

TRAINING OF TRAINERS

dealing with

MULTICULTURAL YOUTH WORK

in the field of

YOUTH PARTICIPATION

at local/regional level

SINTRA, PORTUGAL, 03-11.09.2011



THE BACKGROUND?

“Youth work dealing with youth participation faces many challenges and comes in many different experiences. Often young people's great participative potential is excluded from the decision making processes, due to the inexistence of standard conditions or even institutional prejudice. The lack of investment on youth participation frames up the picture where young people feel powerlessly aparted, and where **not only Europe is losing it's main potential resource for positive change.**”
in project's application form.

THE AIM?

To qualify trainers in the field of youth participation at local/regional level, by developing their competences in a multicultural setting and motivating them to contribute actively on making positive change in their environments.

THE OBJECTIVES?

- ➔ Provide participants with standard theory, skills and tools to design, implement and evaluate effective educational programmes in order to generate optimum learning outcomes and improved performance.
- ➔ Exchange experiences, practices, opinions, educational tools and materials related to youth participation.
- ➔ Increase participants understanding of the importance of youth participation in its different dimensions: decision making, youth policy lobbying, NGYO's programmes & activities, transformational leadership and civil society in general, as a Human Right.
- ➔ Explore youth participation common obstacles and problems, while formulating corresponding – and eventually innovative – solutions in the frame of youth work and non-formal education.
- ➔ Experience typical difficulties of a multicultural work setting, developing participants intercultural competences and their positive approach towards diversity.
- ➔ Provide an opportunity for participants to create an educational project aimed to youth participation and to develop an envisaged educational tool, while strengthening the network between the involved partner NGYO's.
- ➔ Introduce a series of resources and funding opportunities that can be useful for bringing participants projects to reality, including Council of Europe and European Youth Foundation programmes.



THE SETTING & CONTENT?

24 participants from 12 different Council of Europe Member States will meet in the village of Sintra, Portugal, for a week in order to learn and develop together their training competences, focused in **multicultural youth work** and **youth participation** (and have a lot of fun along the way!). The group will be accommodated in shared double rooms with bathrooms.

Trainers will follow **non-formal education** methodologies, based in peer learning, experiential learning; participative methods will be used – participants shall expect to be very active along the whole programme.

Everything will happen in **English language**.

Topics addressed include: non-formal education, learning, intercultural learning, communication/presentation skills, group dynamics, methods & methodology, youth participation, conflict transformation, educational project design, team work, etc.

This is an ideal opportunity to learn with your international peers and **to initiate (or further develop) your own youth participation project**, internationally or locally.

THE TEAM?

The experienced team of trainers is composed by:



THE COSTS?

Participation fee: 50€ (Accommodation and food is included)

70% of the travel cost are reimbursed after the training (up to 245€).

100% of eventual VISA costs reimbursed after the training (conditions apply).

HOW TO APPLY?

Before you apply, make sure you meet the following **participant profile**:

- Age 18-30;
- Full availability to attend the training (from 03 to 11.09.2011);
- Active youth workers/leaders/trainers;
- Influence in decision making on their NGO's;
- Able to communicate in English language;
- All participants are expected to have some experience youth participation;
- When selecting participants, priority will be given to those who will be involved in a youth participation project in the next 12 months (especially projects that have a strong multicultural component);
- Whether you have limited expertise in this, or have been leading projects for a long time, there is space for every level of learning.

If you meet this profile, **download and fill your application** form: www.dinamo.pt/downloads/ToT_YP_pax_app_form.doc

And send it to: tot@dinamo.pt until **28.04.2011**. You'll be informed about the selection results by end of May 2011, by email. For further information, please contact Sérgio Xavier at tot@dinamo.pt.

THE PARTNERS & SUPPORT?

The promoter NGO's are: **Dínamo** (Portugal) – www.dinamo.pt | **SFERA** (Russia) – <http://dobrovolets.ru/> | **YEU – Youth for Exchange and Understanding** (pan-Europe) – <http://www.yeu-international.org/> | **Forum EYE** (Macedonia) – <http://www.youthforumeye.org.mk/> | The great financial support of **Council of Europe** (www.coe.int) is crucial for the implementation of this project. **Sintra Municipality** (Câmara Municipal de Sintra – <http://www.cm-sintra.pt/>) is providing fundamental local financial assistance. **Hotel VIP Inn Miramonte** is providing an important discount in accommodation and lodging costs.