

Action 4.3 of "Youth in Action" Seminar

Religion and the Youth Work

Nancy (Sion)

18st May - 26th May 2014

(arrival 18st May, first half of the day,
departure 25th May in the evening or 26 in the morning)



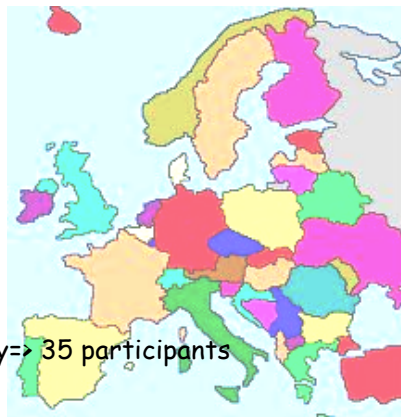
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'Youth in Action' Programme

- Duration: 8 days (arrival 18st May - departure evening of 25th May)
- Date of activity: 19 May - 25 May 2014
- Venue: Nancy (Sion)
- 5 participants per country
- Work language: English. But is not necessary a high communicative of English spoken level!

COUNTRIES

- France
- Estonia
- Romania
- Poland
- Turkey
- Latvia
- Slovenia



7 countries, 5 participants per country=> 35 participants

ACTIVITIES / PROGRAMME

"Religion and the Youth Work"- Religious Diversity Seminar is a 6-days seminar to be implemented in Nancy (Sion) in May 2014. Idea for the seminar was created by partner organizations from 7 countries: France, Slovenia, Turkey, Poland, Romania, Estonia and Latvia representing different religions or non-religious communities willing to discuss religion as important element of intercultural dialogue.

The seminar aims to address the religious diversity and discrimination issues that are becoming increasingly pertinent in European society. Using interactive and participatory methods it will deal effectively with general prejudice and discrimination and seeks to provide adult educators, teachers and volunteers with tools for situations where religious diversity and discrimination are a concern.

Religious dialogue and understanding is part of the intercultural education and is sometimes neglected. Last events in connection to Islam shows how big is the gap of understanding, how easy it is to destroy the peace and create the massive events that disturb the societies and contribute to building the barriers. It is particularly visible in Europe, where different religions and cultures co-exist together but that does not mean that they understand each other. One of the main concern of the youth work nowadays is the racism, non-tolerance and xenophobia and it often has the religious background. We believe that non-formal education could have a strong influence to change that situation and this is why we come up with the idea of this project. The project will offer the opportunity to discuss and debate several important issues that normally do not exist in the formal systems of education. It will give the participants the chance for individual reflection about beliefs, cultural reflection about role of the religion in their country, connection to tradition and the way it is practiced in their own circles. At the same time it will allow participants to share that reflection in small groups and on plenaries, where they will mix with people from different countries. Overall the participants will also have a chance to interact with and listen to the inputs of experts who will connect the topic of religion to the challenges of youth work and intercultural learning. All that methods used during the seminar will create the situation of common learning and exchange and will provide tools to improve the quality if the youth work in home countries of participants. It will help them to acknowledge the topic of religious diversity in their local and international projects, especially there where it might influence inclusion (organisations that work with migrants, minorities, multhiethnic communities). In this way the seminar will create a great chance for the capacity building as it will offer not only reflection but also tools to approach the topic of diversity in general.

The objectives of the seminar will work for the long term aim which is conducting change in the European societies by strenghtening the capacities of participants from 7 countries.

Main aims of the project:

- creation of the respect and curiosity for the religious diversity
- contribution to the understanding between cultures and intercultural learning
- promotion of the values, skills and anti-discriminative attitude towards the religious diversity in youth work

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- raising awareness of participants that each individual has specific religious identity
- raising understanding among participants for the issues in religious diversity
- facilitating the dialogue between the participants representing different cultures and sharing the experiences of different cultures and religions
- gaining the skills to observe the current trends for stereotypical thinking about the religions, prejudices against them and discrimination
- developing curiosity for the religious diversity in the world and ability to be impressed by them
- developing the individual skills and competences and tools to build the multicultural society and society opened for diversity
- creating the possibility for participants to come with new ideas for transfer of the new skills to their working realities in international youth work

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PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

- Age: no any age limit
- Young people, youth workers, social workers, etc. interested in the non-formal methodology around the topic of religion
- English is our work language, but is not obligation. We will have some meetings and discussions so it will be recommended at least basic knowledge or translation into your groups.
- People who is interested in the topic.
- Motivated, nice, cheerful, smiling participants and good mood!! 😊

MONEY

- We cover simple accommodation, food and program activities.
- Participants will pay for 30% of their travel costs
- **IMPORTANT:** We reimburse the transport money **ONLY** if the participant will **ACTIVELY** take part during the whole project.
- You have to keep all the bills, boarding passes and every type of ticket transport with you, so that we were able to reimburse you the costs.
- There is a Participation Fee of 30€. This is fee is obligatory to participate in the exchange.

TRANSPORT

- You must choose **the cheapest travel possibility** to Metz, and then if it's possible take the bus to Nancy.

- We recommended you Frankfurt Hahn or Brussels Charleroi Airports where Ryanair, Wizzair and Easyjet normally fly.
- From these airports you can connect with Flibco bus company (www.flibco.com) to get to Metz, in Metz you can pick the bus to Nancy. If you have problems to pick the bus to Nancy we can take you in Metz (at "Hotel All start Seasons" stop).
- PLEASE **contact us BEFORE buy your tickets**. Look for the best options and send it to us. Don't buy nothing after we will send you ok confirmation. When you receive it, you will be able to buy the tickets.
- As soon as possible after buy your tickets, **send us all you travel information** in order to give you more information about how to get to Nancy in the easiest ways due to your flight.
- Finally, we will need all the information about your arrival and departure details in the moment you finish to buy all the transport tickets.
- We will keep the original transport tickets for your go travel and copies of your return tickets, but you **MUST** send the originals ones as soon as possible when you arrive home to the address of association.

FOOD

- We will have a cook with us who provide us **breakfast, lunch and dinner**. But the help in the kitchen and with the dishes is very much welcome from the participants.
- If you have some **special needs** for food (vegetarian, celiac, some allergies, etc.), please, **inform us** about it beforehand. We can provide you just "with/without meat" vegetarian food, if you have some **very complicated diet**, or as a vegetarian you would like to have some special ingredients, we would appreciate if you could **take the food that you need with you**.

ACCOMODATION

- We will host at "Nancy(Sion)":
- There is free **internet wi-fi connexion** in the Scout Centre.
- Please, bring the **sleeping bags** with you.
- Bathroom and showers in each floor.
- Big modern kitchen.
- Meal will be at activities room and we should take care about the kitchen furniture
- Bring Towels

RULES

- **No alcohol politic**: This is an International and educational Project granted from European found. Participant should be aware they are not on holidays. Alcohol is forbidden during the project, except in Intercultural dinner where we only need to taste it, so it is not necessary bring a lot with you and only if there is some specific alcohol beverage very typical from your country or culture. Please, make sure that participants

are not bringing any other alcohol with them. Problems with alcohol can lead to sending the participant home and not reimburse money. Thanks in advance for your co-operation.

- No drugs.
- Be on time (especially important for complete the program).
- Respect each other.
- Cleaning.
- Participate and active people!
- We will talk about the rules directly at the place.

YOU WILL NEED...

- Towels and personal things.
- Sleeping bags
- Warm clothes
- Typical food for intercultural evening.
- Poster, leaflets, card, videos, typical music... from your country, region, city.
- Info, presentation, material, stickers... from your organization.
- Camera, laptop and other equipment making life and work easier.
- Ideas, games, ice breakings, dances and folk for your cultural evening.
- Good mood and energy to be active!

Thank you so much to join us and be part of this Seminar!
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