Dear partners and friends,

The training course: **"Quality intercultural learning/dialogue youth work"** will be held in Novi Sad, Serbia in April/May 2014. We hereby kindly ask you to recruit participants from your organizations that will be able to participate at the training course and give back their knowledge and skills in the topics of the training course.

The training course will take place in **Serbia** (Novi Sad) from **20th October** (arrival in the afternoon)to **28th October** (departure in the morning after the breakfast) **2014**.

# *About the training course*

This 8 days long training course “Quality intercultural learning/dialogue youth work” will be organised in the youth hostel in Novi Sad, from 20th till 28th October 2014. Project will gather 32 participants, trainers and staff from 12 organisations/countries (Germany, Serbia, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Croatia, FYR Macedonia, Turkey, Slovenia, Italy, Romania and Bulgaria).

Project targets youth workers willing to take the lead of organising quality intercultural dialogue in our projects and communities and willing to improve intercultural learning/dialogue in their activities.

Themes of the project are: Youth work, Intercultural dialogue, Acceptance of diversity, Intercultural learning, criteria and indicators of quality ICL projects, Grant application writing, Erasmus+ Programme and new project ideas.

Objectives:

* + Sharing experience, realities and activities regarding intercultural diversity in our communities/countries
	+ Exploring concepts of intercultural learning, dialogue and acceptance
	+ Mapping cultural diversity related issues in our local youth work, but also in our European youth work and within Erasmus+ YiA projects
	+ Promoting intercultural dialogue as instrument in acquiring the knowledge and aptitudes for dealing with a more open and more complex environment
	+ Discussing criteria and indicators of quality ICL / intercultural dialogue activities
	+ Analysing different levels of quality and criteria - influence of (quality) intercultural learning/dialogue projects on personal, organisational and communities’ level
	+ Developing recommendations for quality criteria and indicators for quality intercultural learning/dialogue projects that are further influencing personal competences development, possible behavioural changes and changes in local communities
	+ Further developing participants' competences in defining, planning and coordinating quality youth work projects which contribute to intercultural dialogue and acceptance of diversity in communities
	+ Introducing the Erasmus+ programme and developing new projects and future European level cooperation among participating organizations with the topic of intercultural dialogue and acceptance

The training course is based on the approach and principles of non-formal education and will use a lot of insights from the SALTO booklets, EU policy documents and T-kits of the Partnership programme of EU and CoE. The course is designed as an open learning process based on participants’ experience and exchange. A combination of different creative, participatory and interactive methods will be used and designed upon the profile of participants.

The language of the training course will be **English.**

***The participants should fulfil the following criteria:***

* Age above 18
* Willing to get involved in youth work activities which will contribute to intercultural dialogue and acceptance of diversity in communities and in international projects
* Able to work in English
* Willing to share the new knowledge with the members of his/her organization once he/she gets back
* Able to attend the entire duration of the course

***Partner organizations:***

According to the project application there are 10 partner organizations involved in the project:

* Outreach Hannover, Germany (3 participants expected)
* Centre for civil society strengthening, Serbia (2 participants expected)
* Beyond Barriers, Albania (2 participants expected)
* NGO Youth Power, Bosnia and Herzegovina (2 participants expected)
* SOS telephone for women and children victims of violence – Podgorica, Montenegro (2 participants expected)
* Association “Realization”, Croatia (3 participants expected)
* Center for intercultural dialogue, FYR Macedonia (3 participants expected)
* Istanbul Kolektif Sanatlar Kultur Dernegi, Turkey (2 participants expected)
* Zavod NEFIKS, Slovenia (2 participants expected)
* Ferfiló Associazione Culturale, Italy (2 participants expected)
* Asociatia D.G.T., Romania (2 participants expected)
* AEGEE-Sofia, Bulgaria (2 participants expected)

***Travel and visa costs reimbursement***

Travel costs will be reimbursed only for the cheapest way of transport and preferably for the return tickets. You will be reimbursed with **at least of 70%** of your travel costs (for all the original tickets and ways of travel that are plane, bus, train or ferry, **NOT taxi** and **NOT car**). There is a possibility that you will be reimbursed in higher percentage but it depends on how much will other participants spend on their tickets.

Participants must keep all travel documents (tickets, travel agency invoices and boarding passes) as organizers are able to make any reimbursement only on the bases of presented documents!

The travel reimbursement will be done by bank transfers **after** you return home and send us the **ORIGINAL** boarding passes and tickets. When you are buying a ticket, ask for additional bill as well, if possible!

Please don’t buy your tickets before we approve them! When you will plan your trip and **BEFORE** buying your tickets, especially if your planned travel itineraries are different than **20th October – 28th October**, please inform us in advance, so we can approve your tickets and travel costs. Also, if you travel from elsewhere than your town and country, please, inform us, so we need to approve it as well. Thanks a lot in advance!

When planning your trip have in mind that there are some cheap flights to Belgrade airport, but you can also travel to Budapest airport as well, and from there take a minibus or train to Novi Sad.

We expect participants to arrive to the hostel in Novi Sad no later than 19:30 hrs on 20th October 2014, so please do plan your flights accordingly.

For additional information, please be free to contact organizers. Like that we will avoid some uncomfortable situations in advance.

***Participation fee:*  NONE!**

# All accommodation and food costs in the hostel are covered by the organisers.

# *Applications*

Please find the Application form attached. If you are interested to participate in the training course, please fill it in and send back by e-mail to us at centarzajacanjecivilnogdrustva@gmail.com till the **3rd September 2014**.

Selected participants will receive the detailed infosheet till 5th September 2014.

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