Erasmus+ National Agencies networking project 'Youth for Human Rights!'

CALL FOR EXPERTS



'Youth for Human Rights!' is a networking project of eight different Erasmus+ National Agencies of the European programme Erasmus+: Youth in Action. The Estonian National Agency Archimedes Foundation is responsible for the overall coordination. The German National Agency JUGEND für Europa coordinates the expert group on human rights education in the field of youth within this project. Further partners are: Agence du service Civique (France), Interkulturelles Zentrum (Austria), JINT – International Youth Work Coordination Agency (Belgium Flanders), Agency for International Programmes for Youth (Latvia), Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes (Croatia) and IUVENTA - Slovak Youth Institute (Slovakia).

We are currently looking for experts in the project 'Youth for Human Rights!' which is about mainstreaming human rights education in the field of youth.

The **general objectives** of the project are about preventing violent radicalisation and promoting democratic values, fundamental rights, intercultural understanding and active citizenship through human rights education (HRE).

The **specific objectives** are to improve the acquisition of social and civic competences and to foster knowledge, understanding and ownership of democratic values and fundamental rights. Furthermore, we would like to support trainers and youth workers in handling conflicts and in dealing with diversity and to enhance the quality of non-formal learning activities, youth work practices and volunteering.

The **expected results** of the networking project are:

- Firstly, to achieve an overview of actors, concepts, educational resources, training needs, approaches of training of trainers, of youth workers and of youth work students as well as of Erasmus+ NA staff on HRE in the field of youth at European and at national level.
- Secondly, concepts and curricula for training of trainers, of youth workers and of Erasmus+ NA's staff on human rights education are to be developed and tested, further adapted and implemented. For this purpose expert analysis of and recommendations for the adaptation and/or development of training tools and materials on HRE suitable for the field of youth is needed.
- Thirdly, competent trainers, youth workers and Erasmus+ NA's staff are to be trained on HRE and a consistant strategy for promoting HRE through youth work and Erasmus+:YiA programme is to be developed, at local, regional, national or transnational level.
- And fourthly, easily accessible HRE related information, best practice and educational resources will be made available online. Policy recommendations at national and transnational level will be published as well.

Expert group

The **call for experts** aims at creating a transnational group of experts of 15 to max. 20 experts to support the networking project in producing educational concepts, modules and a training plan, which would suit both European and national contexts.

The **expected output** of the expert group is to develop the following training formats as well as related tools and resources based on research input provided to the expert group:

- Training of Trainers
- Training of Youth Workers
- Training of Erasmus+ NA staff
- Educational resources and tools

Work mode of the expert group:

Three meetings lasting three days each, including travel.

The first meeting will take place from **23.10. - 25.10. 2017** in Latvia (Riga), the second one in January 2018 in France (Paris) and the third one in March 2018 in Latvia (Riga) again.

In each of the three meetings of the expert group working papers and other material will be presented and discussed. Experts will be invited to prepare specific inputs to the meetings or to report on specific issues and to contribute actively to the agenda. It is planned to build clusters and subgroups in order to allow efficient working conditions.

The selected trainers of the expert group will later, in a second step, be invited to continue working on curriculum development for the planned training activities.

The foreseen **composition** of the expert group is as follows:

- Representatives of (European) human rights organisations and networks
- Educational experts, such as human rights trainers, educators and experts active in the formal and non-formal education of youth
- Representatives of youth NGO's and youth workers
- Researchers with expertise in human rights and human rights education
- Council of Europe human rights education expert and representative of the EU-CoE youth partnership
- Representatives of Erasmus+ National Agencies and Salto Resource Centres

In order to increase the **quality, sustainability and relevance** of the expert group's outputs potential links should be made to relevant initiatives and infrastructures of European youth work, such as the Erasmus+: Youth In Action National Agencies / SALTO Resource Centres and their respective Training & Cooperation Activities and European Training Strategy, the education and training programme of the Council of Europe's youth department, including their European Youth Centres in Budapest and Strasbourg, diverse educational approaches in youth work at European and national level, including the work of youth NGO's and HR activists.

Fee

The selected experts will get a fee of 290 € per expert day for participating in the three expert group meetings and for drafting and submitting papers and inputs to the project.

Selection criteria

The qualified candidates are expected to have a well-established background in human rights, respectively human rights education. Each experts' potential, specific role and contribution to the expert group will be assessed.

Other selection criteria are:

- Experiences in the design and practice / implementation of human rights education
- Knowledge of the political dimensions of human rights
- Ability to make comprehensible and adaptable proposals to the project
- Ability to draft training concepts, modules, recommendations
- Ability to prepare and present papers
- Ability to share experiences and expertise.

Application:

To express interest in the role of an expert, please submit your application by **Sunday**, **11.06.2017** to the **German National Agency JUGEND für Europa (JfE)** by using the online application form available at http://onlineform.salto-youth.net/1546. You will need a MySALTO user account to get access to the form. You can easily register on https://www.salto-youth.net/.

We will inform all applicants about the selection results by **Friday**, **23.06.2017**.

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