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Kaluga region, Russian Federation

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CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Background

Intercultural dialogue is one of the key missions of the Council of Europe, along with promoting democracy, human rights and the rule of law. Young people are crucial actors in this process as the main stakeholders of societies who are freer from the prejudice, discrimination and segregation that have characterised most of Europe for the past decades.

Within the youth sector of the Council of Europe, “living together in diverse societies” is one of the priority areas. Different actions, from campaigns, publications, training activities run in the European Youth Centres in Budapest and Strasbourg, intercultural youth projects funded by the European Youth Foundation, international seminars and symposia, support for the development of youth policies on the continent and different field activities in the member states have been carried out to reinforce the importance and relevance of intercultural dialogue as key for living together in multicultural peaceful and prosperous societies.

A cornerstone of this work were the European youth campaign “All Different – All Equal” run in 1995 and in 2006-2007. The campaign highlighted the importance of intercultural learning and intercultural dialogue for addressing discrimination and exclusion, together with public awareness and political action for the respect of human rights, diversity and pluralism. The campaign stressed the need for giving a positive dimension to cultural diversity while acknowledging the inherent equal value of all cultures.

The “Education Pack All Different – All Equal” and “Compass – the manual on human rights education with young people” are only two examples of the educational publications produced by the Council of Europe concerning this topic.

Furthermore, in its White Paper on Intercultural Dialogue, “Living Together as Equals in Dignity”, the Council of Europe defines intercultural dialogue as ‘an open and respectful exchange of views between individuals, groups with different ethnic, cultural, religious and linguistic backgrounds and heritage, on the basis of mutual understanding and respect.’. In this context, intercultural dialogue may serve several purposes, within the general objective to promote full respect for human rights, democracy and the rule of law:

- It contributes to political, social, cultural and economic integration, and the cohesion of culturally diverse societies. It is an essential feature of inclusive societies, which leave no one marginalised or defined as an outsider.
- It fosters equality, human dignity and a sense of common purpose. Freedom of choice, freedom of expression, equality, tolerance and mutual respect for human dignity are among its guiding principles.
- It aims to develop a deeper understanding of diverse world views and practices, to increase co-operation and participation (or the freedom to make choices), to allow personal growth and transformation, and to promote tolerance and respect for the other.
- It contributes to strengthening democratic stability and to the fight against prejudice and stereotypes in public life and political discourse, and to facilitating coalition-building across diverse cultural and religious communities, and can thereby help to prevent or de-escalate conflicts – including post-conflict situations and frozen conflicts.

Taking into account new realities and the fast development of social networks and Internet-media the Youth Sector of the Council of Europe responds on challenges and creates a new campaign “No Hate Speech Movement” which has launched on 22 March 2013.

Young People Combating Hate Speech Online is a project being run by the Council of Europe’s youth sector from 2012 to 2015. It aims to combat racism and discrimination in the

online expression of hate speech by equipping young people and youth organisations with the competences necessary to recognise and act against such human rights violations.

The project is a tribute to youth participation and co-management. It was born from a proposal of the youth representatives of the Advisory Council on Youth and was endorsed by the Joint Council on Youth (in which youth leaders and government representatives, in the European Steering Committee on Youth, decide together on policies, priorities and programmes).

The campaign “No Hate Speech Movement” is not designed to limit freedom of expression online. Neither is it about everyone being nice to each other online. It is against hate speech online in all its forms, including those that most affect young people, such as cyber-bullying and cyber-hate. The campaign focuses on human rights education and youth participation and promotes media and Internet literacy as well as intercultural dialogue.

In this broader framework, intercultural learning represents the link between human rights education, anti-racist education, international cooperation and a sense for social justice, all core aspects of the training and educational policy of the Youth Department of the Council of Europe. Intercultural learning is understood to be a natural part of the educational contents and approaches for intercultural dialogue and together with human rights education answer to the dilemmas resulting from violent, structural and cultural conflicts.

The framework of the International Youth Camp “Dialogue”

Among the Council of Europe’s member states, the Russian Federation is of core importance when it comes to supporting the development of intercultural dialogue processes, as the more than 180 ethnic groups live on the territory of the Russian Federation. In this context, there is a need for reinforcing the dialogue between different communities and also for raising awareness on intercultural dialogue as a key element of social cohesion.

Different activities with the Russian Federation have been developed within the last years, consisting of training activities, youth meetings, support and dialogue for the development of youth policies and the civil society in the Russian Federation.

The VI International Youth Camp “Dialogue” will take place from 22 to 27 of June 2014 in Kaluga region at the cultural-educational touristic centre “Ethnomir”.

The camp will bring together around 200 participants from Council of Europe member states and beyond including Commonwealth of Independent States countries, different regions of Russia who are actively involved in the implementation of international and interethnic youth projects. Foreign students from Russian universities, representatives of the state bodies, Council of Europe, European Youth Forum, representatives of world religious confessions and NGOs are welcome to take part in this event.

Aims and objectives of the camp

The International Youth Camp “Dialogue” 2014 aims to consolidate the efforts and experiences of youth and ethno-cultural organizations from the Russian Federation, the Commonwealth of Independent States and Council of Europe member states for promotion of values and ideas of Intercultural Dialogue on local level.

The camp has the following objectives:

- to create sustainable motivation and empower young people for promotion of values and development of actions in the field of Intercultural Dialogue on local level;

- to create common understanding of intercultural dialogue and its components among participants and to develop participants competences in this area;
- to explore concepts, practices and approaches of the Council of Europe in intercultural dialogue, including non-formal education, human rights education, youth participation, and White Paper on Intercultural dialogue;
- to explore the No-Hate Speech Movement and other best youth work practices in the field of intercultural dialogue;
- to work out ideas for possible action fields and strategies to develop and promote intercultural dialogue by participants on local level after the camp;
- to encourage networking between participants and support potential multipliers for Intercultural Dialogue work on local level; •

Organisers of the camp

- Youth Department of the Council of Europe;
- Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation;
- National Youth Council of Russia;
- Kaluga Region Government;
- Cultural-educational tourist centre “Ethnomir”.

Methodology

The Programme of the camp will be based on the principle and practice of non-formal education and is conceived to allow a learner-centered approach taking into account the needs, interests and experiences of participants.

Participants will have opportunity to make personal contributions and will be encouraged to organise their own activities as well as to multiply and transfer what they have learned to young people in their country and organisations.

Experts and trainers of the Council of Europe and the National Youth Council of Russia, representatives of the state bodies and NGOs will take part in the camp.

Profile of the participants

The camp will bring together 200 young people, representing different ethnic groups from Europe and beyond.

The Council of Europe is now launching the call for participants from its member states (other than the Russian Federation).

Participants should:

- be aged between 18-30;
- be resident in one of the Council of Europe’s member states other than the Russian Federation;
- be motivated to participate in the camp and engage in the learning process;
- have an experience in intercultural, interethnic or interreligious youth events;
- be able to work in Russian;.
- have an interest in the development of intercultural dialogue;
- be committed to act as a multiplier;

- be willing to participate in all activities foreseen for the whole duration of the camp programme;
- be a member of a youth organisation (at local, regional or national level) or be specialist in the field of youth policy at federal, regional or local level.

Priority will be given to the participants who are able to communicate in the Russian language.

25 participants coming from the Council of Europe's member states (other than the Russian Federation) will be selected by the team representing Council of Europe trainers and organisers on the basis of the profile outlined above. A balanced group (sex, geographical regions, different types of experiences, cultural backgrounds and organisations) will be ensured. Food, accommodation and travel expenses of the 25 selected European participants will be covered by the Council of Europe.

The other 175 participants will be selected by the organisers. The Russian partners will cover their expenses.

Working languages

The primary working language at the camp will be Russian.

Financial and technical conditions of participation

Food, accommodation and travel expenses for 25 European participants will be covered by the Council of Europe.

Dates and venue

The camp will be held from 22nd to 27th June 2014 in Kaluga region (Russian Federation). The participants should plan to arrive on 22nd June (first half of the day) to Moscow and to depart on 27th June (second part of the day, after 15 a.m.) from Moscow. The participants will be transferred to the place of the camp and back to Moscow with comfortable buses.

Application procedure and selection of participants

All candidates from the Council of Europe's member states (other than the Russian Federation) should apply by filling in the online application form available at <http://youthapplications.coe.int/> before the 5th May 2014.

Interested Russian candidates should consult the website of the National Youth Council of Russia (www.youthrussia.ru) or address their quest to NYCR@yandex.ru

All applicants will be notified on the results of the selection process by end of May.

DEADLINE 5th May 2014

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All applications should be filled online!

Other training courses of the Youth Department

If you are interested in a training course in international youth work, but your profile does not fully correspond to the requirements of this course, please note that the Youth Department of the Council of Europe organises other training courses. For details please consult our webpage www.coe.int/youth or contact one of the European youth centres.