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PILOT TRAINING ON INTERCULTURAL SKILLS FOR VOLUNTEERS AND YOUTH LEADERS WORKING WITH PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

co-organised by the Council of Europe, Special Olympics and ISCA

European Youth Centre – Strasbourg, France
3-6 February 2011

INFORMATION SHEET



Organisers

The Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS), Special Olympics and ISCA (International Sport and Culture Association).

Date and venue

European Youth Centre, Strasbourg, France, 3-6 February.

Participants

25/30 youth

Sport leaders and volunteers working with people with disabilities

Registration details will be distributed via the EPAS Governing Board members and the network of Special Olympics and ISCA. Participants will be selected by the co-organisers to ensure a diversity of origins and background.

Working languages

English, [other languages]

Terms of participation

- Participation at the training is free of charge
- Lunches and dinners are offered by the Council of Europe
- Travel and accommodation expenses are born by Special Olympics and the Council of Europe.

Visas

- Participants are responsible for checking visa requirements and making their own visa arrangements before departure.

Identified issues

- There is only limited international exchange of experience or know-how when working with person with mental disabilities,
- There is a need to identify cultural commonalities and differences of young people with and without disabilities in Europe,
- Youth activation and advocacy work in the environment of the Council of Europe (developing leadership skills and building up network),
- Empowering youth leaders to break down barriers between people with and without disabilities in different countries,
- How can sport contribute to empowering youth with disabilities and develop mutual understanding between volunteers, leaders and athletes with and without disabilities.

Themes

Two sub-themes were identified:

1. Participation of youth with disabilities
 - Challenges faced by youth with disabilities
 - Developing new ways of participation

These two aspects will allow to address different aspect of participation, such as Activation/Motivation, Public speaking, Campaigning, Building up networks and Leadership.

2. Exploring the notion of intercultural dialogue and the fight against discrimination

- The role of Sport in promoting diversity and dialogue
- Sharing good practices and methods

In addition, the role of the Youth Advisory Committee members of Special Olympics will be considered in view of the forthcoming Global Special Olympics Youth Summit (Athens/Greece June 2011).

Objectives

The objective of the training is twofold : on the one hand to build relations between youth of different background working together in sport structures/events. It is aimed at strenghtening the participation/leadership of youth without disabilities in sport activities on the other hand. Youth should be involved in planning and organising youth activities but should also drive those activities.

Sport can be used as a tool to foster acceptance of youth with disabilities and to facilitate social inclusion. At the same time, sport can also be considered as a field where progress is needed to ensure a full participation of youth with disabilities.

Methods

- Interactive methods – workshops, sport games, open space tools
- Information sharing should be balanced with some training possibilities for participants

Programme

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3 February 2011

Thursday

All day:	Arrival of participants
14.00 – 18.00	SOEE Youth Advisory Board meeting Special Olympics Europe/Eurasia youth strategy- updates and review
18:00-19:30	Welcoming session at the Council of Europe Youth Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CoE Directorate of Youth and Sport (EPAS) - ISCA - Special Olympics <p>Getting to know each other</p>
19:30	Dinner

4 February 2011**Friday**

7:30-9:00	Breakfast Sport activity for those who wish
9:00-12:30	Participation of youth with disabilities : challenges and new way of participation in democratic societies Participation activity The reality of young people with and without intellectual disabilities in Europe & how Special Olympics youth leaders can break down barriers in their community
10:30	30 min coffee break
12:30-14:00	Lunch break
14:00-18:45	Workshops on participation: Activation/Motivation, Public speaking, Campaigning, Building up networks, Leadership.
18:45-19:00	Debriefing in small groups "Comfy-Groups"
19:00	Dinner

5 February 2011**Saturday**

7:30-9:00	Breakfast
9:00-12:00	Exploring the notion of intercultural dialogue and the fight against discrimination
10:30	30 minutes coffee break
12:00-13:30	Lunch
13:30-16:00	The role of Sport in the fight against discrimination: Active session sport activities and group games
16:00-19:00	two workshops in parallel : Special Olympics Europe/Eurasia youth strategy: updates and review Expanding knowledge on good practices and methods (on leadership and promoting diversity)
19:00-19.15	Debriefing in small groups "Comfy-Groups"
19:30	Dinner – Social event (e.g. bowling, or restaurant in the city centre)

6 February 2011**Sunday**

7:30-9:00 Breakfast

All day departure

Outcomes

Bearing in mind further work to be undertaken by the EPAS on these issues, the desired outcomes of the pilot training might include:

1. Giving participants practical tools to work in mixed team (youth with different backgrounds, with and without disabilities) and organise sport events together
2. Foster acceptance and inclusion of youth with disabilities through sport activities
3. Recommendations, report, framework of good practices – could eventually serve as a basis for a practical handbook.

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