

Listening to the Youngsters

Training course

24-29 April 2012 | Braga, Portugal

Seminar on Structured Dialogue and the participation of Young People in decision-making processes at local level.

Structured Dialogue (SD) has been understood as a tool to ensure that youth policies meet the needs and expectations of young people. It aims to promote dialogue between public authorities and young people/youth organizations in decision making processes related with policies that directly affect the younger generation. Although there are other instruments and strategies to promote youth participation in decision making processes, SD has been the most mainstreamed and recognized. We can consider that SD has been quite developed and consolidated at European level (and even nationally) but the reality at local level is different. There is still a need to promote awareness, to empower young people and local authorities, to develop innovative and creative ways to promote dialogue, in order to make it work in our closest reality.

The overall aim of this TC is to build awareness and empower participants to promote the involvement of young people in SD and decision making processes in the definition of local youth policies.

During 4 working days 25 participants from YiA Programme Countries will be invited to meet in Braga in order to get to know each other, exchange good practices, develop an understanding about the involvement of young people in SD and decision making processes at local level, to learn about quality aspects of the actions 1.3 and 5.1 of the Youth in Action Programme and to create synergies for future partnerships.

The pedagogical team is composed by very experienced trainers in the field of youth participation in decision making processes. During our stay in Braga there will be a parallel meeting, in the same topic, of representatives of municipalities from Braga district. There will be joint sessions with the civil servants participating in the meeting and we'll have the chance to share knowledge and good practices.

Objectives

- To map the challenges of youth participation in decision making processes at local level;
- To identify and reflect on the core principles of SD and decision making processes at local level;
- To share existing strategies and practices and to create new approaches to foster youth participation on SD;
- To stimulate the development of synergies on SD among the different organizations and institutions;
- To get acquainted with actions 1.3 and 5.1 of the Youth in Action Programme, as instruments to foster quality projects on SD.

Participants profile

This Training course is for 25 participants from YOUTH IN ACTION PROGRAMME COUNTRIES

and recommended for Youth workers, Trainers, Youth leaders, Project managers, Youth Policy Makers

- that have experience or interest in developing partnerships between young people/youth organizations and local authorities;

- that have implemented or would like to develop projects under actions 1.3 and/or 5.1 of Youth in Action Programme.

Working language(s):

English

Organizer:

Portuguese National Agency (National Agency)

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Costs

This project is financed by the Youth in Action Programme. Being selected for this course, all costs (board & lodging and facilitation, etc.) relevant to participation in the course will be covered by the NAs involved in this project - except a participation fee which varies from call to call and country to country. Please contact your NA to learn more about the financial details, and how to arrange the booking of your travel tickets and the reimbursement of your travel expenses.