



North-South Centre of the Council of Europe in Co-operation with International Co-ordination Meeting of Youth Organisations (ICMYO)



Training Course Global Youth Work

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**Presentation of the course
& Application form**



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About the Training Course

The North-South Centre Training Course for Global Youth Work is a week long training course for a maximum of 30 representatives of youth organisations from the different continents and regions of the world. The course is organised under the framework of the joint Management Agreement between the European Commission – EuropeAid Co-operation Office and the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe and will be implemented in co-operation with the Members of International Co-ordination Meeting of Youth Organisations (ICMYO).

Over the course of seven days the participants will be discussing the complexity of the effects of globalisation on young people's lives, issues and controversies of global interdependence, the different views existing on these issues in different parts of the world and will explore how global interdependence relates to young people and the work of youth organisations. On the basis of this analysis the participants will be trained in the different skills and knowledge areas relevant to successfully conduct global co-operation, exchange and awareness raising programmes and concrete actions for the furtherance of a common global agenda.

The role and capacity of youth and their organisations to influence the global agenda constructively, as well as of global youth work as a response to the pervasive impact of globalisation, will be at the heart of the discussion and analysis conducted at the course.

This Training Course is organised in the framework of the 10th *University on Youth and Development*, an initiative of the North-South Centre with the support of the Spanish Government (INJUVE) organised in partnership with the *European Youth Forum (YFJ)*, *Spanish Youth Council (CJE)*, *The Latin American Youth Forum* and other international youth organisations

Background to the Training Course on Global Youth Work

There are millions of young people in the world who have one thing in common, they are in the process of preparing for adult life, seeking to ensure economic independence and become productive members of their societies. For that to succeed, young people require the support and help of their families; the conditions to live in peace; access to educational and health facilities; and productive, enjoyable leisure time. These are basic necessities for young people all over the world, irrespective of their race, sex, colour or religion.

The problems of young people, like the problems of the rest of society, need to be approached from a global and interdependent perspective. Despite differences, admitted by all, some problems and their causes are the same both in the North and in the South. In other words, there is a close link between the development of young people and society itself. Therefore, beyond the existence of a global reality, lies a youth reality, which should be taken into account in development policies.

Young people, who constitute the majority of the world's population, are an important force and partner in the field of global interdependence. It follows, therefore, that youth organisations are social actors who should be recognised as having a role to play in development and who are capable of carrying out projects and programmes in the field of development co-operation. Direct co-operation and exchange of ideas between young people in the North and South is a key instrument of intercultural understanding and global interdependence.

Institutional objectives

The North-South Centre has identified youth and their organisations as a priority target for their activities. In doing so, the Council of Europe aims at raising awareness and increasing solidarity among young people and at promoting and facilitating their active participation in the field of global interdependence, solidarity and co-operation. The Council of Europe is also working towards the inclusion of a youth perspectives in the development policies of its member states. Hence, through both the North-South Centre and the Directorate on Youth and Sports, the Council of Europe strives to support and enhance capacity building for youth organisations in global co-operation and education at national and regional levels.

This project is a natural progression of the training programme for youth organisations developed by the North-South Centre and the Directorate of Youth and Sport over the last two decades. This training programme includes this annual training course for youth organisations, a Euro-Latin American Training Course, an Africa Europe Programme of Training for Youth Organisations, a Euro-Asian Training Course, several training activities for the

promotion of Human Rights Education and a programme on Euro-Mediterranean Youth Training implemented in co-operation with the European Commission through their partnership agreement.

Aims and objectives of the course

The aim of this training course is to develop the capacity of youth organisations to respond effectively to the impact of globalisation on the lives of young people. This will be achieved through the training of multipliers to develop youth organisations and implement programmes that aim to further a common agenda for global youth co-operation.

The courses objectives are:

- To strengthen participants understanding of the complexity of globalisation and to engage them in an analysis of the impact of globalisation on the lives of young people.
- To discuss the roles, possibilities and limits of global youth work as a response to globalisation.
- To increase participants' capacity as multipliers in youth organisations to develop and run global co-operation programmes,
- To increase participants' understanding of each other and stimulate dialogue among them in order to reinforce a network of youth organisations with an interest in developing co-operation and actively strengthening global civil society,
- To explore good governance in youth organisations and support participants in their governance roles.
- To discuss and share fundraising strategies to enhance the quality of global youth work.
- To connect globalisation to the advocacy work undertaken by youth organisations, leading to the development of a common conceptual framework for advocacy.
- To initiate a series of co-operation initiatives between youth organisations, particularly focussed on enhanced institutional relations.
- To reflect on the challenges identified during the course and ways for participants and their organisations to address them in the context of their own organisations.

Programme

The main programme elements will be the following:

Block One

Introduction, group-building and establishing an understanding of the work of other organisations.

Block Two

Exploration of globalisation, its impact and the role of youth organisations and young people in responding to globalisation

Block Three

Skills and capacity-building: This block will be the 'meat' of the course, including training on:

- The organisation of global programmes
- Fundraising and financial management
- Good governance
- Building and maintaining effective institutional relations
- Advocacy

Block Four

Building co-operation between youth organisations. Developing our common understanding of other youth organisations and their approaches, discussing enhanced co-operation strategies and considering ways to work together on a practical level.

Block Five

Follow-up and evaluation. This block will cover the specific future implementation of what has been shared and developed during the training course. It may include the development of further ICMYO programmes, clear methodologies and task division for the implementation of institutional relations strategies or bi-lateral projects. The block will include an extensive evaluation.

Educational principles of the course

The course is designed as a process of mutual learning, one that takes the participants' experiences as the starting point of the learning process. Active participation and in-depth reflection are the keys to the success of this course.

Participants will have the opportunity to compare their approaches to youth work and to challenge each other ways of working.

In methodological terms, the team aims to make the course:

- a safe and respectful environment
- a multicultural environment, with diversity being present in all its senses
- an opportunity to learn from everything which is different (intercultural learning)
- an experience of non-formal educational
- a non-hierarchical space
- learner and learning centred
- an opportunity for learning to learn together
- a co-operative learning environment
- an occasion to learn for change and to participate actively in one's own learning process
- an action oriented learning experience
- an intercultural experience

This course is a week-long training Programme using a variety of educational methodologies and methods, such as: thematic inputs from key experts in the field and the team, in depth debates and challenging discussions with key actors and each other, individual and group research, simulation exercises, experiential learning exercises, examples of good practices, and more. The participants of the Course will also have the opportunity of participating in the joint programme of the *University on Youth and Development* involving close to 300 young people from all over the world, this year focusing on the general theme of Celebrating Global Youth Work.

Educational team of the course

The educational team for this course will be composed by staff of the North-South Centre, in addition to several trainers (representing different regions of the world) with relevant experience in youth work and co-operation and resource persons experienced in the issues of the course. The trainers have specific and complementary experience and will be recruited specifically to further design and implement this course. The trainers' team will also reflect gender balance and cultural, political and geographical diversity. 3 of the trainers will be recruited among ICMYO member organisations.

Working languages

The working languages for this course are English and French. Candidates should be able to work in one of the working languages and should preferably with a passive knowledge of the other. The working languages of the University shall be English and Spanish.

Profile of participants

Participants selected to attend this course shall be:

- + actively involved in structures and associations that are members of ICMYO and that are engaged in concrete initiatives grounded in the issues of the course
- + in a position start, set-up or continue the development of programmes within their organisation in relation to the issues of the course
- + interested in and motivated by issues of globalisation and global co-operation
- + aged 18 – 30+ and exceptionally up to 35 years of age
- + speak one of the working languages of the course: English or French

The selection shall consider, in particular, issues of balance – geographical, regional, gender, personal profile / background, minority status, indigenous communities and so on.

Financial and practical information:

Travel Expenses

Due to the limited funding to cover travel costs to Mollina (Malaga, Spain), preference in travel support will be given to participants coming from the South or less privileged regions of the North, the North-South Centre and its partners will do its best to fully cover the travel cost of all the participants. Selected participants will receive an invitation to participate from the North-South Centre in which the conditions for travel reimbursement will be outlined.

Accommodation

The organisers will provide board and lodging for the participants at the CEULAJ (Euro - Latin American Youth Centre) in Mollina (Malaga), Spain.

Participation Fee

A symbolic participation fee of 50 Euros for participants coming from European Union member countries and North America and 25 Euros for those coming from other countries will be charged to participants in cash at the course.

How to apply?

You should fill the enclosed application form. Applications should be sent to the North-South Centre by email (see below for contact details). A maximum of 30 Participants will be selected on the basis of the profile outlined above. Candidates will be informed about whether their application was accepted by the second week of August. Please note that a final selection of the participants will be made on the basis of the applications received.

N.B. Sending in an application does not guarantee a place on this course.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

The enclosed application form should be sent to the North-South Centre
not later than the 2nd of August 2009 by email to:

nsc.youthandglobalisation@coe.int

Please indicate your name and the title of the course (TC Global Youth Work) in the subject of the e-mail and save attachments (your application, endorsement by your organisation) under your own name.

Selected participants who need a visa to enter Spain will have to personally apply for a visa at the nearest Spanish Embassy or representation. Visa support shall be provided by the North-South Centre. In case you need a visa to enter Spain, please include a copy of your passport with your application (in electronic format).