

Invitation

Conference:

Intercultural Dialogue - Challenge for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education

Vienna (Austria), 14-16 November 2008



Why this conference?

This European conference aims at providing a forum for practitioners in formal and non-formal education, academia and activists, political scientists, educators in HRE/EDC, and policy makers from various levels. It aims to contribute to the development of coherent European framework policies in HRE/EDC in order to improve the access to information and sufficient resources for relevant NGOs. The conference offers not only networking opportunities, but focuses on hands-on training and an exchange of best practices.

The findings and results developed during the conference will be published and used for the preparation of a hearing on EDC/HRE in the European Parliament in 2009. The conference will serve to provide input and networking opportunities on three different levels (see programme overview on pp. 2/3):

Presentations and workshops on intercultural didactics: Education for Democratic Citizenship (EDC) and Human Rights Education (HRE) in a globalised world

Interactive trainings on: anti-discrimination; viable argumentation against prejudices and xenophobia; gender-based discrimination; defining and assessing intercultural competences; Web 2.0 tools for intercultural learning and EDC/HRE, etc.

Discussion groups with practitioners, researchers, and policy makers ranging from the local to the European level:

- 1) **Developing a coherent policy framework for EDC/HRE in adult learning,**
- 2) **Inter-culturalisation: Practices, concepts and strategies for the integration of migrants and other minority representatives in the work of EDC/HRE NGOs**

The programme will begin on Friday, 14 November 2008 after lunch and finish on Sunday, 16 November 2008 at around noon in the Hilton Danube Hotel in Vienna. The conference language is English, but one workshop each will be held in German and French. Travel costs will be reimbursed up to the limit of 300 €. Board and lodging costs are covered for the duration of the conference. (See financial details in the registration form.)

Please check www.dare-network.eu for regular updates on the programme.

For more information, please contact the conference office.

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DARE - Democracy and Human Rights Education in Adult Learning

polis - Centre for Citizenship Education in Schools

bmukk - Austrian Federal Ministry for Education, the Arts and Culture

The conference is held in cooperation with the Council of Europe - Division for Citizenship and Human Rights Education, Directorate General IV.

Programme Overview (subject to changes)

Conference:

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Conference venue:

Hilton Danube Vienna, Handelskai 269, A-1020 Vienna, Austria

<http://www.hilton.de/wiendanube>, http://www1.hilton.com/en_US/hi/hotel/VIEHAHI-Hilton-Vienna-Danube/index.do

Directions to the hotel will be sent to all participants in due time.

Friday Nov. 14

Until 12.00: arrival, check-in and registration, practical details

12.00–13.30: finger-food buffet, organisation fair and open space

13.30–15.00

Opening of the conference:

Keynote speeches:

Olöf Olofsdottir (Head of Division for Citizenship and Human Rights Education, DG IV, Council of Europe)

Claudia Schmied (Austrian Federal Minister for Education, Arts and Culture)

Daniela Kolarova (Chair of DARE)

Introduction of participants

Moderation: Susanne Ulrich (CAP, Center for Applied Policy Research, Munich)

15.30–18.30

BLOCK A

Workshop: Teaching complex issues like the EU and globalisation in adult learning
(Ted Huddleston, Citizenship Foundation UK, Ragnar Müller, Pharos e.V. Germany, both DARE)

Workshop: Children's rights in school (in German language!)
(Wiltrud Weidinger, International Projects in Education / Zürich University of Teacher Education)

Workshop: EDC/HRE: key concepts, EDC pack and T-kits
(Rolf Gollob, International Projects in Education / Zürich University of Teacher Education)

BLOCK B

Workshop: Reshaping Intercultural Learning
(Gavan Titley, National University of Ireland)

Workshop: Intercultural competences in adult education: assessment criteria and models
(Bettina Strewe, InterkultOst Potsdam / Freie Universität Berlin)

Workshop: Web.2.0, social software, intercultural communication and EDC/HRE
(Wolfgang Schumann, University of Tübingen).

Workshop: Working against homo-/transphobia without giving in to racist stereotypes
(Koray Yilmaz-Günay, Mobile Counseling against Right-Wing Extremism, Germany)

Workshop: Strategies and tools challenging gender-based discrimination in adult education
(Stephanie Nordt / Thomas Kugler, Gender Zentrum, Germany)

Saturday Nov. 15, morning sessions (3 hours)

BLOCK B:

Intercultural Norms of “normal vs. handicapped”, educational and professional integration concepts
(Magda Szarota, ONE.PL, Poland)

Saturday Nov. 15, Full Day Sessions (6 hours)

Workshop: Arguing against racist prejudices and xenophobia

(Koray Yilmaz-Günay, Counseling against Right-Wing Extremism, Germany)

Workshop: Betzavta (“togetherness”) training based on an innovative conflict-based educational concept

(Gabriele Wiemeyer, GSI Bad Bevensen)

Workshop: A taste of Theatre of the Oppressed methodologies

(Laura de Witte, France/Portugal)

BLOCK C:

Discussion group 1:

Developing a coherent policy framework for EDC/HRE in Europe.

Researchers meet practitioners meet policy makers from the European to the local level

(moderators: Frank Elbers, HREA, Georg Pirker, AdB, both DARE)

Participants: Olöf Olöfsdottir (COE DG IV), Doris Pack (MEP), Martin Eaton, Bettina Strewe,

Ted Huddleston (Citizenship Foundation), Soren Ehlers (Danish Paedagogisk University),

Michal Bron (Soderthorn College), Eva Sobotka (FRA)

Discussion group 2:

Intercultural challenges of NGOs active in EDC/HRE. Practices, concepts and strategies for the integration of migrants and other minority representatives in the work of EDC/HRE-NGOs.

(moderators: Tanveer Parneez/BEMIS Scotland, Michael Raphael, freelance trainer and consultant, former manager of “all different – all equal”, the European Youth Campaign for Diversity, Human Rights and Participation (2006-2007))

Participants: Bashy Quraishy (ENAR), Michaelis Kakos (University of Birmingham),

Christal Morehouse (Bertelsmann Foundation), Gavan Titley (University of Maynooth)

20:00 Dinner in the city centre

Sunday Nov. 16,

Closing session:

Recommendations from the discussion groups

Questions arising from the Workshops

Keynote Speeches:

Bashy Quraishy (ENAR), Alexander Pollak (European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights/FRA, tbc)

The role of DARE as a network in EDC/HRE