



## CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

# “Enhancing work on Children Rights: Promoting Child Participation” *(Child ParticipAction II)*

## Training Course

**31<sup>st</sup> August – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2009**  
Sant Joan de les Abadesses (Catalonia, Spain)

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

**26<sup>th</sup> May 2009**



Esplais Catalans – Esplac in partnership with FIEEA, IFM-SEI and national youth organisations working with children, teenagers and youth is glad to introduce you the Training Course “**Enhancing work on Children Rights: Promoting Child Participation**”.

### **WHY TO ENGAGE IN THIS COURSE?**

The Training Course “**Enhancing work on Children Rights: Promoting Child Participation**” is an opportunity for educators and youth leaders working with children, teenagers and youth to develop methodological competences in the implementation of activities dealing with Human Rights Education with children, as a step towards an effective promotion of their participation in society.

During the course methods to raise awareness and promote Human Rights Education and Child Participation will be developed, including methodologies such as experiential learning and theatre of the oppressed.

Moreover, the event will contribute to establish a lasting partnership with other organisations that work with young people and children around Europe, providing space for project planning among the organisations involved in the course.

Above all, this Training Course is just for YOU, to self-develop new competences as educator, to better address new interests for your *esplai, circolo, centre*, etc., and to promote education for diversity within your organisation through creating spaces where Children can share experiences with peers from other European countries.

### **THE PROGRAMME**

The Course is designed as an open space of mutual learning, based on non formal education methodologies. It will be implemented with the support of a Team composed by trainers from the Youth Directorate of the Council of Europe, the European Youth Forum and Children Rights activists, as well as voluntary members of the International Commission of Esplac. In total, a group of 6 Team members committed to the course success.

The course is divided into four main blocks:

- Human Rights Education and its link with Child and Youth Participation
- Theatre of the Oppressed techniques as a tool to promote Human Rights Education and Child Participation
- Educational action in the local context with children, based on the experience sharing among educators
- Planning future projects and cooperation among partner organisations

### **PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS AND SELECTION PROCEDURE**

The course is open to 25 participants from organisations located in **Austria, Bulgaria, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Portugal, Spain and United Kingdom**.

Participants attending the course should already be experienced in non-formal education, actively involved in the youth field and willing to develop international partnership. It is not necessary to have previous experience on the issues addressed in the course, but we request an open approach, readiness for an intercultural learning experience and interest in developing strategies and projects on Children Rights and Participation. That's why selected participants will have to fill in a brief questionnaire to be sent before the course. Information compiled from the questionnaires will be used by the Preparatory Team to prepare specific sessions of the course.

**The training course will be carried out in English language!!!** Therefore all participants should be able to fully participate in English! Bear in mind that nobody will be native speaker, so be confident with your competences and ready to develop your communication skills!

Please, find attached the **application form and send it to Esplac in the indicated deadline**. Participants will be selected by the Team of Trainers under the recommendations of partner organisations. The main principles for the selection will be: motivation of participants, involvement in their organisations, willingness to develop concrete follow up after the course and diversity, geographical and gender balance.

## **FINANCIAL AND PRACTICAL CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION**

### **• Travel expenses**

The 70 % of travel expenses will be reimbursed on presentation of the relevant receipts. Only participants attending to the whole duration of the training course can be reimbursed. The payment will be made at the end of the course in cash (in Euros). There are some maximum travel costs foreseen in the budget, so, before buying tickets all participants must consult the organisers.

### **• Accommodation**

Board and lodging will be provided and paid by the Organisers of the Training Course. Participants will be accommodated in rooms of four/five people. The venue of the course will be at [Ruta del Ferro Youth Hostel](#), located in the Catalan Pyrenees village of Sant Joan de les Abadesses.

### **• Enrolment fee**

There will be an enrolment fee of **60 €** for participants coming from **Austria, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Spain and United Kingdom**, and **30 €** for participants **coming from Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania**. Fees will be deducted from travel reimbursement.

**NOTE!!** Applications should be sent to the e-mail: [internacional@esplac.cat](mailto:internacional@esplac.cat)

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Selected participants will receive more detailed information about the course.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Do not hesitate to contact Marc Garcia Cebrian, International Cooperation Officer of Esplac and Coordinator of the Training Course by e-mail [internacional@esplac.cat](mailto:internacional@esplac.cat) or telephone +34 933 026 103 for further clarifications.

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