



CALL FOR TRAINERS

“Role of youth work and intercultural learning in peace building” Seminar

Tsakhkadzor, Armenia, 20-26 September 2010

Preparation meeting dates: 25-28 June 2010

Background

The seminar is an idea developed by Federation of Youth Clubs – Armenia (FYCA) and ECYC and agreed by the ECYC membership at the Executive meeting in Slovenia. It is a follow up and contribution to the work in promoting intercultural learning and dialogue and fits into a wider context of work to ensure solidarity, dialogue and peaceful coexistence in Europe. ECYC has had a number of initiatives tackling the issue through its educational activities such as the study session (in cooperation with the European Youth Centre Strasbourg of the Council of Europe) on the Role of youth work in addressing areas of significant conflict (Strasbourg, France 2004). With our current seminar we aim to look at peace and coexistence not only in conflict regions, but also in communities and societies, where social and cultural unrest exists.

Youth work has always been one of the powerful tools in capacitating young people with competences needed to work and make their contribution to building peace in the societies. The need of young people to be involved in the wider peace building processes is evident and cannot but contribute to not only peaceful coexistence but also to building space for development, growth and prosperity. Thus the seminar aims to work towards building capacity of youth workers to address challenges created by existing realities of conflicts in Europe and its regions. It builds on the experiences of youth work, its role and tools in tackling the issues, and provide means for organising work and implementing projects targeted at wider peace building concept.

Objectives:

- To analyse the potential of youth work to contribute to the peace and conflict resolution in the Caucasus region and across Europe;
- To exchange good practices regarding formats and models of co-existence and mutual understanding in multicultural, multireligious and multinational environments, especially when it comes to the current challenges set by globalization and migration;
- To map the needed activities in the contribution to peace building and peaceful coexistence;
- To explore and promote the role of intercultural learning in peace building initiatives and through common actions
- To promote youth peace initiatives and joint planned activities in the region

The methodology will envisage interactive sessions, small and large group work, simulation games,

reflection, exchanging of good practices, brainstorming.

Programme elements

Based on the theme and objectives of the seminar, following programme and thematic elements have been considered to be included in the programme:

- Interculturality; new trends in intercultural learning discourse and education
- Youth work – peace building – intercultural learning
- Culture of peace VS. culture of war
- Understanding of peace and its diverse perceptions; peace building measures for youth
- Examples and tools of youth work in peace building; joint open youth work initiatives to promote intercultural sensitivity
- Issues of global interdependence and need of peaceful societies; good practices of regional peace initiatives, conclusions and evaluation.

Trainer team composition and the required competences of team members

The trainers team will be international and will be composed of 5 team members, 2 coming from Armenia, 3 coming from other European countries selected by the ECYC bureau. Gender and geographic balance, as well as complementarity of the competences of the team members will also be considered during the selection process.

Trainers are expected to meet the following criteria:

- Strong interest in the theme of the event and motivation to facilitate learning of the group
- Ability to communicate and work in English
- Well-developed knowledge and experience of working with volunteer groups, particularly on the issues of youth work, peace, intercultural learning and dialogue,
- Participation in at least one national activity of your sending organisation (eg. youth camps, meetings, seminars, trainings) as a trainer or coordinator
- Knowledge of ECYC values, educational approaches, previous involvement in ECYC activities will be an asset
- Available to assist with the preparation, implementation and follow-up of the event from June 2010 to November 2010

Prep team members will receive the following:

- Meals, accommodation and materials will be fully covered for the duration of the event and prep team meeting. Prep-team members do not pay the registration fee.
- 100% of travel costs reimbursed to the prep team meeting and the event itself. No participation fee will be required from the trainers.
- Opportunity to meet and work with a motivated group of volunteers from across Europe.
- New contacts, new ideas, new motivation!

HOW TO APPLY

Please send your CV and motivation letter (1 page) by email to carmen@ecyc.org by **Sunday 23rd of May 2010 at 23.59 CET.**

Your motivation letter should contain the following information:

- how you meet each selection criteria (see above list)
- why you want to be involved in this project
- CV – briefly outline your studies, current occupation, your involvement in volunteer activities and the training and/or leadership roles you have undertaken

Applicants will be informed about the decision by the 31st of May.

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