

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Training course:

“Europe in crisis: a call for dialogue. What can youth workers contribute?”



Basic information

What?	Training Course
Title?	“Europe in crisis: a call for dialogue. What can youth workers contribute?”
When?	5 – 13 October 2016 (including travel days)
Where?	Kose-Uuemõisa, Estonia
Eligible countries:	Estonia, Netherlands, Cyprus, United Kingdom, Greece, Macedonia, Romania, Turkey, Poland, Slovenia, Belgium
Number of participants?	2 / 3 per country (24 in total)

Idea, theme and objectives

YEU Estonia is looking for participants for a training course called “Europe in crisis: a call for dialogue. What can youth workers contribute?”. The main goal is to equip youth workers with competences to promote intercultural and interreligious dialogue in local and international activities, particularly focused on the European Refugee Crisis.

More than a million migrants and refugees crossed into Europe in 2015, as a result of the ongoing wars in the Middle East. Most of them were Syrian, followed by Afghans and Iraqis. They arrived and are still arriving in a moment of time where many citizens in European countries feel threatened by foreigners. In about every European country there is a heavy debate ongoing, on how to deal with the situation.

Populist political parties profit from these sentiments, using simple slogans like 'no more foreigners'. At the same time, it would not be correct to call all people who are critical towards the recent immigration wave 'bigots' or 'racists'. Then we would basically shut down the discussion. Furthermore, we see that the debates of today are very much based on stereotypes and prejudices. With this project we call for a dialogue, to share opinions from all sides to develop better informed opinions. We also believe that knowledge is the key to understanding and compassion.

This training course is organized for representatives of youth organizations from different European countries, to create a common strategy. As the crisis is a cross-border problem, it only makes sense to coordinate our actions in a European framework. After the training, the participating youth workers will be able to promote intercultural and interreligious dialogue in local and international activities.

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Objectives:

- to exchange knowledge between representatives from different European youth organizations about the European Refugee Crisis: its origins and how way countries deal with it, including the public response;
- to get a thorough understanding of concepts such as stereotypes, prejudices and discrimination;
- to promote intercultural, interreligious dialogue and respect for human rights;
- to develop detailed, realistic plans to promote intercultural and interreligious dialogue in local and international projects;
- to promote the Erasmus Plus programme.

Three professional trainers will guide the learning process. The methodology is based on non-formal education, with energizers, brainstorms, group work, discussions etc.

Accommodation and finances

The training will take place in recreation center 'Oxforell', close to the city of Kose-Uuemõisa in Estonia.

It is easily reachable by a one-hour bus ride from Tallinn airport. It is situated in a nice environment and it has excellent facilities. Check out their website: <http://oxforell.ee>. The participants will be accommodated in 3 / 4 person bedrooms.



Specifics on costs:

- YEU Estonia will cover your stay 100%, including food and drinks;
- 80% of all travel costs (door to door, cheapest way, until the limits below) will be reimbursed afterwards, after receiving all relevant receipts, including boarding passes;
- There is a participation fee, which will be deducted from the travel reimbursement:
 - Participants from EU countries: 40 euro
 - Participants from non-EU countries: 20 euro

Limits for travel costs (door to door, to be reimbursed for 80%):

Estonia	180	Romania	275
Netherlands	275	Turkey	360
Cyprus	360	Poland	275
United Kingdom	275	Slovenia	275
Greece	360	Belgium	275
Macedonia	275		

Profile of the participants

Priority will be given to participants matching the following profile:

- Willing and able to work on local level with the subject matter, with youngsters;
- No expertise in the topics is needed (prejudices / social media / photography, but welcomed for input during sessions - enthusiasm is most important);
- Ability to work in English.

There is no age restriction. The organization will take into account balance in terms of gender and cultural background.

About the organizer

The project is co-organized by YEU Estonia and Jongeren voor Uitwisseling en Begrip (JUB), from the Netherlands.

YEU Estonia is a non-governmental youth organization, founded in 1997. The organization aims to help Estonian youth to participate in different international youth seminars and conventions, to get more experience on international level. We hope to contribute to a society where youngsters play an active role, in a spirit of respect for Human Rights.

JUB is a youth organization, aiming to bring people from different cultures together, in order to learn from each other. JUB works with topics like human rights, intercultural learning and democracy. In short, JUB works against discrimination and it promotes diversity. It aims to realize local and international youth activities, to promote tolerance between young people from different cultures and countries.

How to apply

In order to apply, please fill out this online form (<https://goo.gl/forms/iPPBV2HhZvMHG4Dz2>).

The deadline is 25 August 2016

In case of any questions, please contact Helen: helenlink95@gmail.com.

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