



# impACT!on - Youth in Action

A training course for young people to promote active European citizenship through youth work projects

2 - 8 May 2010

*De Glind - the Netherlands*

<p><b>BACKGROUND</b></p>	<p>Due to the constant political, social, economic and cultural developments in Europe the role of active citizenship is often questioned. Discussions and debates are held not only among scholars, researchers and politicians but also among young people and those active in youth work and youth organisations. The developing nature and complexity of the concept of citizenship as such leads to diverse ways of understanding, interpreting and practicing the citizenship.</p> <p>The Youth in Action programme is one of the opportunities where young people can experience this complexity through active participation in youth projects at local, national and European level. Promotion of young people's active citizenship in general and their European citizenship in particular is a key priority in this programme.</p> <p>The "<b>impACT!on – Youth in Action</b>" Training Course - which has been implemented three times since 2006 - can give young people knowledge, skills and understanding about active citizenship and its development and place in European society. It also raises awareness among young people that there are already good practices of active citizenship to be found in their own experience. The <i>Youthpass</i> will be integrated in the programme and used by the participants as an instrument to accompany their learning. Last but not least the course will help to start designing projects on active citizenship in the YOUTH in Action programme.</p>
<p><b>AIM OF THE TRAINING COURSE</b></p>	<p>To develop participants' competencies to manage concrete youth work activities on active (European) citizenship in the framework of the Youth in Action Programme.</p>

<b>OBJECTIVES OF THE TRAINING COURSE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To explore concepts of active citizenship, its European dimension and ways to put it into practice.</li> <li>• To reflect on the impact of participants' experience in international youth work.</li> <li>• To develop competences in project management.</li> <li>• To explain the framework of the Youth in Action programme.</li> <li>• To give space for networking and initiating project ideas on active citizenship.</li> </ul>
<b>METHODS</b>	Group work, discussion, workshops, exercises, exchange of experiences, simulation games, presentations, field visits.
<b>WORKING LANGUAGE</b>	English
<b>NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS</b>	25 participants of Youth in Action Programme countries
<b>PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young people with some experience in international youth work</li> <li>• Willing to create projects in Youth in Action programme</li> <li>• 18-30 years old</li> <li>• Able to work in English</li> <li>• Having support structure (organisation, network, youth group etc.)</li> <li>• Having some concrete idea(s) for future projects</li> <li>• Committed to work with young people on active citizenship</li> </ul>
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<b>DATE AND VENUE</b>	Arrival on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> of May - departure on the 8 <sup>th</sup> of May 2010 De Glind, the Netherlands
<b>COSTS</b>	Programme costs and costs for board and lodging will be paid by the Dutch National Agency of the Youth in Action Programme. Travel costs of participants are to be paid by their sending National Agencies.
<b>APPLICATION PROCEDURE</b>	Candidates from Programme countries should fill in the application form and send it to the National Agency of the Youth in Action Programme in their own country, by the <b>15<sup>th</sup> of March 2010</b> at the latest.