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Invitation

Networking Event for, Chief Volunteers (or equivalent) and young volunteers

30 March – 1 April 2012, Chalet Geisserei, Luxembourg

Aim

'Volunteers in the lead' aims to provide a space for Chief Volunteers and young volunteers to meet, to network, and to share good practice and ideas both within and between the two groups.

The event builds on networking events held at Regional Conferences when there was a clear desire to find opportunities for these important volunteers to share and mix with their peers.

The event is supported by the Youth in Action Programme of the European Union.

Objectives

Objectives of the event are to:

- To create a safe and respectful atmosphere to allow for a maximum of exchange and learning between the Chief Volunteers and young volunteers;
- To increase networking between colleagues working in the field of youth;
- To provide structured space and time for the exchange of experiences and opinions and the current situation in their respective countries;
- To provide training in such a way (methodology, materials, ...), that there is a high ratio of knowledge and motivation once the participants return to their home;
- To contribute to an overall raise of quality, impact an visibility of international youth activities, e.g. in the Youth in Action Programme.

Participants profile

This event is open to Chief Volunteers accompanied by one youth member aged 18-25. The youth member should be either already participating in the national decision-making processes of the organisation or be interested in/planning to do so.

Dates

The event will be held from 30 March to 1 April 2012. Participants should arrive at the venue before 18.00 on Friday and may leave from lunchtime on the Sunday.

Venue

The event will take place at Chalet Geisserei, the national headquarters of Lëtzebuurger Guiden a Scouten in Luxembourg (<http://lgs.lu/Geisserei>), which only recently opened and offers clean and modern Scout like sleeping and washing facilities and a large amount of modern meeting rooms. We will offer single and mixed sex dorms. Please bring your sleeping bag.

Cost

Participants from countries where NSOs/MOs signed the partnership agreement:

- Staying at the venue is free of charge (for the two nights) and includes food and programme.
- Please bring a small budget for private expenses in EUR, the local currency.
- Travel expenses will be refunded for up to 70% via the Youth in Action funds upon delivery of travel tickets and respective invoices.
- Please book early to keep travel costs low (economy and 2nd class only).

Participants from countries where NSOs/MOs have not signed the partnership agreement:

- If your NSO/MO has not signed the partnership agreement, the contribution is fixed at EUR 75 per person (not including travel expenses). This fee includes accommodation (two nights), food and programme.

Hotel

People needing single rooms have to arrange their booking at a hotel near the city centre or the venue, like Hotel Coque (www.coque.lu) or Hotel Parc Belle-Vue (www.parcbellevue.lu). Costs are at participant's charge, with possible subsidies of up to EUR 50 for two nights.



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Travel

Participants will receive detailed information about transfers to the Scout Centre from Luxembourg Airport or the Main Train Station after having registered. The Scout Centre is well linked with local transportation.

Visa

The participants are responsible for organising their travel and obtaining a visa if necessary. Please be aware, that it may take up to six weeks to obtain a visa. So please send your visa-form with the application form in order to allow sufficient time for visas.

Application

To register for the event, please fill in the online form on www.europak-online.net/register-volunteers-in-lead at the latest by **12 March 2012**.

Additional information

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