

Peace Education

Mellina (Spain), 06/06 – 12/06/2005

Course Description

Background:

"A culture of peace will be achieved when citizens of the world understand global problems, have the skills to resolve conflicts and struggle for justice non-violently, live by international standards of human rights and equity, appreciate cultural diversity, and respect the Earth and each other. Such learning can only be achieved with systematic education for peace." Hague Appeal for Peace Global Campaign for Peace Education

This seminar on "Peace Education" aims to develop - in an environment of tolerance, care and respect - skills, attitudes and knowledge with co-operative and participatory learning methods. One way to meet the challenges of peace education is to build bridges of support among participants. The notion "think globally, act locally" is central to educating for a culture of peace in that it links theory with practice, international issues to individual efforts..

Organisational Frame:

This training seminar is being organised in co-operation between SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed Resource Centre and Injuve, the National Agency for the YOUTH Programme in Spain.

The course will take place **from June 6th** (arrival between 16:00-20:00), **until June 12th 2005** (departure from 9:00 on) **in Mellina (Spain).**

Please, note that your accommodation will be covered only for these dates. If you arrive earlier or stay longer it will be at your own expenses.

Working languages will be English and French.

Participation is limited to 25 persons.

Aims and Objectives:

This course aims exchanging and at sharing of good practices in the field of education for peace.

The following **concrete objectives** have been set in order to reach the aims as described above:

- to gain an understanding of a local, national, or international conflict;
- to increase knowledge about different aspects of conflict and the nature of causes and consequences;
- to provide educational support and time for the participants to share about their own experiences and knowledge;
- to support the intercultural exchange between participants;
- to explore the political, economical and human frame of peace education in the Euromed space;
- to explore the role the youth-non formal education field can play in promoting peace education and its concepts;
- to allocate space for the participants to develop their project ideas.

Profile of participants

The course is intended to be an opportunity for further training for youth workers and youth leaders who:

- are experienced in the (EuroMed) YOUTH Programme;
- have experience in peace education: as trainer, youth worker or volunteer;
- are ready to take the challenges that the exploration of an unknown space presents;
- are committed to prepare themselves for the working subjects, previous to their arrival and to do the remote work requested by the team in case of selection;
- are strongly motivated to develop a project within the EuroMed YOUTH Programme as result of the course and to provide the group with their own experiences and educational material;
- are able to follow physically the rhythm of the seminar: changing places, travelling, walking, trekking, swimming etc.;
- are motivated to undergo training and able to attend the course for its full duration;
- are able to communicate and work in at least one of the two working languages of this training course (English, French);
- are resident in a member state of the European Union or in a Mediterranean country signatory to the Barcelona Declaration.

Methodology

The course will be based on the principles and practise of non-formal education and is conceived according to a learner-centred approach based on active and interactive methods. Participants need to self organise part of the activities and thus take a personal responsibility for their learning process. They should be open for an experiential learning experience.

They will be in a situation to share their practice, to test tools and methods, to analyse and to produce common material

Programme Elements

The course programme will address the following elements:

- Why EuroMed co-operation projects?
- Group dynamics;
- Introduction to and definitions of "Peace Education";
- Exploration of the socio-economic regional situation and its impact or influence on the topic;
- Sharing on good practices and experiences;
- Presenting relevant projects as good examples;
- Reflecting on how to apply peace education methods as a tool for intervention in order to build peace in their own contexts;
- Testing and evaluation of the activities;
- Partnership between participants' organisations;
- Overall evaluation of the course

Training Team

The training team will consist of trainers who all are experienced in the field of International Youth Work (especially within the EuroMed Youth Programme). Trainers come from different cultural backgrounds, both in terms of profession and in terms of nationality.

Application Procedure and Selection of Participants

Selection process

All candidates must **apply online via www.salto-youth.net/peace** by **no later than April 1st, 2005**. A signed printed copy should be sent to their National Agency (for EU member states) or National Coordinator (for MEDA countries) by this date. Only completely filled in application forms can be accepted. Selection will be based upon them and done by the relevant National Agency or National Coordinator.

SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed Resource Centre will inform selected candidates at the latest by **April 30th, 2005** so that those who need is, can begin their visa application procedures. Other candidates will be informed subsequently. The accepted candidates will receive the course documentation directly.

The successful applicants are reminded that once a candidate has been placed on the final list, they must make every effort to attend the course for its full duration. If, for any exceptional reason, they are unable to take up the offer of a place, they must inform SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed Resource Centre immediately. Replacements will be taken from the waiting list.

Preparatory work for selected participants

In case of selection participants are requested to do the following **compulsory preparatory work**, which will be detailed at a later stage through e-mail communication. Therefore is essential that the selected candidate have access to the Internet at least weekly.

- to refresh their knowledge about the YOUTH programme by reading the EuroMed User's Guide;
- to bring ideas for energisers, evening games, ...;
- to bring materials about their own country (maps, pictures, brochures, video, DVD, etc.);
- to bring materials about their own organisation (brochures, posters, video, DVD, etc.);
- to participate to the e-group created for this course;
- to bring for the intercultural evening:
 - Food and/or drinks
 - Music, dance, poetry (to be shown or taught)
 - Traditional costumes;

In order to avoid problems with optional technical equipments please bring with you what you need (e.g. Laptop, Digital Camera (including drivers), CD player, MP3 player,...