

A Common World – Sharing best practices on intercultural education

Exchange of good practices on intercultural education and youth work between Europe and Africa, the Caribbean, Pacific (ACP), Asia, Latin America

Context

Nowadays, people from different cultural backgrounds often live together in one society.

More information and mobility on the one hand, political and economic circumstances on the other contribute to migration flows between many countries. Many of our societies find new – or not so new – ways to deal with the facts: suburban ghettos, segregation, racism, and exclusion. Possible forms of living together are debated. We try to answer the questions whether people from different cultures can merely live beside each other in multicultural societies, or if a kind of “intercultural society” with deep interaction and all its implications is possible.

“Intercultural learning” can be one tool in our efforts to understand the complexity of today’s world, by understanding others and ourselves a bit better. Moreover, it can be one of the keys to open the doors into a new society. “Intercultural learning” may enable us to better face the challenges of current realities. We can understand it as empowerment not just to cope personally with current developments, but also to deal with the potential of change, which can have a positive and constructive impact in our societies. Our “intercultural learning capacities” are needed now more than ever.

With this project proposal we would like to empower youth workers working in a multicultural environment with elements of intercultural education.

Aim

The general aim of the project is to enable an exchange of good practices on intercultural education targeted at young people among NGOs working in the field of non formal youth education from Europe, Africa and Asia

Objectives

The specific objectives we intend to achieve by this project proposal are:

- To share information among partner organisations about youth work and youth policies in the countries participating in the project.
- To share experiences among partner organisations on non formal education work with young people in the countries participating in the project.
- To identify and exchange best practices on intercultural education activities among partner organisations.

- To build up a network among partner organisations for implementing future activities in the frame of the programme Youth in Action.

Activities

The activities we foresee to implement the project objectives are:

1. One preparatory meeting among partner organisations to define the working programme
2. One training course on intercultural education lasting 7 days with maximum 30 participants to be implemented in Italy
3. One evaluation meeting among partner organisations to evaluate the project results and identify follow-up activities
4. Production of a cd-rom containing the best practices identified during the project on intercultural education.

Duration

The project proposal will last 12 months from 1st of December 2006 to 30th November 2007

Partners

The promoter of the project will be:
UniTS – Università del Terzo Settore (Italy)

The partner organisations will be:

Italy - AFSAI

Hungary - Artemisszió Foundation

Taiwan - ICYE Taiwan

Mozambique - AJUDE–Associação Juvenil Para o Desenvolvimento do Voluntariado em Moçambique

Brazil - Instituição Beneficente Conceição Macêdo