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A complementing training course in European training field...

Non Formal Education has existed for as long as we know. But only recently it has been given the clarity and recognized importance it deserves!

WHY THIS TRAINING COURSE?

Improving the impact of Non Formal Education (NFE), principles and methods in the empowerment of young people as real actors of the society, from the local to the European level.

MORE CONCRETELY: objectives:

- * To stimulate the participants to feel and reflect on the power of non-formal education by experimenting different kinds of non-formal educational methods
- * To approach the role and perception of non-formal education in participants' countries
- * To fight against the growing consumerist approaches towards young people in the field of non-formal education
- * To explore meanings, roles and complementarity of different educational approaches and methods (formal, non-formal, informal)
- * To reconsider daily youth work practices
- * To understand how non-formal education can be powerful to develop initiatives, entrepreneurship and employability of young people

TEAM

The team consists of three complementary trainers, coming from different parts of Europe (Jo Claeys - Portugal, Simona Molari -Italy, Denis Morel -France) with different background, working style, experiences but with common values towards non-formal education.

MAIN CHARACTERISTICS: how will it be done?

In order to have a real impact, the participants experience an innovative approach using a full immersion in the experiential learning cycle: doing/ feeling, reflecting, transferring...

To have profound impact, it is needed to go further than running a classical training course. The participants are encouraged to really build their own training and learning process supported by a fine tuned pedagogical programme. We consider that this is the condition to understand the real power of non-formal education.

A TRAINING PROCESS MUCH LONGER THAN THE TRAINING COURSE ITSELF

1/ PRE-IMMERSION PHASE (5 WEEKS BEFORE THE TC):

Participants receive weekly (electronic) Newsletters in order to start the training process before the residential training course:

- * Introduce some key elements and concepts (formal, non-formal, informal...)
 - * Make participants reflect about their daily practices.
 - * Discover through short presentations the team members and participants.
- A Facebook group is created as an additional tool.

2/ THE TRAINING COURSE (4 DAYS AND HALF):

Find below the main steps of the training process:

- * Setting a common ground on non-formal education (terminology, vision).
- * Feeling the power of non-formal educational methods: (doing activities for the fun of learning something)
- * Understanding precisely how a youth worker can work with non-formal educational methods (through analysing the methods).
- * Approaching E+: Youth in Action Programme as a toolbox to express the power of non-formal education (presenting good practices examples).
- * Making the participants' work in the non-formal educational sector more powerful: discovering what to do next?

Transversal element: (from first to last day)

- * Being aware of the learning potential of non-formal educational projects (having this training course as an example)
- * Focusing on the learning process of participants (from their learning's objectives to a daily self-evaluation of their learning's outcomes)

3/ THE CONSOLIDATION PHASE (till end of February):

- * At the end of the training course, participants write an action plan to see concretely how they plan to transfer their learning's in their daily practices.
- * Trainers' team is fully available for participants for mentoring, individual support and consultation of participants, mainly in the implementation of their action plan.

The training period and the consolidation phase also serves as period of implementation of the Youthpass process.

For this particular 3rd PHASE, the trainers, will take into account the Christmas and New Year periods (Catholic and Orthodox) and have it extended on February.

PARTICIPANTS' PROFILE

- Over 18
- Able to work actively in English
- Working directly with young people
- The organizers will take the gender balance into consideration during the selection

THE PARTNERS ORGANIZING THIS TRAINING COURSE:

- Bureau International Jeunesse (National Agency of the Erasmus+ Youth in Action Programme for French speaking Belgium)
- Ministry of Family, Youth and Sport of Republika Srpska (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- The Directorate for Youth and Sport of Montenegro
- SALTO South East Europe Resource Centre (responsible of the participation of Albania, the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina Kosovo* (**This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence*) and Serbia to this activity)
- The Youth Department of the Council of Europe

The selection of participants will be made by each partner regarding the applicants from its country/region.

COSTS

Hosting (accommodation and food), activities and travel costs are covered by the organizers.

Arrival day: 15/11 for dinner, departure day: 20/11 after breakfast.

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Trainers

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Some key sentences from participants about impacts of TC “The Power of NFE”

- "Remembering the training always provides me with that extra bit of motivation to take a step forward" Tom - Germany
- " The most important was reflection about the mechanism of social changes" Aleksandra - Poland
- " I became much more confident in my power" Bogdan - Romania
- " This training course changed my approach and view on my work" Unnur - Iceland
- "I started to perceive my work in different way in the following sense: even a conversation with one person or small group could bring change or make difference " Stefan - Bulgaria
- " After this TC, I 've changed a lot in personal life as well as in working with young people" Speja - Croatia

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION:

The application is open until: 7th of October 2015. The call for participants and the link to the application form are available at:

<http://trainings.salto-youth.net/5277>

Selection results will be communicated to all applicants by 12th of October 2015.