



North-South Centre of the Council of Europe in Co-operation with ICMYO



Training Course Global Youth Work

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Presentation of the course & Application form



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About this Training Course

The North-South Centre Training Course for Global Youth Work is a week long training course for a maximum of 35 representatives of youth organisations from the different continents and regions of the world. The course is organised under the framework of the joint Management Agreement between the European Commission – EuropeAid Co-operation Office and the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe and will be implemented in co-operation with ICMYO.

Over the course of seven days the participants will be trained in different skills and knowledge areas relevant to support them in successfully managing international projects, establishing partnerships and carrying out advocacy work on behalf of their organisations. Additionally, we aim that the participants will develop concrete actions for the furtherance of a common global youth work agenda.

This Training Course is organised in the framework of the 11th *University on Youth and Development*, an initiative of the North South Centre with the support of the Spanish Government (INJUVE) organised in partnership with the *European Youth Forum (YFJ)*, *Spanish Youth Council (CJE)*, *The Latin American Youth Forum (FLAJ)* and other International youth organisations. The 11th University on Youth and Development has its focus on sustainable development and the International Year of Youth.

Background to the Training Course on Global Youth Work

There are millions of young people in the world who have one thing in common: they are in the process of preparing for adult life, seeking to ensure economic independence and become productive members of their societies. For that to succeed, young people require the support and help of their families; the conditions to live in peace; access to educational and health facilities; and productive, enjoyable leisure time. These are basic necessities for young people all over the world, irrespective of their race, sex, colour or religion.

The problems of young people, like the problems of the rest of society, need to be approached from a global and interdependent perspective. Despite differences, admitted by all, some problems and their causes are the same both in the North and in the South. In other words, there is a close link between the development of young people and society itself. Therefore, beyond the existence of a global reality lies a youth reality, which should be taken into account in development policies.

Young people, who constitute the majority of the world's population, are an important force and partner in the field of global interdependence. It follows, therefore, that youth organisations are social actors who should be recognised as having a role to play in development and who are capable of carrying out projects and programmes in the field of development co-operation. Direct co-operation and exchange of ideas between young people in the North and South is a key instrument of intercultural understanding and global interdependence.

Institutional objectives

The North-South Centre has identified youth and their organisations as a priority target for their activities. In doing so, the Council of Europe aims at raising awareness and increasing solidarity among young people and at promoting and facilitating their active participation in the field of global interdependence, solidarity and co-operation. The Council of Europe is also working towards the inclusion of a youth perspective in the development policies of its member states. Hence, through both the North South Centre and the Directorate on Youth and Sports, the Council of Europe strives to support and enhance capacity building for youth organisations in global co-operation and education at national and regional levels.

This project is a natural progression of the training programme for youth organisations developed by the North-South Centre and the Directorate of Youth and Sport over the last two decades. The training programme includes this annual training course for youth organisations, a Euro-Latin American Training Course, a Africa Europe Programme of Training for Youth Organisations, a Euro-

Asian Training Course, several training activities for the promotion of Human Rights Education and a programme on Euro-Mediterranean Youth Training implemented in co-operation with the European Commission through their partnership agreement.

Aims and Objectives of the course

The aim of this training course is to strengthen the capacities of youth organisations and the ICMYO network by training active volunteers in the fields of advocacy, project management and international partnership.

The courses objectives are:

- To introduce ICMYO and ensure a common level of understanding of ICMYO's role and status.
- To increase participants' understanding of each other and stimulate dialogue among them in order to reinforce a network of youth organisations with an interest in developing co-operation and actively strengthening global civil society,
- To explore the role of advocacy on international and global level by youth organisations and support participants to increase their competencies in this field
- To discuss the potential of international partnership and share successful strategies adopted by international youth organisations.
- To increase participants' capacity as multipliers in youth organisations.
- To initiate a series of co-operation initiatives between youth organisations, particularly focussed on advocacy, partnership and project management.
- To share expectations on the International Year of Youth and explore possible approaches of ICMYO towards the IYY.

Programme

The main programme elements will be the following:

Block One

Introduction, group-building and establishing an understanding of each other's backgrounds and the work of other organisations.

Block Two

Exploration of global youth work and interregional cooperation between youth organisations: Identifying global structures, sharing experiences, identifying challenges and possible solutions and exploring the benefit of cooperation among youth organisations

Block Three:

Exploration of the International Year of Youth: In this block we will introduce topic and objectives of the IYY, share our expectations towards it and gather ideas for activities in the framework of the IYY.

Block Four

Skills and capacity-building: This block will be the 'meat' of the course, including training on:

- Advocacy on international and global level
- Project management for international projects

Block Five

This block aims at initiating and developing common projects between youth organisations, building on the things learnt in Block 4.

Block Six

Follow-up and evaluation: This block will cover the specific future implementation of what has been shared and developed during the training course. Clear methodologies and task division for the implementation of the projects developed by the partners in Block 5 will be set up. It may also include the development of further ICMYO programmes. This block will include an extensive evaluation.

Educational principles of the course

The course is designed as a process of mutual learning, one that takes the participants' experiences as the starting point of the learning process. Active participation and in-depth reflection are the keys to the success of this course. Participants will have the opportunity to compare their approaches to youth work and to challenge each other's ways of working.

In methodological terms, the team aims to make the course:

- a safe and respectful environment
- a multicultural environment , with diversity being present in all its senses
- an opportunity to learn from everything which is different (intercultural learning)
- an experience of non-formal education
- a non-hierarchical space
- learner and learning centred
- an opportunity for learning to learn together
- a co-operative learning environment
- an occasion to learn for change and to participate actively in one's own learning process
- an action oriented learning experience
- an intercultural experience

This training methodology is based on a number of successful experiences of training for youth organisations organised by the North-South Centre and the Directorate of Youth and Sport of the Council of Europe, such as for example: 15 years of North-South Training Courses for Youth Organisations, Euro-Asian, Euro-African Training Courses, the Partnership on Euro-Med youth training and the 30 years of Youth Work Training of the Directorate of Youth and Sport of the Council of Europe.

This course is a week-long training Programme using a variety of educational methodologies and methods, such as: thematic inputs from key experts in the field and the team, in depth debates and challenging discussions with key actors and each other, individual and group research, simulation exercises, experiential learning exercises, examples of good practices, and more. The participants of the Course will also have the opportunity of participating in the joint programme of the *University on Youth and Development* involving close to 300 young people from all over the world, this year focusing on the themes sustainable development and the International Year of Youth.

Educational team of the course

The educational team for this course will be composed by 5 trainers recruited among ICMYO member organisations. The trainers have specific and complementary experience in youth work and co-operation and will be recruited specifically to further design and implement this course. The trainers' team will also reflect gender balance and cultural, political and geographical diversity.

Working languages

The working languages for this course are English and French. Candidates should be able to work in one of the working languages and should preferably with a passive knowledge of the other. The working languages of the Summer University shall be English and Spanish.

Profile of participants

Participants selected to attend this course shall be:

- Actively involved as volunteers in ICMYO organisations
- Experienced in youth work and/ or advocacy work at regional or international level

- In a position to develop and run international projects within their organisation as a volunteer
- Motivated to enhance their capacities to manage international activities in their organisations
- Interested in global co-operation between youth organisations
- Aged 18 – 30+ and exceptionally up to 35 years of age
- Speaking one of the working languages of the course: English or French

The selection shall consider, in particular, issues of balance – geographical, regional, gender, personal profile / background, minority status, indigenous communities and so on.

Financial and practical information:

Travel Expenses

Due to the limited funding to cover travel costs to Mollina (Malaga, Spain), preference in travel support will be given to participants coming from the South or less privileged regions of the North. The North-South Centre will do its best to fully cover the travel cost of all the participants. Selected participants will receive an invitation to participate from the North South Centre in which the conditions for travel reimbursement will be outlined.

In accordance with this year's focus of the University on Youth and Development – Sustainable Development -, we strongly recommend you to travel as sustainable as possible. We will also cover train ticket costs for participants willing to take a train instead of flying to Malaga. Furthermore, we are planning to buy offsets for all participants coming by plane in order to support ecological projects.

Accommodation

The organisers will provide board and lodging for the participants at the CEULAJ (Euro - Latin American Youth Centre) in Mollina (Malaga), Spain.

Participation Fee

A symbolic participation fee of 50 Euros for participants coming from European Union member countries and North America and 25 Euros for those coming from other countries will be charged to participants in cash at the course.

How to apply?

You should fill the enclosed application form. Applications should be sent to the Educational Team by email (see below for contact details). A maximum of 35 Participants will be selected on the basis of the profile outlined above. Candidates will be informed about whether their application was accepted by the end of July 2010. Please note that a final selection of the participants will be made on the basis of the applications received.

N.B. Sending in an application does not guarantee a place on this course.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

The enclosed application form should be sent to the Educational
Team

no later than the 20th of July 2010 by email to:

icmyomollina@gmail.com

Please indicate your name in the subject of the e-mail and save attachments (your application and endorsement by your organisation) under your own name.

Selected participants who need a visa to enter Spain will have to personally apply for a visa at the nearest Spanish Embassy or representation. Visa support shall be provided by the North South Centre. In case you need a visa to enter Spain, please include a copy of your passport with your application (in electronic format).