, disadvantaged groups/communities in Europe, i.e.:

- to develop study sessions with youth agencies which integrates their work with human rights, youth participation and social inclusion issues,
- to develop partnerships and networks with European and Asian partners who have similar aims as "Participation for All",
- to contribute to the capacity building of partners and members who have similar aims as "Participation for All",
- to campaign for social inclusion and social rights issues with partners to the relevant institutions in Europe and in the world;
- to develop actions in the field of social inclusion, including the development of already existed structures working in this field such as the Network itself, its members and other partners.

"Participation for All" organises this study session "Inclusion for all through Human Rights Education" to give the opportunity for participants to exchange their experiences of non-formal education and youth work practices in participants countries. During the session participants will gain knowledge on human rights education practices in the field of social inclusion and participation of young people with disabilities, and mixed ability approach (inclusive approach). International and Interregional cooperation for more effective action on either governmental and non-governmental levels in this area will be initiated and developed.

About the Study Session

The study session will be held from 10th to 17th September 2017, including travel days to and from the study session, and will gather together 25 participants at the EYC Budapest.

The main aim of this study session is to promote human rights education as an effective tool for social inclusion of young people with the particular focus on young people with disabilities.

To achieve the aim, the **following objectives** were identified:

¹ *Mixed ability groups/projects – youth groups/youth projects involving young people with and without disabilities on equal basis.*

- To acquaint participants with the principles and approaches of human rights education and mixed-ability approach ;
- To familiarise participants with the concept of social rights, social inclusion and youth access to social rights;
- To explore the participants' realities in respect to social inclusion and access to social rights for young people;
- To facilitate the exchange of experiences and good practices in the field of non-formal education, active participation and social inclusion of young people –focused on mixed-ability groups;
- To expand and strengthen the network and long-term partnership among the organisations from Europe and Central Asia for further development and implementation of non-formal education projects, in particular, using mixed-ability approach;
- To contribute to the creation and development of the Network's Action Plan for the period of 2018 taking into consideration the recommendations of the Committee of Ministers to member states on the access of young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods to social rights.

Methodology of the Session

The methodology of this study session will be based on the exchange of experiences, realities and information in the countries of the participants. Participants will be provided with opportunities to gain new knowledge and skills. For better understanding and learning participants will discover principles of mixed-ability approach and experience methods of non-formal and human rights education. They will be invited to actively participate in variety of education methods. These methods will allow participants to expand and acquire new knowledge in this area and understand the principles and methods of human rights education and mixed-ability approach in mixed groups. Choosing a particular activity we'll take into account the different possibilities of the participants with disabilities, which will facilitate their active participation throughout the study session. Methods foresee using the Council of Europe tools in the field of human rights education.

Profile of Participants

It is expected that the Study Session will bring together the youth workers, youth leaders, and representatives of NGOs or other structures from 20 countries. Participants are expected to be:

- actively working with young people, mixed ability groups and aware of youth work realities,
- be resident of one of the country – the member state of the Council of Europe or from Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan);
- motivated and able to take part in the full duration of the activity and to share previous experience;
- willing to promote and implement HRE with mixed ability groups ;
- aged 18 - 30 years (with some exceptions);
- are in a position to contribute to the development of the Network and initiate partnerships for follow up actions;
- able to communicate independently in Russian and/or English;

Inclusion principles will be applied when selecting participants in the study session, i.e. it will be attended by participants with and without disabilities.

Accommodation and transport will be provided for personal assistant or carers of participants with disabilities (if required and justified). Diversity will be ensured during selection and composing of the group to form a group with different realities in the participating countries, with different approaches in their work, representing different geographic of the participating countries (Europe and Central Asia) and cultural differences. Recruitment will be ensured through the open call.

Participants are expected to provide a contribution to the Study Session from their personal experience and knowledge of the topic and provide input to the construction of the follow up.

The invited participants should be available for the full duration of the Study Session, i.e. arrive on Sunday 10th September before 19.00 and depart on Sunday 17th September.

Application process

Anyone interested in attending the study session can express their interest by submitting electronic application form by **Sunday 4th June 2017 at the following link:** <https://goo.gl/forms/JwTbuiKnCACqVDXE3>.

The preparatory team will select 21 participants on the basis of the profile outlined above and ensuring a balanced group (gender, geographical regions, different types of experiences, cultural backgrounds and organisations).

All candidates will be informed about selection results on 12th June, 2017.

Accessibility, practical and administrative conditions of participation

Dates:

Arrival day - Sunday 10th September 2017

Departure day - Sunday 17th September 2017

Venue:

European Youth Centre, Budapest

Working languages:

English and Russian are foreseen as working languages of the study session. Candidates must have sufficient understanding of one or both working language(s) of the study session in order to comprehend and complete the application form without assistance from another person and to fully participate in the study session itself.

Enrolment Fee & Travel expenses

An enrolment fee of **50 Euros** is payable by each participant. This amount will be deducted from the amount to be reimbursed for travel expenses. For participants with travel costs lower than **50 Euros**, the difference needs to be paid to **the organisers of the study session** at the EYCB during the study session.

All travel, the visa (if a visa is required), board and lodging costs are covered 100% by the Council of Europe, given the strict observance of the rules for travel reimbursement and presentation of all relevant invoices. Only the participants who attend the entire study session may be reimbursed. Participants attending less than 90% of the total duration of the session will not be reimbursed. The payment will be made on spot at the end the study session or by bank transfer after the study session in Euros.

IMPORTANT! Please do not arrange your travel and do not buy any tickets until you get the official confirmation from organisers of the study session that you have been selected for attendance and given further instructions for travel arrangements!!!.

Accommodation and accessibility

Board and lodging will be provided and paid for by the Council of Europe at the European Youth Centre in Budapest.

The European Youth Centre Budapest aims to secure full accessibility and the best possible support to all selected participants to enable them to fully participate in the meeting.

Please provide in the application form clear and detailed information regarding your needs so the organisers can secure accessibility of the activity for you!!!