Prepared to Learn, Prepared to Lead: Study session on Girl Guide and Girl Scout Educational Methods

"Why, How and What: young leaders increasing accessibility and quality of the youth experience"

Call for Participants

Deadline - 24th of July

WAGGGS is looking for a group of committed people with expertise in training of training (supporting adult learning), GGGS educational methods and peer to peer learning design to take part in a study session organized in partnership with the Budapest European Youth Centre of the Council of Europe.

Are Educational Methods and Adult Learning your passions? Apply to participate and to be part of a team where exchange and creative work will happen!

We are looking for young¹ people with:

- Strong passion for educational method and adult learning
- Creative thinker, and able to transform creative idea in concrete output
- Previous experience in facilitating adult learning, ideally training of trainers
- A deep understanding of the Girl Guide and Girl Scout Educational Methods
- Understanding of inclusion, gender and diversity issues in Guiding and Scouting and/or in youth organisations
- Ideally, experience in developing learning tools
- Previous experience in working long distance
- Capacity to thinking beyond a European context, whilst working in a Europe-based team
- Able to communicate effectively in English (both spoken and written)
- From a country <u>Member</u> of the Council of Europe

Framework of the Study session

The study session is organized in the framework of the work WAGGGS is doing at global level to redesign our leadership offer, and focuses on leaders of youth members.

The participants of our Study Session will have the opportunity to exchange experiences and good practices – as well as engage in deep interesting discussion about the GGGS educational methods, the purpose of Guiding and Scouting and the process of design and delivering educational activities to our youth members.

We expect it to contribute to the reflection and learning process enabling young Guide and Scout leaders to deliver a Relevant, Exciting, Accessible and Learner-led educational programme in countries or areas where youth engagement, non-formal education and experiential learning are not developed at their full potential and where youth organisations do not yet have the capacity to develop training of trainers. The aim of the



¹ We are looking for a total of 34 participants. Due to donor requirements a minimum of 27 participants should be age between 18 and 30, and 7 participants can be older than 30.

project is to create more opportunities for all our volunteers to develop understanding and expertise in our non-formal education methods and how to use the method to ensure a quality youth experience.

Expected output (final product of the study session)

The output of the study session is a toolbox with NFE training sessions that will support Guide and Scout leaders at local level in peer to peer learning. **Participants of the study session will co-create a toolbox that local leaders will be able to use with other leaders, to learn together.** We expect it to contribute to the reflection and learning process enabling young Guide and Scout leaders around the world to deliver a Relevant, Exciting, Accessible and Learner-led educational programme, as part of WAGGGS' leadership offer for leaders working with young people.

It can be used in well-established MOs that want to facilitate peer to peer learning at local level as part of their Adult learning framework, as well as in countries where an MO wants to create new groups in remote areas or in countries where there are not WAGGGS Associations yet. Participants of the Study session will develop a set of training modules per each area of the educational methods and one additional set of activities to set a framework for the toolbox (total of 6 modules). A focus on accessibility, diversity and gender will be a crosscutting element of the tool, which will be made available in all five WAGGGS regions.

Expected outcomes (change we aim at)

The tool aims to contribute to the reflection about our learning framework:

- Why we do Guiding and Scouting: our purpose, from macro level to specific needs of youth members
- How we do it: the GGGS educational methods
- What we do: activities that are designed and delivered
- How to ensure quality through the REAL (Relevant, Exciting, Accessible, Learner-led) crosscutting standard

We believe that an increased understanding of our learning framework will result in delivering a higher quality programme and will improve our youth members' experience.

Time commitment and availability

- Study session, from the 5th to the 12th of November including travelling days; Budapest, European Youth Centre
- Participants will work long distance prior to the event, to start the learning process and exchange before the face to face meeting. Please be prepared to dedicate around 2 hours per week from September to the event, including on line meetings.
- After the study session, being active in promoting the discussion on educational method and outcome thinking (think about the purpose first, and after how to reach it) in general, and for the promotion of this tool in particular. WAGGGS will support you in this work.



Financial support

Travel expenses, board and lodging are covered by the European Youth Centre. Participants are asked to contribute with a lump sum of $50 \in$, that will be deducted from their expense claims. We kindly ask participants to book their own transportation and to claim it back at the end of the study session. If this, or the contribution of $50 \in$ are a barrier to participation please let us know, and we'll do our best to contribute.

How to apply

Please fill in the <u>on-line form</u> by the 24th of July. You will be asked to upload the authorization of the International Commissioner of your organisation to apply to be a participant of this event – please contact her before applying. If you don't know who she is please contact <u>manuela.capraro@wagggs.org</u>

You will also be asked to write/upload a statement explaining your motivation – you'll be able to write directly in the form, or to upload a document if you prefer.

You can expect an answer with the results by the 28th of August at the latest.

We welcome applications from all candidates who fulfil the specific profile of the activities, irrespective of gender, disability, marital or parental status, racial, ethnic or social origin, colour, religion, belief or sexual orientation.

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Questions? Doubts? Need encouragement?

If you have any question please don't hesitate to contact <u>manuela.capraro@wagggs.org</u>

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