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EuroMed Training Course on Intercultural Dialogue around Gender and Lifestyles

Bologna, 21-29 October 2008

Deadline for applications: 15th SEPTEMBER 2008

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Aims of the course

The main aim of the current Training Course is to develop competences of youth leaders and educators working with young adults in the Euro-Mediterranean area to widen the perspectives to promote gender equality mainstreaming. With this Training Course the organizers would like to contribute their efforts into the European year on Intercultural Dialogue.

Objectives

- Become aware of the relationship between gender and identities
- Develop critical and intercultural approaches to mainstream messages spread by culture, religion and society related to masculinity and femininity; bodies, fashion and lifestyles
- Discuss what we can do to prevent gender-based discrimination and violence (considered as violence against women, men, transgender people and gender non-conforming people)
- Learn and create activities to promote gender awareness and gender equality mainstreaming by non formal education, intercultural dialogue, non-violence and arts.
- Promote concrete actions to involve young adults in active participation on issues involving gender, gender variance and sexual identity
- Give the opportunity to build dialogue and create partnerships between human rights organizations promoting intercultural and inter-religious dialogue and LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer) organizations and activists in the Euro-Mediterranean area
- Develop networks, partnerships and quality value-based projects with the support of the YOUTH IN ACTION Programme

Methodology

The course is designed to create the space where participants experience and reflect upon activities and concepts central to gender equality mainstreaming and human rights education based on experiential learning approaches.

The course is also designed as a space for mutual learning, especially regarding sexual rights and gender issues, across the Mediterranean Area in a dialogical intercultural approach and environment.

The previous experience of participants, in the formal and non formal sectors, will be the starting point of the programme, of the learning process and of the development of follow up quality value-based projects.

The training course will be fully developed and presented in English.

Profile of the participants

The Training Course is designed for youth leaders, educators and multipliers working with young adults in the Euro-Mediterranean Area:

- Between 20 and 30 years old (exceptions could be done in specific cases)
- Coming from the Euro-Mediterranean area: Morocco, Israel, Lebanon, Syria, Spain, Italy, Greece, United Kingdom, Netherlands, Lithuania and Estonia (interested applicants from other countries, please contact the organisers)
- Motivated to contribute to the work of the training course and to develop or undertake future activities in the areas of gender equality mainstreaming
- Ready to act as multipliers and to prepare requested material by the training team
- Have some experience in leading educational activities with young people
- Active within and supported by an organisation or project active in the field of youth, social inclusion and/or gender equality mainstreaming
- Able to communicate and work in English
- Available to attend the full duration of the training course

Team of trainers

The programme of the course is designed and conducted by a multicultural team of experienced and/or creative trainers working on gender issues; peace building in conflict areas; intercultural, interfaith dialogue; with arts as a tool for social change.

They are from the EuroMed Program and/or have extensive international activism experience. They will be complemented by resource experts for specific parts of the course.

Hosting Organisations

Cassero Gay Lesbian Center

Comitato Provinciale Arcigay // Cassero is the local branch of *Arcigay – Italian Lesbian and Gay Association*. Cassero is one of the key associations involved in gender and sexual orientation identities issues in Italy. It represents a meeting place for a big part of the LGBTQ community in Bologna and organizes many different activities: art festival on homosexuality and gender identity, lectures on various sexual orientation-related subjects, well-being and health-care support by LGB help-line, non formal education workshops, youth group, informal groups activities, educational support to teachers and students and seminars and workshops on diversity, sexual orientation and respect in schools. Cassero has been active in the field of non formal education and young adults empowerment since 2005.

Take that Gender! EuroMed Training Course on Intercultural Dialogue around Gender and Lifestyles will take place during the 6th edition of Gender Bender Festival, an international Festival dedicated to introducing the Italian public to the new imagery related to gender identity, sexual orientation and body representation stemming from contemporary culture.

Gender Bender offers a series of events ranging from film showings, to theatrical and dance production, visual arts exhibitions, installations, round tables and conferences, live concerts and performances by musicians and DJs, and various other events. This annual festival takes place in Bologna, Italy, since 2003. It is co-produced by Il Cassero, gay lesbian center, in collaboration with the GAM/Modern Art Gallery of Bologna, the Bologna Film Library, and the Music and Drama Department of Bologna University.

Deadline and Application procedure

All candidates must apply using the enclosed application form.

Applications should be sent not later than **Monday the 15th SEPTEMBER 2008!**

by e-mail to BOTH electronic addresses:

takethatgender@gmail.com AND gruppgiovanicassero@gmail.com

The selection of participants will be done by the training team, trying as much as possible to secure the balance of gender, geographical, cultural backgrounds, organisations and experience. In the selection procedure, experience in the field of intercultural and inter-religious dialogue and/or in gender issues, follow up, development and motivation will be specially taken into account. Maximum number of participants is 24.

Participants are expected to have high degree of tolerance, respect, empathy and readiness to strong intercultural and inter-gender learning experience.

Candidates will be informed about whether their application has been accepted or rejected, or if they have been put on the waiting list on by Saturday 20th September 2008.

The accepted candidates will receive the course documentation and further technical and educational information directly from the organisers.

!!Do not book your travel until your participation has been confirmed!!.

Financial and practical conditions of participation

Travel expenses

The 70 % of travel expenses are reimbursed (on presentation of the relevant receipts).

Participants must choose the cheapest travel option.

Environmentally-friendly travels are highly encouraged.

The organisation only reimburses public transport costs.

Only the participants who attend the entire training course can be reimbursed.

Participants are expected to arrive on Tuesday 21st October and depart on Wednesday 29th October 2008.

Accommodation

Board and lodging as well as all the materials provided for the course and any activity taking place during the duration of the course will be paid for by the Take That Gender! project.

Enrolment fee

An enrolment fee of 45 € for participants from Estonia, Lithuania, Netherlands, United Kingdom, Greece, Italy, Spain, and 35 € for participants from Syria, Lebanon, Morocco, Israel is payable by each participant and will be deducted from the amount reimbursed for travel.

Information

If you need further information, contact us at takethatgender@gmail.com

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