

Living together in Diversity, resolving conflicts, building an inclusive Europe

Training for multipliers from seven European countries

This training seminar addresses itself to youth leaders and other multipliers, who already have had experience in youth exchanges or are likely to gain such experience in the future.

It focuses on the connection of intercultural and international (youth-) work and the promotion of Active European Citizenship. By the cooperation of various partners from 6 different European countries and the involvement of minority-self-organisations and organisations working with migrants as target groups new network-structures will be created. Those structures will help effectively to facilitate young people of minority- or migration-background to participate more in international exchange and European youth politics.

Between those diverse organisations the intercultural dialog is to be promoted, as well as between organisations of the "old" and "new" EU-members.

First steps to the realization of common youth-exchange-projects, which focus on citizenship competencies and active participation in a lively democracy on European level should be made.

Theories of intercultural learning and practical methodology for international youth work will be discussed.

The training qualifies the participants to conduct complex intercultural processes and increase their intercultural competencies. Participants should develop sensitivity for the specifics of intercultural processes, for the role they play within this and for the challenges this kind of work demands of them personally.

Different games and exercises to understand the own and foreign cultural styles of perception and communication will be carried out and evaluated. Their suitability for Intercultural learning will be discussed. This way the participants fill up their personal box of methods. Participants will learn to choose methods, which fit their own idea of intercultural learning and perception in order to create a self-confident personal pedagogical style.

At the same time the multilateral composition of the group will offer participants the opportunity to meet potential partners, so that concrete projects can be planned. Time will be allocated for this. Practical know-how, for example on the rules and regulations surrounding E.U. project finance, will be made available.

Programme:

Thursday, 15.10.2015

afternoon Arrival of participants
18.00 Evening meal
evening Opening session: Welcome, organisational issues; followed by: Who-where-what? Exercises to arrive in the new group, place and programme

Friday, 16.10.2015

9.00 - 10.00 Handling new situations – what kind of experiences and resources do I bring along? Discussion in circle
10.00 - 12.30 "That is close to my heart!" Motivations and personal guiding principles in the field of intercultural exchange
14.00 - 17.00 Intercultural elements in Bad Bevensen? Field-work with city-bound-methods and presentation of results
17.00 - 18.00 Reflection on the own learning-process with the help of a personal learning diary
evening

Saturday, 17.10.2015

9.00 - 12.30 "Culture – that means to me...", position and movement-exercise and approach to the topic by the simulation-game "Casino", evaluation: 4 ways to handle cultural overlap-situations; followed by: Introduction to the aims, conceptions & learning levels of intercultural learning
15.00 - 18.00 Antidiscrimination-approaches in Europe, good practise example:
 (1) Designing peacebuilding & conflict-resolution programmes (PATRIR), Romania
evening Learning diary

Sunday, 18.10.2015

9.00 - 12.30 "I see what you don't see", exercises on mechanisms of perception; followed by:

"This is what I value..." exercise on values-priorities, evaluation: Is it possible to negotiate on values?

14.30 - 18.00 "Everything culture!?" Definitions of culture and dimensions of cultural differences
 "The 3 volunteers" – exercise on processes of inclusion and exclusion, discussion with transfer to the field of youth work with minorities
evening Learning diary

Monday, 19.10.2015

9.00 - 12.30 Antidiscrimination- approaches in Europe, Good Practise examples:
 (2) Minority Autonomy in Nagykanizsa and the Gandhi-School in Pécs, Hungary
 (3) Nevo Drom e.V., educational guidance for young Romanies in Hamburg, Germany
14.30 Preparation for the excursion and the international party in groups
evening International party

Tuesday, 20.10.2015

9.00 Departure by bus: Trip to Hamburg
10.00 - 12.30 "The gate to the world" – Emigration, migration and multicultural living in Hamburg, city-guide-tour
13.30 - 15.00 Interviews with representatives of:
 1. Union of Roma and Cinti
 2. "Competent against barriers of integration", project fighting Islamophobia
 3. The Jewish community Pinneberg
 4. "Made in Veddel", international fashion and the integration of female immigrants
 5. "Dialogue without barriers", theaterwork with handicapped and not handicapped people
 6. The muslim community (mosque)
afternoon Free time to visit the town
evening Dinner in the famous "Schanzenviertel"
afterwards Trip back to Bad Bevensen

Wednesday, 21.10.2015

- 9.00 - 10.30 Evaluation of the excursion and project-visits: What kind of impulses for active citizenship we got out of it?
- 11.00 - 12.30 "What is the Youth-pass?", introduction-video and discussion; followed by: Mid-term-Evaluation in the groups of Learning-Partnership (exchange of learning-experiences and mutual feedback) and in the plenary
- 14.30 - 18.00 "Living Diversity – Europe and its minorities", Simulation game concerning participation of national minorities on a European level
- evening Continuation of the simulation game, learning-diary

Thursday, 22.10.2015

- 9.00 - 12.30 Finish and evaluation of the simulation, discussion: A suitable method to make participation attractive to young people? Which are the possibilities to transfer it in the own practise?
- 14.30 - 18.00 Help in orientation with the ERASMUS+ programme and guidelines for project work; introduction followed by: Building up groups on developing concrete international projects together;
- Parallel Offer to the learning-partnerships: Getting feedback by the team
- evening Excursion to Lüneburg

Friday, 23.10.2015

- 9.00 - 12.30 Continuation of project group work and presentation of results
- 16:00 - 18:00 „Looking back at this seminar“. Critical assessment using different evaluating methods
- evening Farewell-Party

Saturday, 24.10.2015

- After breakfast Departure of participants

SEMINAR TEAM

Gabriele Wiemeyer, Deutschland
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LANGUAGES, INTERPRETER

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ORGANISER

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- **Arci Comitato Territoriale di Catania**, Italy
- **Magyarországi Sonnenberg Kör**, Hungary
- **Peace in Action Training and Research Institute of Romania**, Romania
- **Sonnenberg Hrvatska**, Croatia
- **CEFIR**, France
- **Instytut Regionalny w Katowicach**, Poland

CONFERENCE-FEE covers the whole program costs such as meals & accommodation (in double rooms; single room extra 15 €/night):

- € 180,- for participants from Germany, France and Italy
- € 100,- for participants from Croatia, Poland, Romania and Hungary
- Reduction: -25% for students and unemployed persons

Refund of travel costs

- Up to 275,- € for participants from France, Croatia, Italy, Poland, Romania and Hungary
- Up to 180,- € for participants from Germany

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SEMINAR LOCATION

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