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TO THE HEADS OF THE ERASMUS+: YOUTH IN ACTION / EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS NATIONAL AGENCIES

Subject: Invitation to the Youth for Human Rights: Call for Participants – Training of NA Staff. 9 – 13 December 2018, Brussels - Destelheide

Dear Colleagues,

The project „Youth for Human Rights!“ is about **mainstreaming human rights education in the field of youth**. It is a networking project of seven National Agencies of the European programme **Erasmus+ Youth in Action**: Archimedes Foundation Estonia (coordination), JUGEND für Europa Germany, 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.

The aim of the project is to foster social inclusion through making use of the full potential of youth work and of human rights education (HRE) in the context of youth work and young people’s non-formal learning.

The aims of this training are:

- To provide NA staff with an overall understanding of human rights education and
- To develop competences in order to support the beneficiaries of Erasmus+ to use Human Rights Education with young people as an approach to promote the values and aims of the EU youth mobility programmes.



The objectives are:

- Exploring a Human Rights dimension in the work of Erasmus+ youth
- To learn about Human Rights supportive project development
- Developing a human rights perspective and focus within the ambition and scope of the NA
- Exchange of experiences and meeting with Human rights practitioners

Expected outcomes

As a result of this training, participants will:

- Be able and motivated to support applicants to integrate HRE in their projects and promote HRE approaches to beneficiaries
- Have the capacity to promote HR/HRE in the NA strategy
- Be able to include HR/HRE in TCA planning
- Become aware of the importance of networking with the HRE field in their country.

Overview on the NA training schedule

The overall training consists of 3 phases

- **An individual preparatory phase where the participant will be asked to conduct some preparatory activities, that helps to explore and set the stage, e.g.**
 - Visit a local NGO and ask them what they do in relation to HRE (they may know organisations that do Human Rights Education)
 - Read the **national mapping report for the Youth for HR** (LINK to national reports)
 - Do a small desk-research on legal framework on the participants' country, e.g. what conventions did your country ratify or look at recent cases against their countries in front of HR Court.
 - *the overview on how HR helped to improve daily life of young people (prepared by the trainers) - this could be sent to participants before the course and asking them to reflect and see if they encountered any project that dealt with this issue*
 - *Trainers could send them videos that will help the participants to get some understanding on HR (like the video of the European Convention on HR)*
 - *Link it with the recommendations for youth work training in formal education + with the ToT and national training courses*



- A 3 day Training course in [Destelheide](#), Belgium (centre for young people, art and creativity).
- A follow-up phase after the training

During the training the participant will be asked to develop concrete follow-up activities. In order to make it feasible this can be very specific and relate directly to their work: There are key dates in a NA year that can be used for follow-up, e.g.

- *Deadlines of E+ (consulting organisations on HRE, assessing proposals.project visits)*
- *TCA meeting in June 2019*
- *The closing conference of the project in December 2019 (possible presentation on how participants implemented their follow-ups)*

From the Partner consortium we will be supporting the participants' follow up activities and are already looking forward to learn from their experiences.

Practical information:

Date: Monday **10th** (arrival by 13h) – Thursday **13th** of December (departure by 14)

Language: **English** (there will be no interpretation available)

Fee: 400 € / participant, payable against invoice. Travel costs not included.

Target Group: NA staff members: Erasmus+ project officers, European Solidarity Corps project officers, TCA officers, Inclusion officers, Youth for human rights project coordinators.

We encourage participants who:

- have at least one year of experience as NA staff member.
- are in a position to follow up in relation to the course expected outcomes.
- are interested and motivated to develop new competences in Human Rights Education
- are ready to be associated to the national training for youth workers (For participants from the Youth for Human Rights project countries)

Participants are expected to attend **the whole duration of the training course** and to be able to communicate in English about their work in the NA. The training course has a maximum of 28 participants. Each NA can send maximum 2 staff members.



Methodology: This staff course is a training, it is not a seminar or a business meeting. Non-formal training methods are used, designed to encourage active participation and interaction by all involved.

Place: As part of the non-formal training element the team chose “Destelheide”, a youth friendly accommodation center in order to feel the youth spirit of the target group of the Programmes. This means that there are **no single rooms** (participants will be accommodated *two* per room.)

More information about the accommodation you can find on www.destelheide.be (available in English and French too).

Selection: There are 2 places per NA guaranteed for the 7 project partners. Associated partners and NA's taking part in any other KA3 project have priority.

Deadline: **Please register by 29.06.2018** at the very latest by completing the online form at <http://onlineform.salto-youth.net/1622>
Confirmation of participants is to be expected on 12.09.2018.

Contact: For questions you can contact Yannick De Schaepmeester,
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After registration and selection, you will receive a confirmation including: a more-detailed programme, a list of preparation requirements, local travel information, bio from trainers team and further information regarding this training.

We hope very much that your NA is interested in sending participants to this training, in agreement with the conditions described in this invitation letter. And we are looking forward to hear from you soon.

Kind regards,

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