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"Scouting for Peace"

Training for Leaders

Peace Education in the light of Inter-Cultural and Inter-Religious Dialogue

8 - 11 April 2017, Madrid, Spain

Context

The European Scout Region successfully applied to the Council of Europe – European Youth Foundation and therefore is starting to organise the activities comprised in the Work Plan 2017.

The Work Plan 2017 aims to strengthen NSOs capacities in peace education, inter-religious dialogue and open spiritual development and introducing these aspects in their educational curricula.

The Work Plan 2017 Objectives are:

- 1. Train scout leaders active at national level in key positions on how to use dialogue as a tool for countering negative attitudes and extremism while enhancing the tolerance of young people and support them in cultivating inclusive attitudes
- 2. Promote the use of Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue as tools to building more peaceful societies in Europe
- Encourage NSOs to adapt the new Dialogue for Peace programme to their needs and introduce Peace Education in their curricula to use it in a proactive manner for developing a safe environment for their activities that is welcoming for all
- 4. Create a European Scout support structure in the form of an "Open Spiritual Development Network" in view of offering tailored support and coaching to all NSOs and NSAs in Europe interested in developing this area of their work
- 5. Better cooperate and coordinate with other actors and partners active in the fields of Intercultural and Interreligious Dialogue, Peace Education

Activity overview

The training will be approached as a TOT (training of trainers), as the participants will act as multipliers in their own organizations once back. The aim is to train the Scout leaders on how to adapt and introduce and use Peace Education toolkits for Cubs (children), Rovers (teenagers) and Adults within their organisation's educational curricula so that the young people can develop themselves in a holistic way as tolerant and respectful individuals.

The programme is designed as a general approach on encouraging young people to contribute to the building of more peaceful societies around the world. Each of the regions are invited to shape and tailor the programme to meet their own needs and realities, which could even be different inside the region from NSO to NSO.

For Europe, the aspects that will be stressed in the Peace Education Programme are:

- Promoting tolerance among young people, with a special focus on minorities, immigrants and refugees
- > Fighting racism and extremism through positive actions and narratives
- > Encouraging interreligious and intercultural dialogue between young people through dedicated activities included in the Scouting programme.

Participants profile

- Scout leaders, aged 18 35 preferably, capable to fully engage in the training where the working language will be English
- Interested in the subject of Peace Education and motivated to implement it in the frame of Scouting
- Actively involved at national level in the Adult Training department/ Programme Department or Spiritual Development department of the sending NSO

Participants are fully supported by the sending NSO to adapt and implement the gained knowledge in the Educational Curricula of their organization

Venue:

The event will take place on 8 – 11 April 2017 in Madrid, Spain (venue to be confirmed).

Participants should arrive on Friday 7 April 2017 in the afternoon / evening and leave Wednesday 12 April 2017 in the morning.

Participation fee / travel costs:

The participation fee is EUR 100.00 per participant. 70 % of the travel costs will be reimbursed.

The formal invitation letter with the programme will be sent out during the first half of February 2017.

In the meantime, if you have any question, do not hesitate to contact

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Looking forward to your support to make this event a success!

Yours in Scouting,

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