



**Russian Union of Youth and ECYC present:**

**International Educational Youth Conference  
“Europe-Russia-Asia”  
Intercultural dialogue and youth participation**

**YOUTH ERA**

A conference for youth workers, youth leaders and youth volunteers

**Moscow, Russia**

**19 – 25 April 2010**

**Background information**

All-Russian public organization “Russian Union of Youth” is one of the biggest youth organizations in Russia that has regional branches in 73 constituent territories of the state, RUY has a big history and good foundation. Russian Union of Youth develops in many directions, has more than 20 central programmes that aims at the development of young person and gives him the opportunity for the realisation. RUY has many international contacts: it is the member of European Confederation of Youth Clubs and one of the founders of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Youth Council.

People in Eurasia continent is very different from each other. The representatives of the countries has they own cultures and traditions, not similar with each other. In the processes of globalization, there are many movements in the societies and many other spheres as economical, industrial, political, humanitarian, cultural, educational, ecological and so on. The integration approaches all the habitants, so we have to think about the relations of people at the continent.

Youth is very important part of our sustainable development so we have to think about its future and the possibility to have constructive friendly dialogue. We have many humanitarian, economical and politician associations, that aims at consolidation. Such organisations as Council of Europe has its values in the sphere of realisation human rights and democracy and has as members almost all countries of the European part of the continent, Shanghai Cooperation Organisation that has it's values in the sphere of economical and humanitarian development that covers the biggest part of Eurasia continent.

The Conference will bring together participants from different countries of our continent at about 50 people – the representatives from the Council of Europe member-states, the representatives from member-states and observer states of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, also the representatives of different regions of Russia will take part in the Conference and Moscow young citizens and youth leaders will have . The participants will get some knowledge in the human rights education, will have the opportunity to meet with the expert of COE and SCO processes and share the experience in the sphere of human rights education in their countries and exchange best practices in the sphere of human rights education. Participants will discuss the youth policy and the role of youth in the youth policy, challenge the intercultural dialogue in Eurasia continent. Participants will make the declaration to the Directorate of

youth and sport Council of Europe and Shanghai Cooperation Organisation as a result of their work and to the participants of 5<sup>th</sup> World Youth Congress.

Human Rights Education Programme in 2009 had its Anniversary and now we will have the possibility to change the experience and implement new methods of work for youth. The Convention on human rights of the Council of Europe is 60 years old in 2010. In 2009 in the CIS countries and in Russia had the Year of Youth and this Year is the International Year of Youth, proclaimed by UN, the year will start in August, 12<sup>th</sup> at the 5<sup>th</sup> World Youth Congress.

Cultures in Europe and Asia are different but nevertheless have many in common. Moscow will gather young people as multicultural city and will play the role of the bridge in the dialogue between Europe and Asia.

The participants will have the opportunity to publish their essay with the theme “Youth ERA – intercultural dialogue” in the electronic digest.

### **Outline of the week**

The Conference will bring together young people from across Europe, Russia and Asia. The programme of the week will include the following things:

- Teambuilding activities
- Energizers
- Training module on human rights education
- Exploring human rights issues
- Training module on intercultural dialogue
- Master class on youth participation
- Meetings with the Deputy Ministry on sport, tourism and youth policy of the RF, Chairman of the Commission on youth and tourism affairs of the Council of Federation, representatives of Council of Europe, Shanghai Cooperation Organisation.
- Discussions about intercultural dialogue, human rights education, youth policy and the role of youth in youth policy.
- Exploring intercultural differences between participants
- Development of the appreciation of different working methods in open youth work internationally
- Comparing differences and similarities in youth policies in Europe, Russia and Asia
- Creation of declaration to the Directorate of youth and sport Council of Europe and Shanghai Cooperation Organisation as a result of their work and to the participants of 5<sup>th</sup> World Youth Congress
- Cultural programme
- Collection of participants essays on the theme “Youth ERA - intercultural dialogue” in the e-digest

### **Working methods**

- Interactive workshops
- Exchanging views, ideas and best practices with fellow participants
- Simulation games and role plays
- Group work and plenary sessions and discussions
- Visit to State structures
- Some outdoor activities, city games

### **Profile of the participants**

- All ECYC member organisations are invited to present a delegation of 2 participants and 2 extra persons for waiting list. The results of the candidates will be announced by the Organizing Committee;
- The participants will have a strong involvement in an ECYC member organisation or other youth organisations in Europe, with an active interest in sharing the learning gained during the Conference, participants should play the role of multipliers;
- Participants be between 18 - 30 years old and should be experienced in youth work;
- Interested in intercultural learning, human rights education and issues, youth policy, youth involvement;
- Motivated to develop the cooperation between European, Russian and Asian youth;
- Able to communicate well in English, as this will be the working language of the Conference.

## Practical information

Arrival to Moscow airports (Domodedovo, Sheremetievo 1, 2, Vnukhovo) on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2010, no later than 17h00. The participants will be collected from Moscow airports, so please inform the ECYC secretariat about your time of arrival.

Departure on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April, after 12h00.

The participants will live in hostel "New Arbat" in the centre of Moscow <http://www.hostelnewarbat.ru/>. In the rooms up to 8 participants. Total number of people who will live in the hostel is 50 people + 2 trainers. There are computers with Internet, free Wi-Fi, emergency, free drinking water, tea and coffee, the dishes, first-aid kit, garments, iron in the hostel. Laundry has extra cost.

Breakfast and coffee-breaks will be in the hostel and other meals will be organised in small cafes.

Some trainings will take place in hostel, some will take place in other places. Participants will use subway for travelling during the Conference. Participants will be devoted into several groups coordinated by contact persons from Organizing team.

During the trainings the participants will work in two international and intercultural groups.

## As usual

Travel costs are a large part of ECYC's seminars budget. It is for the benefit of ECYC, the seminar planners and all ECYC member organisation, if the participants try to keep the travel costs as low as possible!

## Important remark!

Please note that, after you have received our confirmation for participation, the flight should be booked as soon as possible in order to get the cheapest ticket possible and to send your travel schedule to the secretariat: [ben@ecyc.org](mailto:ben@ecyc.org), [international@ruy.ru](mailto:international@ruy.ru).

Please send the date and time of arrival in the airport and the date and time of departure, also in the airport. Participants with a distance less than 500 km, should use the train, unless flying is effectively cheaper.

## Travel reimbursement/ participation fee

Participants must attend 80% of the seminar in order to be eligible for travel reimbursement. The travel reimbursement will be paid as a bank transfer to the participant's sending organisation after the seminar, except for countries where bank transfers are problematic. Anyone requiring a cash reimbursement MUST notify ECYC at least 2 weeks prior to the seminar commencing.

The participants need to bring the following information:

- Full name and address of the bank account holder
- Full name and address of the bank
- IBAN code AND SWIFT address

Participants must also bring copies of all receipts and tickets, including local travel costs both in Russia and their home country. Use of a taxi is not paid.

The participation fee of 60 Euro will be deducted from the amount that will be reimbursed. ECYC will pay 50% of travel costs, up to a maximum amount per person 150 EUR.

Each organisation sending participants is responsible for arranging suitable insurance coverage (travel + physical/medical) of their own delegates.

## What to bring/to prepare

- Each participant should bring something from their own country to share during the intercultural evening (music, food, drinks, national costumes attributes) along with information about their sending organisation (brochures, PPP or videos).
- Warm and comfortable clothes and shoes, as temperatures easily drop well below 10 degrees, however the weather in Moscow is unpredictable. Keep also in mind that Moscow is a city where it can rain. Usually at the end of April it's very warm in Moscow up to 20 degrees.
- Cloths for official meetings (black and white).
- 5 amateur photos that can show the view on youth in the residence country. All the photos should be authorized and has dates.
- Essay on the theme: "Youth ERA – intercultural dialogue" (2 pages, 12 TimesNewRoman).

## Special requirements

ECYC aims to make all its activities accessible to all, so please inform us about your possible dietary requirements or allergies, religious practices that require special arrangements (e.g. if you wish to have access to a silent room during the activity), disability access requirements, etc.

## Special important remark

It is our policy to inform you that this is a seminar for **experienced** youth leaders and youth workers and NOT for young people. Only during the participants' free time, alcohol beverages will be available upon purchase. A variety of soft drinks will be available as well.

## **Closing date for enrolments: 5<sup>th</sup> of March 2010**

The enrolment form must be returned to the ECYC secretariat as soon as possible but no later than the date above. Please complete all details on the enrolment forms. If some details are not filled in, your application will not be processed. Make sure your personal e-mail address, your home address and your phone number are correct.

Please book your flights as you send the application but don't buy it until your participation has been confirmed.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Ben Quiryne at the ECYC Secretariat (see details below) or Lukiana Suvorova at the Russian Union of Youth.

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