



A Training Course on InterCultural Learning

TRAINING COURSE **CUT THE ICE**

A LEARNING OPPORTUNITY FOR
YOUTH WORKERS TO IMPROVE
KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS RELATED TO
INTERCULTURAL LEARNING AND
CITIZENSHIP WITHIN THE EUROPEAN
CONTEXT.

THE NETHERLANDS - 15TH-20TH OF NOVEMBER 2009

CUT THE ICE is the title of the training course with specific focus on intercultural learning and citizenship. The first CUT THE ICE took place in Netherlands, during spring 2007, the second in Belgium – October 2008. During 5 days, an international group of youth workers will focus on using intercultural learning methods to discover and understand the concepts of cultural diversity and citizenship (with focus on European citizenship). The training is based on methods and approaches framing within the non-formal education field. There will be given a special attention to the transferability of the used exercises, methods and debriefings towards their future projects.

During the training, several **METHODS** are used which involve participants in an active way. Participants will be challenged, not only on their intercultural awareness, but also on their active participation and on their personal self-assessment and ability for groupwork. An **open, tolerant and respectful attitude** will be requested from participants. Groups work, discussions, statement exercise, lectures, LSD, simulation exercise, individual and groups reflections, role play exercise, self-assessment model, Youthpass, interactive workshops and participative presentations, exercises, etc.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

By the end of the training course, participants have:

- ≈ ... experienced, analysed and reflected on **intercultural learning** methods and their **transferability** towards their future projects.
- ≈ ... had the chance to identify and reflect upon the most common made **misunderstandings, mistakes and conflicts** related to culture in international projects.
- ≈ ... received information and practical examples how to use the **YiA programme as a tool** in their strategic work-planning.
- ≈ ... have discussed and reflected on the **European dimension and citizenship** concepts. Concrete methods how to approach this topic with young people have been explored by the participants, with a particular focus on **participative methods** for young people.
- ≈ ... understood the significance and possible outcomes of **non-formal learning** approaches.

HOW TO APPLY?

Please fill in the application form and send this **14th of October 2009 at latest** to your National Youth Agency

Your National Agency will make a pre-selection. National Agencies are kindly requested to send their pre-selection to m.unger@nji.nl **19th of October at latest**. The final selection will be communicated on the **20th of October**.



CUT THE ICE is **FACILITATED** by

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Trainer profiles can be consulted on TOY (www.salto-youth.net)

COSTS

Board, lodging and programme costs will be provided and paid for by the Dutch National Agency of Youth in Action.

The travel costs will be paid by the National Agency of Youth in Action in your country (in case they will support your participation).

In some cases National Agencies ask for a participant contribution. Check your National Agency.

PROFILE

This training course is open for all youth workers interested in using intercultural learning as a method in their projects and daily work. The participants should have a clear intention in organising future actions within the YiA programme. Participants should **be able and willing** to work in English language.

**We look forward to meet you on this Training Course
... be ready to be challenged!**