



CONTEXT

Although the concepts of Intercultural Learning and Dialogue have attracted severe criticism in the last decade from several sides it still forms an important role in the self-conceptions of international youth work. One could reduce this persistency to the argument that it just forms a traditional concept, which keeps to be transmitted without further reflections. However it can also be seen as a sign that the frames of culture and cultural identity posses a quality and refer to experiences which can't easily be dissolved completely. It therefore seems a promising approach to organise a critical reflection on its basic assumptions and to transform it in a way, which suit the complexity of modern societies without neglecting the role it can play in the (self-) perception of young people.

Looking at the available literature in the academic world there is already a huge source of inspiration, which also have relevant aspects for the practice. However the bigger part of the articles and studies are written in a way, which make the access for people working in the field rather difficult. Another common limitation of the available literature is that it is focused on deconstructing the approaches on a theoretical level but sometimes fail to address the consequence for the youth work practice.

Taken into account the described context the seminar "The end of culture? - Investigations in the Theory and Practice of Interculturality" therefore aims to connect both spheres through combining theoretical reflections with the discussion and further development of tools in this field. The seminar is also deliberately chosen as a cooperation with EECA countries for two main reasons. First of all the offers connecting theory and practice of ICL are very rare in the region and it therefore gives a great chance for actors in the region to increase their capacities in the field. Secondly, it adds an interesting layer to the discussions, especially in comparing the approaches towards cultural identity between participants from the rather old western nation states and some of the relatively new and small countries, which can be found in the partner region.

The end of culture ? - Investigations in the Theory and Practice of Interculturality

PROJECT DETAILS

Dates	24. März – 2. April 2016
Place	Aghveran, Armenia
Type	KA1, Seminar
Working language	English
Applicant	DIALOGOS (Germany)
Hosting organization	International Center for Intercultural Research, Learning and Dialogue (Armenia)

OPEN CALL FOR PARTNERS

OBJECTIVES

- To give youth workers and youth leaders a deeper insight in contemporary debates in the field of Intercultural Learning and Dialogue and to examine related concepts and their underlying assumptions
- To explore the connections between intercultural learning and other important youth work fields such as human right education and anti-discrimination work
- To connect theory with practice through the sharing, analyzing and further development of methods and tools in the field of Intercultural Learning and Dialogue
- To develop follow up projects in the thematic field of the seminar, which will make use of the discussion outcomes

COSTS

Accommodation and board will be **fully covered**. Travel costs can be reimbursed up to the following amounts:

France	520€
Germany, Denmark, Italy	360 €
Romania, Moldova, Belarus, Ukraine	275 €
Georgia	180 €

PARTICIPANTS PROFILE

- Youth workers and youth leaders interested in the theoretical reflection on aspects of Intercultural Dialogue and its related terms
- Having previous experience in delivering training modules on intercultural learning and being able to share tools and methods with their international colleagues
- Interested in setting further co-operation with similar organizations from other European countries
- Being able to communicate fluently in English

APPLICATION

Please fill in the following online application form until **26th February**

<http://tinyurl.com/h5fv8ub>

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