

International Training Programme “Youth, Peace, and Change-Making – Strengthening Youth Capacities for Change”

April 2018 – December 2018

The project aims at promoting the involvement of young people as key actors in peacebuilding and change processes by enhancing capacities of youth-led civil society organisations in developing and applying sustainable initiatives ensuring youth participation at local level through youth peace advocacy.

Therefore, the project aims at developing the competences of young activists and young community through a combination of a distant learning programme, guided community assessments and two residential training courses on youth empowerment and the development of youth peace advocacy projects. As a result the participants shall be enabled to guide young people in planning, monitoring and evaluation of youth-led peacebuilding initiatives on local level.

Objectives of the project

- To develop the capacities of youth workers and young leaders for empowering young people to take an active role in addressing community challenges through youth advocacy, particularly for societal and identity-based conflicts
- To develop innovative approaches and concrete initiatives in forms of youth advocacy projects for engaging young people in peacebuilding and change processes at local level
- To strengthen the links and cooperation between civil society organisations in Europe participating in promoting youth participation at local level

Themes addressed by the project:

- Youth empowerment and youth participation
- Peacebuilding and conflict transformation
- Needs-based and long-term strategic planning for social transformation

Competences expected to be developed by the participants:

- To have developed a profound understanding of and measures for strategic youth-led advocacy and campaigning for peace
- To feel empowered to act as multipliers in their communities and to promote youth participation in peacebuilding processes
- To be equipped with an enriched tool box to foster youth participation and youth empowerment for youth-led peacebuilding

Project Steps/ Timeline

Step 1: E-Learning phase in preparation of the 1st training course (April 2018, online, 4 to 6 weeks, weekly workload of 2 to 3 hours)

An e-learning course on youth empowerment and peacebuilding prior the 1st training course. The e-course will cover the following themes: youth empowerment, peacebuilding, social transformation, and youth as change makers.

Step 2: Training course on youth empowerment and peacebuilding (14-22 May 2018, Dilijan, Armenia)
A basic training course for 24 youth workers and youth leaders on youth empowerment and peacebuilding in youth work

Specific objective of the training course:

- To introduce the participants to systematic approaches to peacebuilding
- To explore the meaning of youth empowerment in the context of grass-root youth peacebuilding at community level
- To learn tools for needs analysis and community assessments
- To prepare the community assessments to be conducted in all partner countries

Step 3: Community assessment in preparation of the 2nd training course (July-September 2018, in all partner countries)

A community assessment will be conducted by the participants in their respective communities to gather



relevant information for the project planning stage in the 2nd training course. The community assessment will be supported, guided and structured through a designated e-learning course.

Step 4: Training course on planning needs-based peacebuilding initiatives (01-09 October 2018, Misaktsieli, Georgia)

A training for 24 youth workers and youth educators from the EU and the Caucasus on project development for grass-root youth-led peacebuilding initiatives. Specific objective of the training are:

- To deepen into the theories of peacebuilding approaches, especially social transformation
- To learn and use practical hands-on tools for strategic project development
- To develop project proposals and corresponding tailored follow-up activities at local level
- To establish transnational links between CSOs in the youth sector and translate them into project-based partnership

Step 5: Follow-up events (November-December 2018, in all partner countries)

In each partner country the participants shall start the initiatives they planned.

The project will involve participants from **Armenia, Georgia, Belarus, Ukraine, Poland, Sweden, Turkey and Germany**. EIF is recruiting **3 participants living in Germany**.

Participant Profile

To apply to participate in this project, you have to be living in Germany and be involved in initiatives with young people on youth participation and social activism. You should have the following profile:

- At least basic knowledge and understanding of youth participation, peacebuilding and social transformation
- Knowledge about the specific context in their communities
- Work experience in a NGO working with young people
- Have led at least participated and/or coordinated one local or international social initiative
- Motivation to take part in a mutual learning process in a very intercultural setting
- Good level of English to follow the course and to contribute to it
- Wish and ability to participate fully in the event

Please bear in mind that you can only apply for the programme as a whole, and not for single programme activities.

If you apply together with other members of your organisation, movement or initiative please indicate that in your application. Make sure all of you applied for the programme.

Conditions

As the project is partially financed by the Erasmus+ programme of the European Commission, board and accommodation are fully covered by the organisers. Moreover 80% of the travelling expenses will be reimbursed by the organisers – up to a maximum amount of 360 EUR - upon presentation of the travel documents and boarding tags. **Administrative fees:** 24 EUR

Application Procedure

Please send a short CV in English and a motivation letter to eif.germany@googlemail.com

Deadline for application: March 04 2018

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