

YOUTH IN ACTION PROGRAMME
ACTION 3.2

‘Youth in the world’: co-operation with countries other than the neighbouring countries of the European Union



*strengthening civil society, citizenship and democracy
by supporting dialogue and communication through participation of young people*

Phase 3:

Seminar: Skills of participation

10. January 2010 - 14. January 2010 (5 days)

(arrival: 9th, departure: 15th)
Vienna, Austria, Europe

Description:

Participation of youth in the local communities in Europe and Africa has widely different roots and is practiced in different socio-cultural environment. However it appears in similar forms and as in any place on the world we need to support youth with skills of participation that will enable them to make their dreams come true. In order to exchange experience in the field of youth participation of youth organisations from Europe and Africa the Wor(l)d Up project was born.

The detailed information can be found at the website of the project: www.world-up.net

Aim:

Seminar on participation skills within the Wor(l)d Up project aims to explore different understandings of youth participation and provide participants with participation skills that will enable them to work with their local youth in more effective way.

Objectives

- approaching different levels of youth participation
- sharing good practices of youth initiatives from local communities
- using study visits as a inspiration for reality back home
- reflecting on competences of me as a youth/community worker

Time plan and venue:

Date of the seminar: 10. 1. - 14. 1. 2010
Venue: Vienna, Austria

Group and duration:

12 participants will take part at the seminar. 6 from African countries (Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda), 6 from European countries (Austria, Germany, Poland).

Preliminary programme:

getting to know - the venue, each other, our backgrounds

understanding of participation of youth in our realities and approaches in youth work
good practices of youth participation on the local level in our realities
intercultural evening - the story of me and my culture

reflection and discussion on study visits
youth participation at the local level - using appreciative inquiry method

levels and dilemmas of youth participation
future cooperation among project partners

self development - me as a youth worker/ community worker - using selfreflection and peer reflection methods
evaluation of the seminar

Preparation:

Each participant/or 2 participants from one country of the seminar will be asked to prepare and bring along:

- A short presentation about youth in his/her county (global picture of youth in the specific country)
- A short presentation how is youth participation supported in your country? (youth policies, youth councils, other bodies and organizations)
- A description of one example of good practice of youth initiatives implemented at the local level
- A story or any creative interactive presentation of his/her culture for the intercultural evening

Financial aspects

Accommodation and lodging covered by 100% by the Youth in Action programme.

Travel experiences covered by 70% by the Youth in Action programme for European participants, 100% for African participants. There is no participation fee.

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