



Youth for Exchange and Understanding



Call for Participants For the Training Course

"Creative organizer: Training on Organizing Youth Exchanges for Inclusion of Young People with Fewer Opportunities into International Human Rights and Active Citizenship activities"

YEU Developing YOU - Reinvent our Network!

Arrivals: **15 of February**

Training Course: **16-23 of February 2008** (not including travel days)
Eurolatinamerican Youth Centre, Mollina, Spain

PLEASE NOTE:

**Deadline for applications must strictly be:
Thursday, the 20th December 2007**

Dear Friends,

It's a pleasure to announce that YEU developing YOU training series are going to continue in 2008 with 2 simultaneously running trainings in Mollina, Spain, prior to the Assembly of Participating Nations 2008.

The Training Course described here is aimed at organizers of International Youth Exchanges specially focusing on inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities:

The course '*Creative Organizer - Training Course on Organizing Youth Exchanges for Inclusion of Young People with Fewer Opportunities into International Human Rights and Active Citizenship activities*'

The course will take place **from the 16th to the 23rd of February 2008**, at the Eurolatinamerican Youth Centre (CEULAJ) in **Mollina (Spain)**.

Youth for Exchange and Understanding

Youth for Exchange and Understanding (YEU) is an International Non-Governmental Youth Organisation established in 1986 and member of the European Youth Forum in Brussels as an INGYO. YEU is recognized as INGYO by the Council of Europe and by the Directorate of Youth and Sports of the European Commission, whom support our activities. We have the Head Office in Faro, Portugal from where we coordinate the whole network with our more than 20 European Member Organizations from all Europe and North Africa involved in our activities. YEU looks forward to increase tolerance and awareness between different countries, cultures and traditions, and to promote a greater level of comprehension through the development of various youth activities. The main aim of the Youth for Exchange and Understanding is to promote peace, understanding and co-operation between the young people of the world, in a spirit of respect for human rights.

YEU is a non-profit making, interdenominational youth organisation independent of all political affiliation run

by young people for young people by means of a democratic structure.
Visit our website for more details about YEU www.yeu-international.org

We are very happy that you are motivated to apply for this course.

Read carefully all document to make sure that your application is ready to send to us with the best quality!

What is the main aim of this course?

At the individual level, the main aim of the course is to train the future team members of International youth exchanges on the main educational issues in relation to designing, running, evaluating and follow-up of educational youth activities and Youth Exchanges, especially in what concerns intercultural learning and promotion of inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities.

At the level of Organizations, this course will support the higher quality of the Youth Exchanges that contribute to the development of the organisations as well as our network.

At International level, the main aim of this course is to contribute to the consolidation and development of the quality of the programme of education and training activities of YEU as well as other organizations.

What are the objectives of the course?

At individual level

- Develop young people skills to act as "multipliers", promoting the human rights education & active citizenship, emphasizing the inclusion of people with fewer opportunities;
- Work on leadership & project management needs of trainees;
- With combination of the intercultural learning experience to encourage active social participation and engagement as multipliers while including into the international and local events the young people with less opportunities;
- Work on intercultural groups' behaviour: group process, international group leading practice;
- Work on methods that can be used while leading the international youth groups - from preparation till evaluation & follow up;
- By sharing the practises and equipping with methodology to enable young people to work with diverse groups of young people;
- Provide a space for the peer education where participants exchange their experiences & ideas on leading & facilitating youth groups;
- Improve the quality of youth exchanges developed by youth organizations;
- Promote diversity, active citizenship & Human Rights education dimensions in YEU youth exchanges;

At the level of our Member Organisations/ other organizations

- To promote values connected with and develop further the understanding of the role of Youth Exchanges for our Member organisations/ other organizations;
- To enhance the impact of Youth Exchanges within our Member organisations/ other organizations and their local communities by encouraging participants and organizers to undertake a thorough meaningful follow up after the activity;
- To explore possibilities for inter-member-organisations co-operation;
- To communicate the results of the Training to a broader public.

At institutional level

- To support the development of the educational activities of the Member Organisations and those who co-operate or plan to co-operate with the YEU;
- To further develop quality criteria for Youth Exchanges in relation with the realities and needs of the Member Organisations;

The planned content of the course...

The programme of the course will include:

- An introduction to the main aims, concepts and approaches to the programme of activities of YEU, including intercultural learning, youth participation, human rights education, and the role of Youth Exchanges therein; Analysis of the meaning and the role Youth Exchanges within European/International youth work;
- Building an understanding and skills for designing Youth Exchanges;
- Introduction to and reflection on different concepts of learning and non-formal education;
- Reflection on the role of intercultural learning in non-formal education Youth Exchanges;
- Skills training for project coordinators, e.g. Teamwork, volunteers' management, Public Relations, Communication, Leadership, Empowerment & Conflict management, Fundraising, Inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities, programme organisation, planning, monitoring and evaluation, etc;
- Reflection on needs and specifics of including young people with fewer opportunities;
- Information on the administrative and practical conditions for organising a Youth Exchange.
- Post-course support

Profile of participants in the training course

The course will be open for applicants who are:

- volunteers or employees of youth organization;
- involved (or will be) in preparing and running a Youth Exchange in 2008 or in 2009;
- 28 participants aged between 18 and 25
- well informed about their organisation and ready to explain to other participants the activities in which they have been and will be involved;
- able to work in English;
- in the position to act as an organizer after the course either as project coordinator or as a member of a team in charge of a Youth Exchange;
- committed to attend for the full duration of the course and supported by their sending organization

Participating countries and number of participants

Albania	1	Germany	1	Romania	1
Algeria	1	Greece	1	Russia	1
Armenia	1	Italy	1	Serbia	1
Azerbaijan	1	Latvia	1	Spain	1
Belarus	1	Lithuania	1	TFYROM/ Macedonia	1
Bosnia&Hercogovina	1	Malta	1	Turkey	1
Cyprus	1	Moldova	1	Tunisia	1
Egypt	1	Palestine	1	UK	1
Estonia	1	Poland	1	Total	28
Georgia	1	Portugal	1		

Methodology

The course will give participants the opportunity to experience, and reflect upon activities and concepts crucial in designing, running, evaluating and providing follow-up to Youth Exchanges. The course will be designed as a mutual learning situation in which, using diverse methods, participants can compare their approaches to learning, coordination and leadership, non-formal education and international youth work.

Experts in training and non-formal education field will establish common reference points for learning and communication in this course. The course methodology foresees direct involvement of the YEU Member Organisations/ other organizations that have organised and/or will organise Youth Exchanges.

Application procedure and technical information

- In order to apply candidates must complete the enclosed application form,
- The completed form should be e-mailed to ho@yeu-international.org **by the 20th of December of 2007.**
- **Sending organizations must nominate candidates** by emailing to ho@yeu-international.org signed paper with the names of the applicants indicated by the deadline for the applications.
- Note that the applications sent after the deadline will not be accepted.

Participants will be selected on the basis of their applications and ensuring a balance in terms of gender, organizational participation background. Candidates will be informed shortly after the deadline as to whether they have been selected or not. Selected candidates will receive course information packs directly.

Travel expenses and cost for visas

Travel expenses in 70% and visa costs in 100% are reimbursed (upon presentation of the relevant receipts) according to the rules of the procedure of the Youth and Sports Directorate of the Council of Europe. Only participants who attend more than 80% of the seminar will be reimbursed. All participants will be reimbursed at the end on the Training Course.

Participants, who needs visa to enter Spain have to inform Head Office straight after the selection will be done to proceed with the invitation.

Enrolment fee

An enrolment fee is payable by each participant according the country category. This amount will be deducted from the amount to be reimbursed for travel.

Category A: 100

Category B: 80

Category C: 60

Category D: 40

Countries Categories:	A	B	C	D
	Austria	Cyprus	Croatia	Albania
	Belgium	Greece	Czech Republic	Azerbaijan
	Denmark	Malta	Estonia	Belarus
	Finland	Portugal	Hungary	Bosnia & Herzegovina
	France	Slovenia	Latvia	Bulgaria
	Germany	Spain	Lithuania	Egypt
	Italy		Poland	FYROM
	Luxembourg		Slovak Republic	Lebanon
	Netherlands			Moldova
	Norway			Romania
	Sweden			Russia
	Switzerland			Serbia & Montenegro
	United Kingdom			Tunisia
				Turkey
				Ukraine

Language of the Training Course

The course will be held in **English**. In order to better adapt the course to the actual language needs of participants, all participants will be requested to have sufficient understanding of the working language.

Accommodation

Board and lodging are provided and paid for by the organizers.

Finally, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in contact with:

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