

PARTICIPANT'S GUIDE



WELCOME!

We would like to welcome you in the team of participants of Open Space Conference *Youth Opens the Space*. You are among the 80 young people from 35 countries who will take part in the event.

You are in this group, because we believe that you can benefit from the conference. We also intend to give you the chance to share your experience with others and therefore be the source of enrichment for the other participants. We hope that the time you will spend at "*Youth Opens the Space*" will be a vivid and useful intercultural experience for you.

To achieve this we need to look at some practicalities as well, this is the reason why we have prepared this "survival participants guide" for you. It will not only help you to answer many questions but also will let you prepare for the conference.

Read the guide carefully and keep it with you during your travel so you can check the information whenever you need.

Looking forward to meet you in Wroclaw, Poland.

WHAT LANGUAGE WILL WE USE

However many of you speak many different languages the official training language will be **English** only.

OPEN SPACE

<http://www.openspaceworld.org/>
<http://www.openspaceworld.com/>

AIM AND OBJECTIVES

The main aim of the project is to create a network of youth workers and trainers active in the field of non-formal education - with the primary focus on civic, intercultural and peace education.

The aim will be achieved by following objectives:

- to open the floor for discussion about the possibilities of using intercultural, civic and peace education as a tool for positive changes,
- to create a platform for exchange of experiences for practitioners in the field of non formal education,
- to plan future international youth projects (international youth exchanges and local initiatives co-ordinated by international networks),
- to prepare future participants of the UNESCO Youth Forum in Paris (October 2007) for more active and fruitful involvement in discussions, and also in planning future common actions

COSTS

Costs of food and accommodation will be covered by organisers from the UNESCO Participation Programme.

50% of travel expenses will be refunded as well, however we will reimburse max 200 euro per person (what means 50% of your ticket should not be more than 200 euro).

Please remember that we can give you money back only for the cheapest mean of transport.

You should also remember that your ticket cannot be more expensive then estimated costs declared in the application form.

Unfortunately, we cannot cover such expenses as visas or health insurance.

PROGRAMME

Please arrange your arrival to be in our hostel "OŁÓWEK" (dormitory of the University of Wrocław) on the 1st day at 19:00! You can arrange your departures since the same morning on the 5th day (no activities are planned for that day).

1st day

arrivals

20:00 dinner

2nd day

09:00 - registration

10:00 - 12:30 **opening ceremony (introduction into the topic and into the idea of UNESCO Youth Forum)**

12:30 - 14:00 lunch

15:00 - 19:00 **open space phase 1**

20:00 intercultural dinner

3rd day

10:00 - 19:00 **open space phase 2**

20:00 dinner

Wrocław by night

4th day

10:00 - 13:00 **future action planning**

14:00 - 15:00 lunch

16:00 - 18:00 **closing ceremony (final report)**

19:00 dinner

see you again party

5th day

departures

HOW TO GET TO THE VENUE

We are going to live in students' dormitory called Ołówek.

Dom Studencki "Ołówek"
Pl. Grunwaldzki 30
Wroclaw

And , how to get there?

The easiest way is just to take taxi. From Central train station in may cost around 5 euros.
From the airport-around 15.

But, there is also a way by public transport:

From the airport to Central Train Station:

You take bus nr **406** and you get off on the last bus stop, which will be **Dworcowa street**. Before getting on a bus you should buy the tickets-on the airport there will be Relay shop (newspapers, books etc) where you can do it. You must buy two tickets for 2 zł: one for you and one for your luggage.

From Central Train Station to Ołówek:

There are two buses you can take: **145** and **146** going towards Bartoszowice (146) or Sępólno (145). The bus stop is situated at Peronowa street - little one just on the right from Central Train Station (if you stand in front of it). There will be newsagents near the station where you can buy the tickets (again two for 2 zł)
You get off the bus at the bus stop Pl. Grunwaldzki-Curie Skłodowskiej.

From there you will have to walk a bit. When you get off the bus, cross the street and go straight along Grunwaldzka street (so do not continue the route of the bus and do not go right in Curie Skłodowskiej street)

On your left hand you will see a big shopping centre and then some other bulidings (mainly university's ones. In front of you (around 400 m) also on left side you will see two higher buildings-these will be Ołówek and Kredka-two students' dormitories-the shorter one is Ołówek.

In case any problems and doubts there will be information point, especially prepared for our Conference, the whole Wednesday (4th of July) -inside the Central Train Station, next to the information desk. And you can always call "emergency" numbers given below.

POLAND

Some information can be found on :

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Poland>
www.poland.pl

Currency that you have to use in Poland is zloty (PLN or zł), and the rate is around: 1 EUR = 3,8 PLN.

Travel cost reimbursement will be also given in PLN.

WROCLAW

Any kind of information of your interest you can find on:

<http://www.wroclaw.pl/ms/english/>

WEATHER IN WROCLAW

You can always check the updated forecast on:

<http://www.weathercity.com/pl/wroclaw/>

UNESCO INFORMATION CENTRE

Few words about organisers:

The main aim of our organization is to make information about international opportunities more available for young people and to teach them how to act to make use of their potential in practice.

Our motto is: "Tell me - I'll forget, show me - I'll remember, involve me - I'll understand"

Below you can see examples of our projects:

On local level:

- Global Education Week: Meeting concerning the YOUTH Programme (November 2004)
- Seminar "The use of non-formal education methods in human rights education (December 2004)
- Seminar "The world is YOURS as well" about Global Education (November 2005)
- Seminar "The world is YOURS as well" about Sustainable Development (October 2006)

Internationally

- International Conference of UNESCO Associated School Project: "Youth of Europe"(June 2003)
- International journalism workshops: "What keeps us together, what sets us apart"(September 2005)
- Training for youth workers on Conflict Management: "Cultural diversity in society-overcoming conflicts and taking the chances" (November 2006)
- Training for youth workers on Project Management for Cross Border Areas "Neighbours Meet Neighbours" (February 2007)
- Youth exchange organized as part of Action 1 of the YOUTH Programme "EULE-life and development" (February 2007)
- Youth exchange organized as part of Action 1 of the YOUTH Programme, focusing on interfaith dialogue "Together for coexistence" (March 2007)

WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU

As each of you is actively involved in different organisations we would like to ask you for bringing with you some materials describing them - leaflets, posters, brochures etc. We hope that *Youth Opens the Space* will not only be a place for discussion but also an opportunity to find new partners for future cooperation.

Organizing "traditional" intercultural evening will be rather challenging with such number of people, but we would like to ask you to bring some sweets and cookies typical of your country to introduce them during coffee breaks.

And, of course do not forget about large amount of good energy, sense of humour, willingness, open heart and mind for all the discussions :)

POLISH - THE TONGUE TWISTER ☺

SURVIVAL DICTIONARY FOR FOREIGNERS

Hi - cześć

Good morning - dzień dobry

Good bye - do widzenia

Good evening - dobry wieczór

Good night - dobra noc

What's your name? - Jak masz na imię ?

How are you? - Jak się masz?

Nice to meet you - Miło Cię poznać

See you - do zobaczenia

Thank you - dziękuję

It's a pleasure - Nie ma za co

Yes-tak

No-nie

Where is the dormitory Otówek? - Gdzie jest akademik Otówek?

Where is the nearest shop? - Gdzie jest najbliższy sklep?

Where is the nearest cash-machine? - Gdzie jest najbliższy bankomat?

Airport - Lotnisko

Railway station - dworzec

Taxi - taxi

Restaurant - restauracja

Right - prawo

Left - lewo

Straight - prosto

Open - otwarty

Closed - zamknięty

Lunch - obiad

Breakfast - śniadanie

Dinner - kolacja

I'm hungry - jestem głodny

I'm thirsty - jestem spragniony

What can I drink? - Czego mogę się napić?

What can I eat? - Co mogę zjeść?

How much is it? - Ile to kosztuje?

Can I pay by credit card? - Czy mogę zapłacić kartą?

coffee - kawa

tea - herbata

wine - wino

beer - piwo

gift - prezent

Can you take us a photo? - Mógłbyś zrobić nam zdjęcie?

far away - daleko

near - blisko

Can you drive me to the Ołówek? - Poproszę do akademika Ołówek

1 - jeden

6 - siedem

2 - dwa

8 - osiem

3 - trzy

9 - dziewięć

4 - cztery

10 - dziesięć

5 - pięć

i don't understand- nie rozumiem

CONTACT DETAILS

If you need an advice on how to get to Wroclaw do not hesitate to ask Dorota dorota.unesco@gmail.com

Please, do send scans of your tickets to: youth_opens_the_space@hotmail.com. If you have some other questions do also use the same email address.

In case of any problems that will appear during the travel you can call to:

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