



United Societies of Balkans

Application for International Activity of Council of Europe.
European Youth Foundation Grant.

“SOUL – School Of yo(U)ng Leaders” *Training Course*

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Thessaloniki, Greece

WHAT is “SOUL”?

“SOUL- School Of yo(U)ng Leaders” is thought to be an intensive training course on developing leaderships/training/facilitating skills for staff members of NGO’s working in the Youth sector; young volunteers having some experience in activities with youngsters with fewer opportunities, minorities, discriminated groups and any other specific young target group; youngsters having matured any kind of social/civic experience that are willing to get involved in the Youth work field through non-formal practices and other active participation methods/tools.

In order to assure higher standards to youth work we propose this training course which aims to enable young people actively involved in the running of youth structures, to develop their attitudes, improve their skills and receive additional information and knowledge in order to manage youth organizations (programs, units or boards) in a fruitful, efficient and effective manner. Ultimately these improvements should result in an increase of the quality of the activities these organizations, in their sustainability and in their contribution to youth policy bodies and the impact they have on their local community.

Keeping into consideration Council of Europe tools and best practices on Non-Formal Education, the training course will focus mostly on the experimental/”learning by doing” learning approach. A combination of active participation tools, well explained by a professional trainers’ team and a leadership building formation process would be a concrete basis upon build the “soul” of those future and present active workers inside the youth field.

The training course will provide through the whole intense program the specific knowledge they will need to get back to their organizations, associations, civic and social institutions and be the leaders/trainers/facilitators of those structures. Brainstorming sessions, role play



games, activities and methods for implementing a better active participation, facilitating tools and leadership sessions will be the heart of the program. Moreover, open discussions will be followed by debriefing and evaluation sessions ending in a practical application of the results of each working day so that participants will be able not only to acquire all the specific knowledge needed for their working environment but also to put into practice afterwards, in a concrete and fruitful way, what the trainers' team thought them.

As we are looking for partners to contribute to our project, and we wish to apply for the deadline of 1st of October we kindly please you to fill in the attached documents and send it back to us as soon as possible. We will get back to you afterwards for completing the official part of the application that is needed to be signed and stamped by your organization and send it by fax (0030 2310215629) or as a scan version to our email info@usbngo.gr

For any further information do not hesitate to contact us.

Thanks for your time,
Best Regards,

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