

OPEN SOURCE YOUTH NETWORKING

YOURCE.2007 CONFERENCE

16-21 OCTOBER 2007
DGI-BYEN, COPENHAGEN
DENMARK

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IN YOUTH WORK
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INTRO

You are invited to participate in the 1st YOURCE Conference on Open Source Youth Networking & Web 2.0 in Youth Work and Youth Volunteerism.

The conference will gather 50 participants from across Europe to explore and develop the role of modern information technologies and participative media as tools in youth work and voluntary engagement.

The conference's focus is to link *virtual web-based* with *real-life* social activism and create hereby new perspectives for social engagement in our society.

Participants should be between 18-30 years old and should have experience in youth and community involvement, preferable with background in participative media and new information trends&technologies like weblogs, open source concepts, communities and social networks.

Date and Venue

The conference will take place from the 16th to 21st October 2007 in the city of Copenhagen, in the facilities of the Danish Gymnastics and Sports Associations (DGI).

DGI-byen is located right behind Copenhagen's Central Station and is a popular venue for cultural and corporate events and sport. 22,000 square metres in area DGI-byen offers a range of conference facilities, café, restaurant, party and banquet rooms, and three hotels, in addition to all its other facilities: The Swim Centre, The Spa, The Bowling Alley etc. The result is a dynamic, flexible multi-centre, availed of daily by schools, sports clubs, companies, tourists and visitors from near and far.

Participants will be accommodated in the DANHOSTEL Copenhagen City, which is Europe's latest and largest designer youth hostel. The 15-story high building commands panoramic views out over Copenhagen's rooftops. The five-star DANHOSTEL Copenhagen City is located in the centre of Copenhagen, only a stone's throw from DGI-byen, Town Hall Square, Tivoli and Copenhagen's buzzing night life.

There are a limited number of hotel rooms in the DGI-byen Hotel, which is part of the meeting venue.

Content and Themes

The 1st YOURCE Conference will feature the following key-topics:

- ◎ Pan-European youth Dialogue for real life voluntary and social engagement
- ◎ Open Source culture as an innovative tool for European NGOs and volunteers
- ◎ Online networking in Web 2.0 for real-life interaction and social engagement
- ◎ Online activism and real life activism as complementary movements

The 1st YOURCE Conference brings together the resources and networks of "classical" youth work in Europe, represented by young peers & volunteers and NGOs working in the youth field, with peers and ambassadors of the "new" Web 2.0 and open source developments.

The conference's approach is to create an exchange and dialogue between both dimensions thereby creating new perspectives for social engagement and movement in society.



Objectives and Outcomes

The 1st YOURCE Conference will focus on the following objectives, while providing a dynamic and open environment for individual expression & contribution, intercultural dialogue and a mutual learning experience:

- ◉ Initiation of a dialogue between experts in the open source and web field with modern NGOs working with and for youth
- ◉ Knowledge transfer and experience exchange between individuals who represent different dimensions of web, open-source and youth
- ◉ Establish a network to promote further exchange, cooperation and social action

What is "YOURCE"?

YOURCE stands for Open Source Youth Networking

ISCA initiated YOURCE to promote and facilitate the application of new trends & technologies in youth work & youth volunteerism, giving hereby innovative impulses for social engagement in Europe.

ISCA understands the importance of modern information technologies, especially of open source concepts and Web 2.0 as chances for innovative impulses in the NGO scene, leading to extends of interaction, gain of strength and power for all involved parties.

YOURCE is Open Source Youth Networking for "real-life" social change

Organisational Partners

- International Sport and Culture Association (ISCA), Denmark
- Danish Gymnastics and Sports Associations (DGI), Denmark
- D-MEDIA, Romania
- German Sport Youth (DSJ), Germany
- INATEL Portugal

- Juniorteam Sport and Youth Association Lower Saxony, Germany
- NSU, Denmark
- 4MOTION, Luxembourg
- UFOLEP, France

Methodology of the Conference

The conference will be based on the principles and practise of non-formal education and is conceived to allow a learner-centred approach taking into account the needs, interests and the experiences of participants.

The inclusion of modern information and communication tools supports the innovative approach of the conference and will show new ways in youth work.

Participants will have the opportunity to make personal contributions and will be encouraged to organise follow-up projects after the conference as well as to transfer what they have learned to peers in their community and organisations.

Profile of Participants

We kindly invite:

- ◉ Young people involved in voluntary work at a local, regional, national level or who are involved in NGO youth work
- ◉ Stakeholders and peers of the Web 2.0 and the open source movement motivated to transfer and adapt these concepts in a "real-life" environment with an extended social matter.
- ◉ Organisations active in the field of Web 2.0, Open Source and participative media

Participant age must be between 18-30, exceptions may be granted based on particularly interesting applicant profile. We encourage teams of 2-3 persons to apply, but do not guarantee selection, due to limited spaces. Applications need to be done individually.

The conference will use modern information technologies; therefore we invite participants to bring laptops with Wireless-Lan functionality.

All participants are asked to fill in carefully the online application form.

Cost of participation

The conferences participation fee is **50 EURO**. This amount will be deducted from the reimbursement of travel cost we allow for participants not older than 30 years.

We advise participants to make use of the cheapest travel method possible and attendance at min 90% of event to qualify for the following reimbursement model for travel expense:

- Participants travelling from all other EU countries max 200 Euro refund,
- Participants travelling from non-EU countries but Council of Europe countries max 250 Euro refund.

ISCA will need to receive all original tickets/receipts. Private car expenses will not be covered. The host will provide accommodation and food.

Language

The working language will be English. Applicants are requested to have good knowledge of English.

How to apply

To apply for a place on the 1st YOURCE Conference, please complete the online application form at the ISCA website (direct-link: www.yource.org) before the 1st of September 2007. Successful applicants will be notified by the 10th of September 2007.

A limited number of Wildcards will be available.

Draft Programme

Tuesday 16. October

- Arrival and Registration, Check-in
- Welcome Event and Social Activities

Wednesday 17. October

- Official Opening and Presentations from the Organizers and Partner
- Conference Keynote
- Experts Inputs on Conference Themes
 - Web 2.0
 - Open Source Philosophy
 - NGOs and Youth Work
- Open Source Youth Networking in & for Youth Work (WS)
- Best practice of Open Source

Thursday 18. October

- Expert Talk
- Open Space "A World of Open Source Youth Networking"
- Networking Lounge

Friday 19. October

- Developing the YOURCE project from the philosophy to the web and young people (WS)
- Your Night of Copenhagen (opt)

Saturday 20. October

- Plenary Input & Discussion
 - European dimension of YOURCE
 - Effects and importance of YOURCE for youth work
- Action and Follow-Up planning of project
- Closing Ceremony
- Evaluation
- Farewell Party

Sunday 21. October

- Departure

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WE WANT YOU!
This Conference is open!
We want YOUR inputs on the conference programme.
Contact us, if you have remarks,
feedback and ideas for workshops etc.
Let us make this a great success together!

Sponsors



Council of Europe / European Youth Foundation „ALL different, All equal“

All different, All equal" is the call of the Council of Europe for Diversity, Human Rights and Participation.

In 1995 – 50 years after the end of World War II – the Council of Europe ran a European Youth Campaign entitled “All Different – All Equal” in order to reinforce the fight against racism, anti-Semitism, Xenophobia and Intolerance.

Nevertheless the struggle – 10 years afterwards – still goes on. For this reason, from June 2006 to September 2007, the Council of Europe runs a new Campaign for Diversity, Human Rights and Participation, based upon the same slogan and using the same successful logo.

The 2006-2007 Campaign is being organised in partnership with the European Commission and the European Youth Forum.

Presently, 42 Council of Europe member states have joined the campaign.

Web: www.alldifferent-allequal.info

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European Commission EU Youth in Action Programme

The Youth in Action Programme of the European Commission makes an important contribution to the acquisition of competences and is therefore a key instrument in providing young people with opportunities for non-formal and informal learning with a European dimension.

Its general objectives are following:

- Promote young people's active citizenship in general and their European citizenship in particular;
- Develop solidarity and promote tolerance among young people, in particular in order to foster social cohesion in the European Union;
- Foster mutual understanding between young people in different countries;
- Contribute to developing the quality of support systems for youth activities and the capabilities of civil society organisations in the youth field;
- Promote European cooperation in the youth field.

The conference is sponsored by a grant allowed through the National Agency responsible for the Youth in Action Programme in Denmark Cirius.

Web: www.ec.europe.eu

ISCA, Denmark IYLE Programme

ISCA is an international non-governmental association open to youth, sport and culture organisations from all over the world.

ISCA has 124 affiliated members in about 75 countries from all over the world, totalling some 39 million individual members.

We strongly believe that everybody should have the opportunity to participate in international sports and cultural activities such as festivals, exchanges, seminars, tournaments and education programmes. We call it Sport and Culture for All.

ISCA embraces its role as initiator of YOURCE and supports the development process extensive - but not as an exclusive owner.

Contact us, to join us on YOURCE and innovate together youth work in Europe.

Web: www.isca-web.org



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HERE IS SPACE - YOUR SPACE
 We invite organisations and companies interested by the YOURCE approach and the YOURCE Conference to contact us. Join the partnership!

ISCA is an experienced and reliable partner in the field of youth, sport and culture. We provide access to over 120 member organisations across the world and a range of networks on all levels, bearing chances for cooperation on numerous fields.