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CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

“BUIIDING A CULTURE OF TOLERANCE AND PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOLS”

Training Course
1-10 July Sovata/Szováta, Romania

APPLICATION DEADLINE
15th June 2010

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DESCRIPTION OF THE COURSE

Civic Engagement Movement (CEMO) will implement a Training Program entitled “Building a culture of tolerance and participation in schools” Fostering Democracy through the inclusion of human rights education within the formal education system has been designed and will be implemented with the aim to develop the competences of teachers, educators and NGO activists in order to develop a culture of tolerance in the public schools as well as promote active participation of young people. The overall objective of the present project is to train teachers and educators in order to become able to deliver high quality human rights education in schools

In the present days, there is an increased need to the formation of an active and informed responsible and tolerant community. The role of education in creating such a citizenry is now almost universally acknowledged. Tolerance and the ability to engage in public life and affairs intelligently and responsibly is something that has to be learned. While a certain amount may be picked up informally in the family, the nature of life today is that this can never be sufficient to produce the kind of informed and effective citizens that modern democracies require to maintain their continued existence.

Human Rights Education needs to be a feature of formal as well as informal education, and an entitlement for all citizens in a democratic society.

The Training Course is funded by the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency, Europe for Citizens Programme.

THE PROGRAMME

The Course is designed as an open space of mutual learning, based on non-formal education and experiential learning methodologies. The Preparatory and the Trainers Team are composed by experienced indoor as well as outdoor trainers. The Training course will develop knowledge and competences in key concepts of human rights education with school students, the participants will become familiar with the approaches and activities of COMPASS and COMPASITO and will also learn how to best to use it and adapt it to local context and realities. The Training will also develop competences, skills and attitudes that are the most appropriate in the human rights education.

The objectives of the Training Course entitled “**Building a culture of tolerance and participation in schools**” will be the following:

- To develop the teachers’ and educators’ knowledge and competence in key concepts of human rights education with young people, school students within the mainstream education;
- To familiarize the participants with the approaches and activities of COMPASS (the manual on human rights education with young people) and with how best including it in the curricula of the mainstream schools and the way how to adapt it to local contexts and realities;
- To review and address the essential competencies, skills and attitudes for teachers and educators who will be working with human rights education;
- To design modules for teaching human rights as an optional course within the mainstream schools, including the topics and issues within the existing curricula;
- To explore the specificities and points of commonality of the non-formal and the formal education contexts in relation to human rights education;
- To prepare activities for disseminating COMPASS at local level within the mainstream school’s program;
- To contribute to the development of a network of teachers teaching human rights education within the mainstream schools.

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The Program of the Training will include:

- A detailed review of evolution of human rights education in Europe and the present challenges that it faces;
- An introduction to the approaches and structure of COMPASS, the manual on human rights education with young people;
- An introduction to the key instruments and activities of the Council of Europe in the field of human rights and human rights education;
- An analysis of the competencies, skills and values of teachers and educators working with human rights education;
- Opportunities to share experiences and challenges of developing human rights education in formal education as well as non formal education settings;
- Practical workshops on skills and attitudes essential to human rights education;
- Opportunities to experiment with and to evaluate different methods and activities found in COMPASS.
- Opportunities to design teaching modules for teaching human rights within the mainstream schools.

PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS AND SELECTION PROCEDURE

The course is open to 28 participants coming from **Hungary** (8 participants + 1 trainer), **Slovakia** (8 participants) and **Romania** (12 participants + 3 trainers).

The target group of the training is teachers and educators working in mainstream schools, in primary as well as high schools. The teachers involved in the Training will become multipliers and they will be provided with new teaching methods and this will help to bridge the existing methodological gaps between formal and non-formal education.

The training participants will be mainly teachers and educators who are strongly motivated to introduce the human rights within their teaching curricula, and who want to consolidate their professional skills, acquire new skills, who are firmly convinced that tolerance and mutual respect build the basis of a democratic society. Additionally, we expect to our training young motivated persons who work at NGO's or deal with social questions and are interested in human rights, tolerance, and mutual respect and are willing in enlarging their knowledge in these areas as well as trying out and implementing new methods and techniques.

Participants will be selected by the Preparatory Team. That is why selected participants will have to fill in a brief questionnaire to be sent before the course. Information compiled from the questionnaires will be used by the Preparatory Team to prepare specific sessions of the course.

The main principles for the selection will be: motivation of participants, diversity, geographical and gender balance, and willingness to develop concrete follow up after the course.

FINANCIAL AND PRACTICAL CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

• Accommodation

Board and lodging will be provided and entirely covered by the host NGO (CEMO). The venue of the course will be at Outward Bound International Youth Center in Sovata/Szováta (http://www.outwardbound.ro/index.php?area=22&language_id=9&page_id=85), located in Mureş/Maros county, Romania.

• Enrolment fee

The enrolment fee for the participants will be 20 Euro.

• Travel expenses

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The Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency in its Europe for Citizens Programme does not provide fund for covering the participants travel expenses. However, participants are encouraged to find matching funds for covering their travel costs. Given the fact that there are low cost airlines flying in Tirgu Mures (Marosvásárhely) on regular basis, the travel expenses of the participants arriving from Slovakia and Hungary will be around 50-80 Euros.

NOTE!! Applications should be sent to the e-mail: batizan.emese@cemo.ro (Romania), badli@freemail.hu (Slovakia) and juhasz.zsuzska@elmenyakademia.hu (Hungary).

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Selected participants will receive more detailed information about the course.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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