



Education and Culture DG

'Youth in Action' Programme



Entrepreneurship for Social Change

Developing Learning Competences for Entrepreneurship for Social Change

From 13th to 21st October 2012
(arrival and departure dates)

Coma-ruga (Tarragona)
Catalonia

In brief

Often regarded as a merely individual process, learning have a direct impact on social and civic spheres, supporting therefore, community development.

Through outdoor experiential learning methodology, the course will develop competences enabling participants to plan, organise, implement and assess strategies leading to the development of personal and community Learning Competences on Social Entrepreneurship.

The Course

The residential training course will bring together nineteen participants from six European countries to develop competences on self and community learning fostering new sources and approaches for creative employment and social entrepreneurship.

The course will use a combination of non formal education methodological approaches (including experiential learning and outdoor experiential learning) and the experiences and support of practitioners in self-employment and social entrepreneurship.

Through developing key competences such as learning to learn, social and civic competences and sense of initiative and entrepreneurship, the project will foster social cohesion, creativity and spirit of entrepreneurship, specially targeting the inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities.

The Learning

Throughout the course we will discover the potential of social entrepreneurship to improve and transform social, environmental, educational and economic conditions,

Outdoor experiential learning methodology will enable us to develop a set of learning competences basic to engage in social entrepreneurship. Notice that if you do not like forest or to hike in the nature better do not apply to this course.

During the programme, we will share and explore new business models to offer creative solutions to complex and persistent social problems, and we will learn how the Youth in Action and other European programmes may help our organisations to establish lasting partnership co-operation.

Profile of the participants

The Training Course is designed for a diverse group of 19 young people directly working with young people with fewer opportunities such as young people from rural areas, unemployed youth, young people from linguistic and ethnic minorities,... Partner countries for this course are Bulgaria, Spain, Portugal, Estonia, Lithuania, and Romania.

Previous experience on the Youth in Action programme is not a must. Participants should be ready for an intercultural experience and interested in developing strategies supporting learning development aiming at fostering civic and human rights. Attending participants should be willing to become agents of change in their organisations and communities.

Participants will be selected by the preparatory team according to their Application form (here attached). The selection will ensure to have a group with organisational and geographical diversity and gender balance.

Team of trainers

The programme of the course is designed and conducted by a multicultural team of experienced trainers from the Youth Directorate of the Council of Europe. They may 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 not later than **11th September 2012!** by E-mail to the electronic address outdoor@trajectory.ee

The preparatory team will select the 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.

By middle September all candidates will be informed about whether their application has been accepted or rejected, and if they have put on the waiting list.

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 organisers!!.

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 organisation only reimburses public transport costs. Only the participants who attend the entire training course can be reimbursed.

Participants are expected to arrive the 13th October evening and departure will be on Sunday the 21st October 2012 after breakfast.

Accommodation

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

Enrolment fee

An enrolment fee of 35€ 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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