



CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

for the international Training Course

“Young people in divided communities!” - Exploring issues and strategies for young people and youth organisations working in divided communities

- Struga, Macedonia: 7th to 14th of September 2010 -

Short Description

Nowadays there are a big number of societies around Europe that are strongly divided/segregated on the basis of people's different backgrounds. Youth organizations and youth workers from such countries meet great challenges in addressing the issues arising from these conditions, and in establishing relations and trust between young people. This project will gather together youth and social workers who face these issues in their countries or who are interested in developing knowledge about this subject. The learning process is intended to develop both skills and knowledge for developmental work in this field.

Main Theme

Exploring the role of youth/social workers in divided/segregated communities which are divided by ethnicity, religion and/or language etc.

Objectives

- To explore and understand the effects of divided communities on young people
- To explore the role of young people in breaking down barriers and institutionally established divisions
- To compare experiences of youth organisations from different divided communities from across Europe
- To increase capacities of local organisations to work in divided communities through the sharing of grass root methods, approaches and campaigns in tackling segregation
- To directly develop participants' skills and competences that they need in order to work with the target groups in their local communities



- To develop strategies for youth organisations from different divided communities to cooperate and work together

Profile of participants

Youth and social workers (employed and/or volunteers). Priority will be given to youth and social workers from organizations working with young people located in divided communities. It is not necessary for organisations to be active in work against segregation and division. There is no age limit.

Eligible countries

- Austria
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- France

- Kosovo
- Macedonia
- Serbia
- Slovenia
- Turkey
- United Kingdom

Practical Aspects

Dates: 7th to 14th of September 2010

Venue: The training course will take place in Struga, Macedonia. There will be accommodation and meals provided in the training center of the Red Cross in Struga, in double and triple rooms. The sessions will be organized in the same place.

Financial conditions: The project covers accommodation, food, materials and 70% of participants' travel costs, based on the cheapest means of traveling. Travel reimbursement will be done by bank transfer after the project is finished.

Participation fee: The participants are asked to contribute by paying participation fee of 15 euro.



Supporters

This project is financially supported by the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe and the Central European Initiative. More information about their work is available at:

European Youth Foundation: <http://www.yef.coe.int/fej/>

Central European Initiative: <http://www.ceinet.org/>

Team of trainers and organizers

This project is organized by the Youth Association creACTIVE. More information about the work of creACTIVE is available at www.cre-act-ive.org. **Dragan Markoski** will be responsible for overall implementation of the project.

The activity program will be implemented by a team of trainers experienced in non-formal education. The team is consisted of the following trainers:

Nik Paddison from the United Kingdom. Trainer profile: <http://www.salto-youth.net/tools/toy/find-a-trainer/95.html?oldEngineRedirect=true>

Oscar Konja from Serbia. Trainer profile: <http://www.salto-youth.net/tools/toy/find-a-trainer/1169.html?oldEngineRedirect=true>

Dragan Atanasov from Macedonia. Trainer profile: <http://www.salto-youth.net/tools/toy/find-a-trainer/1280.html?oldEngineRedirect=true>

How to apply?

You can apply by filling in the attached Application Form and sending it to contact@cre-act-ive.org. Deadline for receiving application forms is **10th of July 2010**. You will be informed about the results on the 17th of July 2010. Then you will be also provided with Info-pack and activity program of the project.

For any questions you might have please feel free to contact us at contact@cre-act-ive.org or by phone at: +389 2 3220 994.