



CALL FOR PARTICIPANT

For the training course
“Battling homophobia and bullying among youth”

The training course “**Battling homophobia and bullying among youth**” will be held in Novi Sad, Vojvodina, Serbia, 6th–15th April 2018.

About the project:

LGBT youth suffers homophobia, violence and lack of solidarity from their peers nor their teachers during their schooling period. Attempts of LGBT and Human rights organization in Serbia to tackle this problem wasn't fruitful, because for any activities in schools one needs special permission form the Ministry of Education, that wasn't willing to cooperate on these issues.

Similar situation regarding homophobia, bullying and violence in schools is present in Bosnia and Herzegovina and partially in Croatia, and with this project we will exchange experiences and knowledge, and find alternative ways in solving these issues, especially in cooperation with our partners from Germany.

Although mechanism for protection of individuals against discrimination exist (on different levels in our countries and in Europe in general) there should be more activities aiming on supporting the individuals in threat of discrimination and violence, but also aiming at the mainstream youth in order to raise their understanding and level of tolerance.

We are proposing another way of solving this problem through the network of Youth organizations and organizations working with Youth.

Goal of the training course

is to train youth workers on how to use the manual in their local youth work, and to empower them to develop and implement local activities that will tackle the issue of homophobia and discrimination in youngsters. There will be altogether 24 people, 20 participants (9 from RS, 5 from HR and B&H, 3 from DE) and 4 trainers/experts on NFE and LGBT rights. Each day there will be 4 sessions, 2 in the morning and 2 in the afternoon, each lasting 90 min, followed by optional informal programme in the evening, after the dinner. The training will be based on non-formal education principles and values, and educational material from Council of Europe and European Commission will be used. Sessions will be interactive and involving, composed of different methods that will suit the participants and their learning needs.



The main aim of the project is to combat discrimination, prejudice and homophobia in our local communities, with the special focus on youth education and prevention of prejudice and homophobia-based bullying and peer violence in schools by prevention and creating safer and more comfortable environment in schools while promoting social inclusion and well-being.

Through this project, we would like to raise awareness of youth workers about different European programmes related to EU social policies and how efficient networking with other similar organisations throughout Europe can increase quality, impact and sustainability of their work for more inclusive society.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT ARE:

- To share examples of good practice in organising local activities that tackle the issues of homophobia and LGBT rights
- To organize study visit in Germany and have meetings with experienced LGBT organizations that are working with youth and homophobia
- To share realities from our countries of existing situation of homophobia and LGBT rights and practise of our and other NGO's that are working on the topic
- To create a manual for developing and leading local workshops for youth on homophobia and LGBT rights
- To train youth workers on how to use manual and how to develop and lead quality local activities for youth
- To develop list of recommendations for involving and working with local stakeholders
- To promote manual to other youth workers, NGO's and others who work on the topic of homophobia and LGBT rights
- To promote activities and results of the project via mainstream and LGBT media
- To create effective tools for battling homophobia among youth and bullying in schools
- To promote and strengthen cooperation between national and regional youth organizations (direct and indirect beneficiaries)
- To introduce in details Erasmus+ Youth in Action programme KA2 Capacity building projects for young people and youth workers
- To introduce the procedures and application forms of the Erasmus+ YiA KA2



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The course is based on pedagogical understanding of Council of Europe and European Commission Partnership Programme and our own experience and expertise in project management and youth work for interreligious dialogue, inclusion and intercultural learning/acceptance. The course will follow the non-formal education approach, principles and methods and will be based on participants' experience and exchange.

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

PARTICIPANTS SHOULD FULFIL THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Age above 18
- to be active youth workers / coordinators in our organisations
- active in work with marginalised groups in our communities
- willing to take more active role in organisational management and development of fundraising strategy and procedures
- able to participate the whole duration of the training course
- able to communicate and follow discussions and presentations in English language

TRAVEL AND VISA COSTS REIMBURSEMENT

Travel costs will be reimbursed only for the cheapest way of transport and preferably for the return tickets. Travel expenses are covered by the organizers **100% up to the maximum allowance per distance calculator and means of travel** (for all the original tickets and ways of travel that are plane, bus, train or ferry, **NOT taxi and NOT car**).

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 not be done on the spot, but **after** the return of the participants to their homes and after they send the **ORIGINAL** tickets and boarding passes to the organisers (and also after they fill in / submit / send us the evaluation forms from of the training course). 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 from **6th–15th April 2018**, 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 place of venue no later than 19:30 hrs on the 6th April 2018, 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!

The organisers cover accommodation, three meals and two coffee breaks.

APPLICATIONS

Please go to the application form at the link: <https://goo.gl/forms/6iswc2wpXM1WjXk82>

Please note that **the deadline for applications is 14th of March 2018 at midnight CET.** We will contact only those applicants who have been selected to participate.

Selected participants will receive the detailed info-sheet by March 20th, 2018.

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