



Education and Culture DG

'Youth in Action' Programme



AHEAD for CONVIVÈNCIA

Developing dialogue between Rroma and Non-Rroma Young People

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(arrival and departure dates)

Coma-ruga
Catalonia

In brief

Recent years have seen the increase of populist and far right movements that propose “easy” solutions in crisis times by using scape goats. Roma communities around Europe are, once more, used as culprits.

This message seems to be taking root as well among other political parties, media and society in general.

In order to create spaces of encounter to combat mistrust among Roma and Non-Roma communities around Europe, Ahead in co-operation with partners from other five European countries launch its first initiative to bridge dialogue gaps between youth leaders and educators from both communities.

The current educational proposal is supported by the Youth in Action Programme of the European Commission.

Aims of the course

The main aim of the residential training course “Ahead for Convivència” is to support the development of youth activities combating mistrust and social exclusion with a local-national-European impact.

The course focuses on developing competences in organising youth activities bringing together Roma and non Roma communities working for social cohesion.

The six days long residential training course will bring together a balanced group of 12 Roma and non-Roma youth leaders and educators from youth organisations.

Above all, the course is the opportunity to meet diversity in all its meanings, to address human rights issues and the opportunity to build intercultural dialogue among youth organisations and civil society in Europe.

Methodology

The course is designed to create the space were participants experience and reflect upon activities and concepts central to human rights education based on experiential learning approaches. Reflection and meta-reflection on the methodological aspects will be specially addressed as main aim of this specific training course.

The course is also designed as a space for mutual learning, where participants exchange their approaches to training and share best practices in a dialogical intercultural approach and environment.

The training course will be fully implemented in English.

Profile of the participants

The Training Course is designed for youth leaders, educators and multipliers working with young people from both Roma and non-Roma communities, or wishing to do so.

They should be ready to act as multipliers and are requested to be able to fully participate in English language.

Participants will be ranging from 20 to 35 years old though exceptions could be done in specific cases.

Candidates from Spain, Italy, France, Bulgaria and Hungary are welcomed to apply. Interested applicants from other countries, please contact the organisers.

In the selection procedure, experience in the field, follow up development and motivation will be specially taken into account.

Participants are expected to have high degree of tolerance, respect, empathy and readiness for a meaningful intercultural learning experience.

Team of trainers

The programme of the course is designed and conducted by a multicultural team, including Rroma and non-Rroma, experienced trainers from the Youth Directorate of the Council of Europe. They will be complemented by resource experts for specific parts of the course.

Hosting Organisations

Association of Educators in Human Rights (AHEAD)

The Association of Educators in Human Rights (AHEAD) is a non-profit, non-political and non-governmental Training Organization.

It organises trainings and provides training and consultancy to non-governmental organisations and educational institutions working with young people.

The mission of the Association is to promote human rights education (HRE) as a requisite to strengthen the commitment towards a culture of peace, democracy and solidarity.

The objectives of the association are:

- To consolidate HRE as the framework for raising awareness and educating for citizenship and participation, development, for peace, for sustainability, the work of gender and emotional diversity, and intercultural learning;
- To promote the exchange of experiences, networking and the definition of public policies that incorporate transversally HRE;
- To implement social inclusion projects of solidarity and cooperation for development both locally and globally.

Deadline and Application procedure

All candidates must apply using the enclosed application form. Applications should be sent to ahead@trajectory.ee not later than **Sunday the 26th September 2010**.

The preparatory team will select 12 participants on the basis of the profile outlined above and ensuring a balanced group (gender, geographical regions, different types of experiences, cultural backgrounds and organisations). A waiting list may be established.

All candidates will be informed about whether their application has been accepted or rejected, and if they have put on the waiting list, by the end of September.

Selected 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 by AHEAD!!

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. The Commission solely reimburses public transport costs. Only the participants who attend the entire training course can be reimbursed.

Participants are expected to arrive on Saturday the 30th October evening. The departure will be on Saturday the 6th November 2010 morning.

Accommodation

Board and lodging for the duration of the Training Course will be provided and fully paid for by the Organisers.

Enrolment fee

An enrolment fee of 35 € for participants coming from **Spain, Italy and France** and 15€ for participants from **Hungary and Bulgaria** countries is payable by each participant. This amount will be deducted from the amount to be reimbursed for travel expenses or paid at the beginning of the TC.

Information

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